

Date: February 03, 2018

To: SOMBA Board Members

From: Deepak Dighe, secretary SOMBA Board

Subject: Minutes of the SOMBA Board meeting, January 11, 2018

Attendees: Dave Fletcher, Satish Shah, Kathy Twomey, Deepak Dighe, Dave Cleveland, Lori Briscoe, Sook Wilkinson, Subhash Gulati, Scott Miller, Jerry Hasenjager,, Bill Goodman attended via tele-conference.

Two New Board Members – Diane Kosuda, Dave Dursum and George Christian as new Treasurer

SOMBA Club Owners as guests/Directors – Vickie Vallone, Dave & Judy Baskirk, Dolores Bright and Bob Ondo.

Discussions, Comments, Decisions and follow up actions on the items discussed were as follows:

Appointments of the Officers and New Board Members:

- As announced earlier, Dave Fletcher resigned from the position of the President and was appointed as the Chairman of the Board replacing Subhash Gulati.
- Subhash Gulati continues on the Board as a Director.
- Satish Shah was appointed as the President of the Board.
- Jerry Hasenjager resigned from the Treasurer's position. George Christian accepted the honorary position of the Treasurer.

Board commended Dave F, Subhash G and Jerry H for their outstanding services the SOMBA Board over the number of years.

- Kathy Twomey appointed as the Vice President of the Board.
- Bill Goodman appointed as the Tournament Coordinator in addition to the current assignment as ACBL Liaison.
- Dave Dursum and Diane Kosuda were welcomed as new Board Members.
- Education Committee: Dave Dursum accepted to be the chairperson. Diane Kasuda and Vickie Vallone to assist him.
- Other Committee chairs remained the same as previous year.

All above changes and new positions to the Board were proposed, seconded and approved unopposed. Please see the SOMAB website for all other Board positions.

Old and carry-over business:

1. Approval of the last Board Meeting:

Minutes of the September 2017 Board meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Treasurer's Report: -

- Revenue from 2017 Wolverine tournament was low due to 30 less tables than previous year.
- Board suggested that SOMBA tournament fee charges should be reviewed to and should be somewhat in par with what MBA charges.
- P & L statement indicate break even, Board voted on the Financial Report for 2017 and approved it as presented.

1. Committee Structure and Reports:

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Current Chair-Persons for the Committees:

Public Relations – Lori Briscoe

Membership – Sook Wilkinson

Education – Diane Kosuda replacing Latika Mangrulkar

New Comers – Lynn Root

Storage – Naresh Kapila

Tournament Co Chair – Bill Goodman replacing Satish Shah

Goodwill – Lakshmi Vora

Hospitality – Chair-person of the Tournament to manage with assistance from other Board members.

Web Site management – Tony Savant

ACBL Relationship – Bill Goodman

Award – Dave Cleveland

Special Task Forces – (1) Zero Tolerance: Subhash G (2) By-Laws: Dave F.

Committee Reports:

PR Lori B - Announcement of the Valentine and Springtacular Sectional tournaments have been distributed to the clubs and will be published in the local newspapers soon. Our process contains sending request to ACBL for e-mail blast. Tournament Flyer will be posted on ACBL, SOMBA and District 12 websites. It was suggested that we look into placing handouts at the NABC tournaments and placing ad in the ACBL Bulletin..

Membership: Sook W. – New players joining ACBL receive one free play pass for Sectional or Regional tournament. Sook indicated that sending out a letter is cumbersome. She said that she will send out an email welcoming new members and mentioning the member to contact her to get their FREE PLAY pass which can be used at any SOMBA tournament.

Sook W indicated that she will manage the Bridge the Gap event and will schedule a meeting to discuss the event.

Education: Latika M - Board thanked Latika for her services as Chairperson. Dave Dursum to take over. Vickie Vallone to assist as Co-Chair along with Diane Kosuda. .

New Comers Lynn Root: - No report. Subhash G volunteered to work as co-chair with Lynn R. All others teachers and any board member that are interested were requested to attend the next committee meeting.

Storage Naresh K. : - Naresh suggested that 4-5 boxes full of old material and reports should be disposed. Subhash G volunteered indicated that he would like to go through and save some old files. It was suggested that he is welcome to go to storage and look through the storage if interested and should contact Naresh.

Tournament Co-ordination and Sanctions: Bill G./Satish S – Chart containing list of clubs and upcoming 2018 tournament assignments was handed out. The print was too small. It was suggested that we try to print this in a bigger font. Satish will take this responsibility. Sanctions for SOMBA tournaments have been approved thru 2021 calendar year.

Springtacular Tournament

Dave F indicated that he will not be able to manage Springtacular tournament. Jerry H indicated that he may be able to do this along with Jane Hall.

Goodwill Lakshmi V: - No report. She continues to send out get-well cards, condolence cards upon death of a SOMBA member. She also send out congratulatory note when a member achieves a milestone like Life Member along with a FREE PLAY card good at a SOMBA tournament.

Awards Dave C: - Bridge Learning books and box chocolates awarded to the winners of 0-299 events at the tournaments we were well received, please continue.

Website Tony S.: - The Board thanked Tony for the excellent work in this area. Bill Landrum continues to manage the online Membership Directory.

Club Relationship Scott M: - Club owners requested to post results promptly.

Old Business: -

- a. SOMBA will discussed if we could do anything to support the upcoming one-week Bridge Youth Camp arranged by Susan Woodrow. This camp is scheduled in July 2018.
- b. SOMBA had agreed to support financially to MS Brenda Bryant who was qualified to participate in the Inter National bridge tournament as a member of the Canadian team. However, Board subsequently learned that she is no longer a member of SOMBA. Therefore, Board decided not to support her.

3. New Business: -

- a. **Zero Tolerance policy** – Board approved purchase of 300 Zero Tolerance cards for SOMBA owned bidding boxes.
- b. **Zero tolerance penalties:** - Though the enforcement of the zero tolerance practice is at the discretion of the club owners, Board feels strongly that there should be a uniform guideline for penalties when violation occurs. Board appointed Subhash G and Dave Baskirk to form a committee to lead this effort. Sook W and Lakshmi V expressed interest to be on the committee.
- c. **Board By-Laws:** - Dave F presented the proposed amendments to the Article VII, VIII and X. Subhash G wants to propose additional changes. It was suggested that he should forward any changes to Dave Fletcher shortly. It was also suggested that we take this up in May at the Wolverine Regional Tournament.

4. Next Board Meeting: To be scheduled in April 2018 before the Regional.

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