Central Ohio Bridge Association (COBA) Board Meeting Minutes October 26, 2019

Present: Tom Bishel, Janet Cordova, Janelle Courtright, Paul Grygier, Trish Jones, Cheryl Schneider, Peter Wahl, Joe Wernet, and Cindy Windsor

Absent: Toni Bales, Lew Rakocy, Frank Paynter, Howard Sanders, and Judy Williamson

President Trish Jones called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. at the York Golf Club (prior to the start of the Saturday session of the Columbus Sectional).

Unit Bylaws

A motion was made by Trish Jones to present the revised unit bylaws (with one typo correction) to the unit membership for approval at the next sectional. The motion was seconded by Joe Wernet. The motion was passed. The unit secretary will send out the current and revised bylaws to the general membership approximately four weeks prior to the sectional. The general meeting will be held on February 7, thirty minutes prior to the start of the afternoon session.

Winter Sectional

The dates for the winter sectional have been changed to avoid a conflict with the Cleveland Regional. The new dates are February 7 - 9, 2020. Revisions to the flier promoting this event were discussed. Instead of a winter theme, the theme will be Valentine's Day. These changes will be discussed with Lew Rakocy, who will be doing the flier design. Joe Wernet will be the tournament chair.

Awards Dinner

The Awards Dinner (previously called the Lifemaster Dinner) will be held April 4. The cost will be \$20 which will include dinner and two rounds of bridge. There will be no charge for new Lifemaster honorees and first-place award winners. Reservations will be required. Anyone with a reservation who does not attend and does not cancel 48 hours in advance will still be charged \$20. The dinner coordinators are Janet Cordova and Cindy Windsor. Plaques will be given to the Barry Crane winners.

Summer Sectional

The summer sectional will be a nonlife master tournament to be held at the Columbus Bridge Center. Possible dates will be investigated by Tom Bishel and Janet Cordova.

STAC Subsidy

A motion was made by Cindy Windsor to change the subsidy for STAC games held after January 2, 2020 to the following: Unit 122 will decrease the player subsidy by the amount of \$1.00 per player. The Unit will continue to subsidize any amount in excess of \$1.00 per player additional fee until future action is taken. The current ACBL fee is \$1.25 per player. Unit 122 will pay the current \$0.25 per player or \$1.00 per table and any future fee increase. The motion was seconded by Peter Wahl. Discussion included the point that the money saved from the lower subsidy should be used for new member development and growth per ACBL and District 11 membership goals. After discussion, the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Grygier