

## Unit 124 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Brewer.

**Attendance:** John Altman, Jim Barrett, Bill Brewer, Arun Goyal, Melissa Hellman (by phone), Bert Luken, Geri Osborn, John Williams, John Meinking.

### Minutes Adopted:

Upon motion by John Williams and second by Jim Barrett, the minutes from the last Board meeting were adopted without objection

### New Business:

#### 1. Treasurer's Report

- Report is not yet complete as of this meeting and will be submitted electronically to the board meeting in the next week. The board will review and discuss in detail at the next board meeting.

#### 2. District 11 Board Meeting

- The District is proposing a STaC schedule in which Cincinnati will get the summer STaC. The District will also be voting on whether to run a combined STaC with Districts 7 and 10 again this year. The board is in favor of the combined STaC and will vote yes at the June meeting.

### Old Business:

#### 1. Tournament Updates

- Spring Fling: The goal is to have 10 tables per session. There are approximately 500 players in the Unit who are eligible to play. Marketing will be done via Pianola
- Flying Pig: Applied for a grant from Hamilton County Board of Tourism for additional funding, but have not received a response yet. Will be making a call for volunteers soon and will not be providing free plays to the volunteers.
- GNT: John Altman is organizing food and snacks. The Unit will provide lunch on Day 2 and drinks/snacks on both days.

#### 2. Awards Party

- We have secured life master cups for our new life masters. Bill Brewer has the Ace of Club certificates to distribute. Bill also has the Mini-McKinney certificates in PDF form, but will not be printing physical certificates.
- **Entry Fees:**
  - **MOTION:** Moved by Jim Barrett and Second by Arun Goyal that the CBA will not be providing free entries to any award winners. The Motion did not pass with a vote of 4-4.
  - **MOTION:** Moved by John Altman and Second by Arun Goyal that new life masters will receive a free entry and all other will pay. The Motion passed unanimously

1. **Note:** There are 9 new life masters in the Unit.

#### 3. Website Transition:

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- G. Osborn and T. Barrett are continuing to work on the new website committee. The goal is to get the CBC website looking good, usable, and to get rid of deadlinks and bloated content.
- The committee has explored other options including Bridge Masters, Bridge Webs, and a professional custom site.
- We will maintain the cincybridge.com domain regardless of what option is chosen.

### 4. Member Recruitment and Education

- Board members will continue to work on making lapsed member calls through the ACBL framework.
- The April 24 – May 29 beginner class is canceled.
- **Current Course Offerings:**
  - Bill Brewer will discuss with Larry Newman what the arrangement is with the CBA and his course. This arrangement had historically not been reduced to writing. The board agrees that we need to reduce any arrangements for the use of our space to writing so we know what funds we expect to be coming in from teaching.
- **Mentor Mentee**
  - The program will start after the Flying Pig
  - The issue right now is that we do not have enough mentors. Due to low turnout we will not hold a dedicated mentor mentee game and encourage mentor mentee pairs to play in our regular club offerings. Ww will however have a mentor mentee championship game scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. The CBA will provide food for this event.
  - **MOTION:** Moved by Bill Brewer and Second by Jim Barrett that we will no longer offer a discount to mentor mentee pairs. All pairs will pay full price. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5. Technology

- Currently not pursuing updating equipment at this time.
- **MOTION:** Moved by John Altman and Second by Jim Barrett that there will be no more money spent on printer and computer repairs. If something breaks down, we will explore replacement with more up-to-date equipment. The Motion passed unanimously.

### 6. Additional Directors

- Additional directors are still needed. We do not need directors to hold their own sanctions and run their own clubs, we mostly need additional directors who can act as subs and/or run 1-2 games per month (i.e. the Saturday game).

## New Business:

### 1. Supplies

- **MOTION:** Moved by John Williams and second by Geri Osborn that the CBA will phase out use of Styrofoam cups and replace them with paper cups. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Facilities

- Carpet cleaning will be arranged the week of the Flying Pig

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- HVAC Maintenance and Common Area Billing as increased
- Jim Barrett will coordinate with an electrician to repair light fixtures in the woman's bathroom and playing area.
- The back door lock has been exchanged and Bill Brewer will distribute new keys.

**3. Executive Session**

- The board entered executive session. Moved by Jim Barrett, Second by John Williams.

The Trustees will meet on May 18, 2024, at 10:00 am.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Altman, Secretary