

ACBL District 22
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
December 14, 2022
Westin Mission Hills Resort, Palm Springs, CA

Members Present:

Area 1: Tish Gainey (Secretary) Via Zoom & Frank Swanson, Via Zoom
Area 2: Barbara Maniscalco (Vice President)
Area 3: Lamya Agelidis (President) & Bill Grant
Area 4: Ron Lien & Richard Picheny (Treasurer)
ACBL Advisory Council District 22 Representative: David Sizemore
ACBL Board of Directors Region 11 Representative (non-voting): David Lodge

Members Absent:

Linda Dequir, Area 2

Others Present:

Nance Lodge, incoming Advisory Council Representative (Via Zoom)
Paul Markovitz, incoming Area 1 Representative
Christine Denny, incoming Area 3 Representative
Selby Winkler
McKenzie Myers

I. Call to Order

President Agelidis called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

II. Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2022 meeting were approved.

III. President's Report

Tournament Director, McKenzie Myers, reported that the numbers for the Palm Springs Regional were currently stable with last year's numbers and were especially good considering the NABC had been held so recently in Phoenix. Agelidis added that the Palm Springs tournament was not meeting its room block numbers but that the hotel would not enforce the room commitment if the food and beverage commitment is met. The observation was made that food and beverage commitments should be reduced when hotel concessions are not open later in the day. Agelidis will continue to monitor the situation and try to negotiate with the hotel as necessary.

Agelidis reported she had signed a contract with the Marriott in Ventura for early October 2023.

The annual meeting was on Zoom and did not attract many attendees.

Agelidis concluded her remarks with the announcement of two awards: the District 22 2022 Recipient of the ACBL Charitable Recognition Award is Tish

Gainey from Santa Barbara's Unit 542. The District 22 2022 Appointee to the ACBL Goodwill Committee is Selby Winkler from La Jolla's Unit 526.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Picheny had sent Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports to the board members prior to the meeting. He went over the reports highlighting certain receipts and expenses and compared the Balance Sheet from last year with the current year. The current year shows a loss of \$33,000.

V. Secretary's Report

Gainey gave the report on the election in Area 3. Christine Denny from Unit 531 has won, receiving Unit board member votes that represented 1,105.3 members of Area 3. The other candidate, John Lagadimos from Unit 519, received Unit votes representing 452.7 members. Board members had been advised of the election outcome on November 28, 2022. The two candidates were also advised of the outcome shortly thereafter. As reported earlier, no candidates came forward in Area 2 for the position currently held by Linda Dequir. Dequir's term ends in 2022 and she chose not to seek reelection. The position will be vacant January 1, 2023 and can be filled by the board.

VI. Education Report

Gainey reported that the grant approved by the District for a beginning bridge workshop for Unit 542 had resulted in a successful event with 50 people attending a one-day "Learn to Play Bridge" workshop with Marjorie Michelin. Follow-up beginning bridge lessons are currently taking place with 20 students and a once-a-month social mentor game with up to ten tables.

VII. National Report

David Lodge had published a written report. He highlighted the loss of the League's top management personnel, the unacceptable budget presented in Phoenix; and the cost overruns for Entry Express, a way to buy entries online. Lodge believes that despite the recent management upheavals, that the organization is financially sound and is supported by a cadre of committed people.

VIII. GNT/NAP/Western Conference

Lien reported that the Conditions of Contest for the GNT are online. The District NAP finals will be this Sunday and the District GNT finals will be held April 22-23, 2023 at the South Orange County Bridge Club in Dana Point. Stipends will continue for this cycle but not next year.

Lien reported nothing new from the Western Conference and no report on the Royal STaC. He will share a link from Doug Couchman.

IX. Advisory Council

Sizemore had sent the board members a written report; there were no questions. He introduced Nance Lodge who will be taking over as the D22 Advisory Council Representative in 2023.

X. 99er Nite Club

Agelidis reported the game is attracting 18-20 tables four nights per week.

XI. Old Business

a. Bridgemates

Agelidis has come to an agreement with District 21 to rent their Bridgemates as needed for 50 cents per unit, with D22 paying for transportation. Motion made by Agelidis, seconded by Picheny to accept the agreement regarding the Bridgemates. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. New Business

a. Succession Planning

Agelidis would like to spend more time on training people in 2023. She expressed thanks to all the board members for the work they have done, especially the outgoing members.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Tish Gainey, Secretary