

2018 CBA Board Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2018

Attendance: Steve Messinger, John Meinking, Dan Koppenhaffer, Pam Campbell, Nalin Mehta, Barry Wauligman, Steve Moese. Absent with notice: Tom Mess. Also attending: Mike Lipp

John Meinking called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

A motion to approve the August minutes as revised was seconded and approved unanimously.

A motion to approved the September minutes was seconded and approved unanimously.

Renovations Update

- The new awning is installed over the rear entrance. Thanks to Pam and Nalin for making this important update to the entrance happen so quickly.
- Pam has created a new entry sign with the CBA logo for the entrance. Pam will decide where to place the sign. Thanks to Steve M for the artwork.

Education Meeting Tuesday October 23

- The education committee will meet and celebrate their success this coming Tuesday. All Board members are welcome. RSVP to Amy Gerowitz if you plan to attend.

Defibrillator

- Will be installed behind the director's desk to the right of the tv monitor. Mile Burns will do the install.
- Training (defibrillator and CPR) will be scheduled and notices will be sent to all interested sanction holders, directors, and club members. The training is free. More details about time and schedule when the Evendale Paramedics set the date.
- Nalin M and Steve Moese will publicly thank Bob Frey for his donation at an upcoming game in NKy. Steve will write a thank you note for John's signature on behalf of the Unit. Pam will provide Nalin the 501C3 page in acknowledgement of the donation by the Frey Family Foundation.

Financials

- Pam presented the financial reports.
- John mentioned that our investments earned about \$1500 this quarter.
- Steve asked that there be a few lines explaining significant one-time earnings and expenses so that the financial soundness of the Unit's operations is clear to all our members. John said he would address that in the Alert President's message.
- John mentioned that he has asked the Membership Committee and the Education Committee for budget proposals for next year. The specifics will be available for next year's board to authorize.
- Pam asked what controls will be placed on the spending and how she will be able to track spending by each committee. For now there is no mechanism but we will have the expenses backed by receipts submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement.
- Steve Messinger asked to clarify how free plays are charged to the Membership "account". Are they charged when they are withdrawn or when they are cashed. Pam stated they are charged as they are remitted by the sanction holders, not when they are distributed. Pam and John said we should expect to disburse free plays 50 at a time. Pam mentioned that she can always provide more as needed.
- We discussed the expiration of free plays. Free plays granted by the Unit expire in the same calendar year. Prepaid plays purchased by players as gifts have no expiration. Pam mentioned that she has given some volunteers free plays or work done on behalf of the Unit that will expire next calendar year.

Parking

- Friday morning games and special events (tournaments at the club) strain available parking.
- The current overflow lot at the Active Day parking area ½ block away is not well accepted by our current members. Some use the parking behind the Penn Station restaurant.
- John has been working with Robert Brown to discuss use of the property (0.6 acres) between the Complete Care Providers (CCP) and Active Day. It turns out that Evendale wanted to sell the property for \$150K last year, and CCP has offered to purchase it for \$35K.
- John and Robert will continue negotiations with CCP to see if we can get access to 20 parking spaces, preferably adjacent to our current property (their back lot).
- Pam raised the issue about value for money. Steve mentioned that a problem of needing 5 space every Friday is very different from needing 10 or more every day. We remain open to the possibility of negotiating an acceptable solution.
- Barry felt our first priority for securing additional parking should be to secure contiguous space, that is, either the back part of CCCP property, or the undeveloped land behind Penn Station.

ACBL Charity Donation to Unit 124 Charity

- Last meeting the Board authorized the monies (about \$3500) to General Assembly. Pam will provide the details to AJ Stephani that the ACBL requires to cut them the check.
- This needs to be complete before Dec 1, 2018.
- Nalin will explore how to get a press release for local publicity in the Evendale Community Newspaper.

Elections

- Salty Roark has identified 3 certain candidates: Peter Outcalt, John Williams, Potting Orr. He is working to confirm Betty Murdock's candidacy.
- Time is now short for getting candidates in front of voters.
- Steve will work with Salty to get the information necessary to Unit Members this week.

By-Law Change

- The by law change proposal will be placed on the November ballot for voting by the membership.
- Tom Mess will draw up to appropriate language.
- The Proposal will go first on the paper ballot.
- Steve will make sure Tom and Salty are communication about getting the ballots made.

Tuesday Night Unit Sanction and Game

- Steve mentioned the phone call from Debbie Wiest.
- The Unit affirmed its agreement that whomever chooses to run the Tuesday night game under the Unit sanction will have the complete authority to run whatever game they want.
- The board discussed what the ACBL considers unfair competition. Since the Unit game is a grandfathered sanction and in no direct competition in its time slot there never was an issue
- We welcome and support all sanction holders who run (evening) games at our bridge center.
- Pam intends to restart the game in January 8, 2019. She will run a 0-1500 game and will consider a 0-20 game if there is enough demand.
- The board reiterated that any 0-20 game is rent free when held at the CBC.

Onboarding New Members

- We have Olli Osher Classes for bring non-players to the bridge table.

- We have Tuesday Come and Play for beginners coming out of Olli Osher.
- We have Saturday Supervised play for duplicate players wanting to improve their skills.
- What we lack is an introduction (teaching game) for newbies to try duplicate.
- We also lack a 0-20 (or so) game for newbies to play duplicate with their experience peers.
- Sanction holders have said they will start a game when there is a sufficient demand (usually 4 or more tables). This is self-defeating.
- Steve will provide the MP distribution by population of our membership. The vast majority of our members are NLMs. Many under 100 MPs.

Holiday Party

- The party will be Saturday December 15, 2018.
- The Game will be a Unit Championship.
- Pam will require reservations and is working on an application to record them.

Coat Drive

- Boxes for gently used coats will be in place November 1.

Nalin thanked the Unit for 10 free plays for the Indian Community. They will be used as prizes for their 12 table championship game. This will help bring new players to the CBC. Nalin also thanked the Unit for donating used playing cards to the seniors club.

Th Board is reminded to get the ALERT editor updates and key information by October 30, 2018 for inclusion in the fall issue.

With no more business to attend the motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Submitted Respectfully for the Board of Directors

Steve Moese

Vise President