

ACBL District 22
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 2021
Online via Zoom

Members Present:

Area 1: Deb Cameron & Tish Gainey (Secretary)
Area 2: Linda Decquir & Barbara Maniscalco (Vice President)
Area 3: Lamya Agelidis (President) & Bill Grant
Area 4: Ron Lien & Richard Picheny (Treasurer)
ACBL District Director: David Lodge

I. Call to Order

President Agelidis called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. Minutes

The minutes from the February 28, 2021 meeting were approved.

III. President's Report

Agelidis reported on tournaments. The Ventura Regional has been cancelled with no penalties. For the Palm Springs Regional the hope is for McKenzie Myers to be the DIC and to keep the same schedule in place as for last year's cancelled tournament with the possible inclusion of a director's refresher course being offered. Agelidis will manage the Palm Springs Regional and Maniscalco will act as local liaison. Sergio has been asked to update the Palm Springs Partnership Desk, as it hasn't operated well in the past. There is also an issue with getting needed volunteers for the tournament. For the San Diego Regional, Agelidis confirmed that she has heard from the Marriott and they have pretty much agreed to everything that has been asked of them. Negotiations are ongoing. For the NLM Regional we need to decide if we want to do this next year and, if so, should it be in Palm Springs and who would lead the effort. The first Open Sectional in the District will be in Riverside in October 2021.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Picheny had emailed current financial reports to board members. Fixed monthly costs are about \$1100.00. Last month's losses were reversed by \$4800.00 as a result of the \$1,000.00 donation from David Lodge and \$3800.00 being reversed for the NAP stipend.

V. GNT and NAP

Lien has sent out an email to District members about the upcoming GNT competition and has placed an article in the D22 Connection. He also plans to do a primer on how to find your personal ID in Zoom and to be available to answer questions of participants. The emphasis now is on getting players to form teams and participate in the event, both the practice tournament and the finals.

For the NAP, a new cycle is beginning. Lien will reach out to ACBL to find out what's going on with the next cycle.

VI. National Report

Lodge reported there was a second reading of the recommended changes to the Board of Governors. The recommendation passed. There will now be three members per District, which will take three years to implement, and future ACBL presidents will not automatically be members of the Board of Governors. The intention is to have this group concentrate on core issues.

In the near future we should be receiving rules/guidelines for reopening. The League polled all of its staff members and none would come back to work without being double vaccinated (when recommended) and wearing a mask.

The two major issues of focus, other than reopening, continue to be I.T. and Marketing. Lodge pointed out that when he joined the board there were 170,000 members and today there are 150,000.

The D22 survey and companion Zoom meeting of club managers indicated a desire on the part of clubs to have some hard and fast rules from ACBL regarding the reopening of clubs. Because the circumstances are different from state to state and areas within states, the ACBL will not be issuing hard and fast rules but may release recommendations and/or guidelines that may be helpful to clubs. Issue of greatest interest to clubs was whether or not a club could mandate that players playing face-to-face in a club be vaccinated. On this issue, Lodge contacted Districts 21 and 23, both covering other areas in California. District 21 was able to give a very comprehensive report from an attorney that individual clubs can do whatever they want as regards to health and safety.

Other items of interest: the League is involved in a lawsuit with a small number of directors over a fair labor relations issue of overtime pay. The League has assigned more resources to the cheating problem.

VII. Western Conference

Lien submitted the results of our straw poll taken at the last board meeting to the Conference president but has heard no news.

VIII. Board of Governors

Lien reported that the new chair of the Board of Governors is Doug Couchman. Under the new leadership the board will be looking at changing its name and forming committees to vet issues and motions.

IX. 99er Nite Club

Agelidis reported that District 19 joined about a week ago. The game is doing well financially and continues to be popular.

X. Communications

Agelidis reported that the website is being maintained and is current. Readership of the "D22 Connection" is going down and changing the email distributor is under consideration.

XI. By-laws Committee

Gainey reported that members of the committee, Grant, Picheny, Lien and Agelidis, have been meeting weekly and are going through the current document section by section. The goal is a complete revision that will update information, address things like electronic meetings and email voting and adopt a format and language that adheres more closely to standard nonprofit by-laws.

XII. Motions

Motion #1: Picheny/Maniscalco to spend up to \$3500.00 for the purchase of new playing cards and plastic boards. Motion passed.

Motion #2: Picheny/Lodge that with respect to the District 22 accounts at Bank of America, Richard Picheny and Ronald Lien remain as signatories; that David Lodge be removed as a signatory; and that Lamya Agelidis be added as a signatory.

XIII. District Credit Card

Picheny reported there were two corporate credit cards but as of April 12, 2021, the card held by Ronald Lien has been cancelled. Picheny will notify the credit card company to add Lamya Agelidis as an authorized contact on the account.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be June 22, 2021.

Tish Gainey
Secretary