**Central Ohio Bridge Association (COBA) Board Meeting Minutes October 30, 2018**

Present: Janelle Courtright, Paul Grygier, Toni Bales, Bob Jiobu, Trish Jones, Sherry McArdle, Cheryl Schneider, Joe Wernet, and Judy Williamson

Absent: Tom Bishel, Dave Maul, Frank Paynter, Lew Rakocy, and Peter Wahl

President Janelle Courtright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Aloha Bridge Club.

Minutes from the October 9th meeting were approved.

**October Sectional Post Mortem**

Table counts were approximately the same as last year. Joe Wernet received several complaints about the format of the Sunday Swiss game. In addition, an email was sent by John Stubbe to the board with several of the same complaints. This game was handicapped and stratified. The amount of handicap points (3 for teams differing by one level, 6 for teams differing by 2 levels) did not seem to be adequate. First round pairings were random, which meant that some inexperienced teams were matched against very experienced teams. For the next sectional, it was decided that there would be two brackets: the lower bracket will have 8 teams and the upper bracket will have the rest and be stratified. Janelle will check with tournament director Mike Roberts on whether this arrangement is permitted.

Despite several announcements at the start of the Swiss game, several players did not realize that they must order lunch at the start of the game.

**January Sectional**

This tournament will be chaired by Joe Wernet and Lew Rakocy. Lunch on Sunday will be handled in the same manner as the October Sectional. Joe made the suggestion that duplicated boards be used for the Sunday Swiss game.

**Other Business**

Toni Bales volunteered to write a letter of commendation about Mike Roberts to be sent to ACBL.

Cheryl Schneider will check with the Miami Valley Bridge Association to see if our tables can be stored in Dayton as they will be used in next year’s Regional Tournament.

The next meeting will be at 5:45 p.m. on December 11 at the Aloha Bridge Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Grygier