

Present: Dave Andrews, Lori Bryan, Janet Fiero, Judy Hartz, Janet Lilley, Ann Shaner, Carol Ulsafer

1. The minutes of the last meeting (September 12, 2017) were approved as amended: The Hospitality Committee will see that the trash is cleaned up after each session, not the Tournament Coordinator.
2. Janet Lilley gave a brief Treasurer's report which was unanimously accepted.
3. Carol Ulsafer was appointed secretary in the absence of Trish Larsen.
4. Concerning agreements between the Clubs and the Unit:
 - For the first mentor program, Brando received full compensation for the free plays and GCDBC received nothing. For the second, underway now, we have agreed to pay Brando 50% of the free plays and the subject is under consideration by GCDBC.
 - Since moving to the current location, the Unit has paid GCDBC \$200 per month for use of facilities and equipment. The original lease is now being renewed and the Unit wants to reduce this payment to \$100 per month. Primarily this is due to the loss of Unit income from Education activities which have been given over to GCDBC. Motion made and passed.
 - Discussion of the 24 Unit Enhanced Games ensued. Janet Lilley has written up an outline of what we could do. It is attached. The motion approved by the Unit Board was: The Unit will support pre-approved Special Games up to \$8 per table. Pre-approval yearly is most desirable, but at least two months' notice is required.
5. December 9th Holiday Luncheon is a pot-luck. Janet Lilley has everything in hand. There will be no class that morning, so no problem with timing. It is STaC week, so attendance should be good.
6. January Sectional: Dave Andrews will look for and start training a new Hospitality Coordinator. There will be no bear stickers this time, as we already have quite a few. Janet Lilley will get small prizes for the newcomers; winners of open games will have their pictures displayed, presuming someone will volunteer to take the photos.

7. September Regional:

- There will be a meeting of the Regional Committee on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 4 pm.
- Brochures have been printed; Janet Lilley will send one to Doug Rankin for final approval. Assuming OK, they can be distributed.
- Gordon Bowers and Michael Boreson are the speakers in exchange for tournament fees. Gordon will also have books for sale.
- There is concern that the schedule does not allow adequate time for lunch due to talks at 2:30. Perhaps Ruby's could have a soup/sandwich offering? Or sandwiches ordered from Jimmy John's or similar.

8. New directories are at the printers and will be available soon. As requested, Janet Lilley has prepared a list of newbies (under 50 master points); make as many copies as necessary. The pdf is in the Drop Box under Students.

9. The next meeting will be January 6, 2018 at 11:30, before the monthly Unit game. There will be no meeting in December.

Submitted by Carol Ulsafer

Special Events- 2018 Calendar Year

Unit will pay for the entire fees for the following games:

STAC fees for all games played during the week. (~\$8.00/table)

- District 18 STAC (usually early December)
- 1 additional Western Regional STAC week

Special Games on Saturday:--(Would like to advertise to get more people to attend—Party!!.)

- Feb 3, ACBL Wide International Fund game (\$7.35/table)
- June 2, Worldwide Bridge Contest (\$13.00/table)

In addition, the Unit will pay the fees up to \$8.00 per table for the following games:

- Monday, July 9, Instant Match Point Game (GCDBC) (\$12.00/table)
- Wednesday, Oct 31, Instant Match Point Game (Bridge with Brando) (\$12.00/table)
- 2 Other ACBL-Wide Fund games of GCDBC choosing (\$7.35/game). GCDBC needs to let me know ahead of time so I can include those fees in my check to club when I pay it.

GCDBC can use all of the remaining Unit Championship Games , since Brando has declined. There should be about 16?

Thoughts-- Here is my reasoning. I found the fees on the ACBL web site, but I'm not sure if they are the same next year as they are this year.

STAC Games: All of the "profits" of the games go to the hosting district. While I'm all in favor of playing in all of District 18 STAC games, I would prefer not to send our money to California and/or Nevada. However, I do like hosting the STAC games. Therefore, one week of non-District 18 games.

WorldWideBridge Contest: It is offered on Jun 1 and Jun 2 (Fri and Sat), but I think we should just push attendance in one of the games. I don't think we can support 2.

Instant Match Point Games—1 for each club

ACBL-Wide Fund games—2 extra for GCDBC, because as a percent they host so many more games in our Unit than Brando does. The Senior Pairs games only award points if you are over a certain age and they are only \$5.00/table as opposed to \$7.35/table.