

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
CENTRAL OHIO BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**

April 21, 2015

The meeting of the Central Ohio Bridge Association (“COBA”) was held at the Columbus Bridge Center, located at the Crown Point Shopping Center, 2030 Crown Plaza Drive, Columbus, Ohio at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

The following Board Members were present: Judy Auer, Larry Jones, Cheryl Schneider, Judy Williamson, Doug Millsap, Bob Jiobu, Suman Agarwal and Janelle Courtright. Judy Bogner, Siraj Haji, Paul Grygier, John Fleeman and Brian Snell were absent from the meeting.

Unit Recorder. The first item of business before the Board was discussion on the replacement of our current Unit Recorder, John Stubbe. The Unit Recorder’s responsibilities are to be an independent person to review grievances. The Unit Recorder must be a good bridge player, must be available to attend tournaments, must be able to maintain confidentiality and be impartial. There was discussions regarding all of the possible replacements and it was decided that the Board would approach George St. Pierre to see if he would fill this position. There was further discussion on whether an Assistant Unit Recorder should be appointed.

National Tournament in Columbus, Ohio The second item of business before the Board was discussion regarding the National Tournament to be held in Columbus in March, 2020 and the appointment of a Tournament Chair. Cheryl Schneider and Jim Bachelder have volunteered to be Co-Chairs. There was discussion about the Co-Chairs and a motion was made by Judy Auer to appoint Cheryl Schneider and Jim Bachelder as Co-Chairs which was seconded by Judy Williamson, the Board voted 6-1 to appoint Cheryl Schneider and Jim Bachelder as Co-Chairs of the upcoming National Tournament.

Other items discussed about the National Tournament:

- Should a Procurement Chairman be appointed?
- Memorial games – one should be named after Walter Johnson
- Co-Chairs will form a National Tournament Committee

January Columbus Sectionals. The third item of business was discussion regarding the recently held vote on whether to continue the January sectionals. The Board voted by e-mail without a meeting to continue the January sectionals. The next January sectional will be January 8-10, 2016 at the Haimerl Center. The sanction for the January sectional has been obtained and availability is being confirmed with the Haimerl Center.

Sectional Flyers and Sectional Partnership Chair . Paul Grygier has agreed to be responsible for producing and printing the flyers for the upcoming Columbus Sectionals and Tim Kohl has agreed to be the Partnership Chair for upcoming Columbus Sectionals.

October Sectional. The next item of business is the October sectional, which is scheduled for October 16-18, 2015. Bob Jiobu volunteered to be Tournament Chair. Helping Hands cannot provide lunch for the Sunday Swiss teams game. Options discussed were: (1) order subs from JT Subs as is done for the Friday Bridge Plus session; and (2) Judy Williamson offered to check with a friend of hers regarding catering. It was decided to order sandwiches (ham, roast beef, turkey) and prepare pre-packaged lunches with chips and a drink for \$5-\$6.

June Sectional. The next item of business was discussions regarding the upcoming June 26-28, 2015 sectional. Judy Auer will out of town until Sunday, June 28, 2015. Janelle Courtright is tournament chair. Brian Snell is in charge of preparation of the hands for the Bridge Plus game and will need an expert to analyze the hands. Derek Stover was suggested as an expert. Lunch for the Bridge Plus game will be subs provided by JT Subs, Janelle Courtright will make a salad and Trish Jones and Molly Snell will bake brownies. Judy Williamson will handle the hospitality for the tournament and will get the key for the Haimerl Center from John Fleeman. Cheryl Schneider will deliver the Bridge mates and the server to the tournament. Mike Roberts is the director and Stacy has agreed to caddy for the Sunday Swiss.

Increase Size of Board. The next item of discussion was whether we need to increase the size of the Board to have more people willing to help with all of the duties and tasks. Bylaws need to be checked to see if there is a specific number that cannot be exceeded. Currently, the Board is made up of 12 members and the past President of the Board for a total of 13 members. Possible new members are Margo Olson, Dennis Fisher, Janet Cordova and Cindy Windsor.

New Directories. The next item of discussion was the new Bridge Directories. Judy Williamson is collecting corrections to the Bridge Directory and will handle the printing of the directories. New Directories will be available for distribution at the Dayton Regional scheduled for September 14-20, 2015.

Midwest Monitor. The final item of discussion was the distribution of the Midwest Monitor. Since the decision was made to distribute the Midwest Monitor electronically, there have been issues. Consensus is the electronic version is not delivered on a timely basis and few people take the time to read it online. There was discussion of whether we should return to the paper version. No decision was made.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Janelle R. Courtright, Treasurer