

Central Illinois Bridge Association
Executive Board Meeting
September 5, 2024

Call to Order Lori Moore called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

Attendance. Present and acting throughout were Lori Moore, Camilla Rabjohns, Ann Caparros, Anne Wildrick, Bob Sievers, Jane Johnson and Dan Drake. Larry Ziegler was not present.

Discussion of Tournament Procedures and Entry Fees

Lori and Camilla discussed the attached Tournament Procedures document and noted that the procedures would be updated from time to time as ACBL's requirements are updated and changed.

Tournament entry fees along with pre-registration and cash vs cashless payment were discussed. The Board again noted these could be changed going forward. Following discussion and after motion duly made and seconded, the entry fees for 2025 would remain unchanged.

Discussion of the Unit's 2025 Regional Tournament

Lori advised that she had just recently (September 04, 2024) talked with Karen to resolve the Board's main concern regarding the handling and accounting for the regional tournament's financial matters. Lori suggested that a Unit checking account (dedicated to the Unit's tournament) with Karen and the Unit Treasurer on the account, with an associated debit/credit card. Karen was unwilling to participate in this arrangement.

The Board discussed the importance of the Unit being held accountable for all income and expenses and its associated documentation. The Board also discussed its commitment to implement changes for the Regional Tournament's financial processes/reporting to reflect the Board's direction.

Several members discussed that the Board's requirements would more than likely mean that the Board would have to identify a new individual to appoint as Chair rather than the long standing Chair. Several noted that this could result in poor attendance and have a negative impact on the Tournament. The Unit would lose the 'draw' and 'national reputation' of the long standing Chair.

Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board adopted the following resolution: *We do not appoint Karen Walker as the 2025 chairman of the Unit 208's Regional Tournament.*

With 4 members voting "Yes", two members voting "No" and one member abstaining.

The Board discussed possible candidates for Tournament Chair. No Board members were willing at this time to step in as the Chair. However, the Board agreed to continue to canvas its players, etc. over the next 8 weeks to determine if there were person(s) willing to take on the responsibility of Tournament Chair in accord with the Board's requirements. Additionally, the Board discussed researching possible changes in locations for the 2025 Regional Tournament. The Board noted that it wanted to have the Regional tournament and to this end, the Board requested all to make every effort to make this happen and to report at the October Board meeting.

Senior Game Expenses

Anne Wildrick presented a request for reimbursement associated with the the Senior Game. Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the reimbursement request as presented.

Discussion of Tournament Procedures (continued)

Following discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the attached Tournament Procedures as presented.

Future Tournament Dates

Dates were reviewed and changes made to the current list. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board adopted the regular schedule dates for 2025 and 2026 except for the dates shown below.

- Bloomington will be July 24-25, 2026
- Peoria will be October 9-10, 2026

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Caparros and Jane Johnson