



American Contract Bridge League District 16



Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 5, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of District 16 of the American Contract Bridge League was held at the Hyatt Regency DFW Hotel on September 5, 2015.

Board members, Committee Chairs, and others present:

- Paul Cuneo..... President and Unit 174 Representative
- Tomi FitzGerald..... 1st Vice President, Unit 176 Representative, Tournament Coordinator
- Rebecca BrownExecutive Secretary
- Ira Hessel..... Unit 172 Representative
- Steve Shirey..... Unit 183 Representative
- Howie Huynh..... Unit 197 Alternative
- Carolyn Worsham..... Unit 201 Representative
- Neal Perlman Unit 204 Representative
- Larry Davis Unit 207 Representative
- Gay Roach..... Unit 225 Representative
- Dan Morse..... District 16 Director, ACBL Board of Directors
- Bob Morris..... 2nd Alternate District 16 Director, ACBL Board of Directors
- Dewitt Hudson District 16 BOG Representative
- Betty Starzec..... District 16 BOG Representative
- Jonathan Ernest.....Appellate Coordinator
- Nancy Strohmer Charity Coordinator
- Scott Humphrey..... Sanctions Coordinator
- Melody Euler..... NAOP Coordinator
- Carolyn Pinto.....I/N Coordinator
- Jim Thurtell GNT Coordinator
- Wayne Bahr..... Unit 197 guest
- William Morris..... Unit 183 guest

Call to Order

President Paul Cuneo called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. after it was determined that a quorum was present. The call to order was enhanced by the thoughtful gift of a gavel to the District by Unit 207, for which President Cuneo expressed gratitude.

Past Minutes and Consent Agenda

Tomi FitzGerald moved to approve the July 4, 2015 meeting minutes and consent agenda. Second by Jim Thurtell. Motion carried.

Committee and Unit Reports

See Committee and Unit reports submitted and previously distributed. No action requested or taken as a result of any reports.

Board of Directors Report

Dan Morse reported that:

- Fall NABCs 2021 will be held in Austin at the downtown JW Marriott hotel;
- Membership is up slightly;
- More than \$700,000 has been raised by clubs in support of the Alzheimer's Association during the Longest Days campaign;
- The ACBL voted to reject the KO point reduction for overall awards for 5 and 6 person teams;
- The ACBL Board recommends that student discounts be offered at district events;
- A new event was authorized: robot tournaments played online based on previously played hands.
- Other districts are splitting the NAP Flight C qualifiers, allowing participants to qualify at two locations. (This option was referred to the NAP/GNT committee, headed by Tomi FitzGerald, for consideration and recommendation to the District at our next meeting.)

Old Business None

New Business

1. Motion by Betty Starzec, second by Ira Hessel, to reimburse Unit 172 for its net costs incurred in association with the TAP and Director Refresher Courses offered at the San Antonio July 4th Regional in the amount of \$468.41. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Tomi FitzGerald, second by Nancy Strohmer, to purchase 30 bridge pads and two servers at a cost of \$3900., to be marked as District property and to be made available for use at smaller Units' sectionals. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Tomi FitzGerald, second by Nancy Strohmer, to support an annual Teacher Appreciation Day in conjunction with the Lone Star Regional. Unit 174 will underwrite hospitality but seeks \$740 in non-recurring funds from the District (which funds will be disbursed from the education budget.) Motion carried.
4. Betty Starzec reported that the District should consider purchasing a license for up to 5 presenters to teach Learn Bridge in a Day. The cost for one year is approx. \$300. There is some funding available at ACBL for advertising, materials, etc.

There ensued a discussion of ACBL disciplinary procedures. Separately, Paul Cuneo announced that Greg Loran will resign as 2nd Vice President at the end of the year; board members should be thinking about replacement candidates. Finally, Cuneo thanked Unit 183 for the great hospitality during the Ft. Western Regional.

9:15 Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Brown

Executive Secretary, District 16



