



American Contract
Bridge League
District 22

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Date and Time: Saturday, April 4, 2020, at 11:58 AM

Sunday April 5, 2020 at 2:53 PM

Members Present:

Area 1: Deb Cameron & Diane Gunther (Secretary)

Area 2: Nancy Erickson & Linda Decquir

Area 3: Lamya Agelidis & Bill Grant (Vice President)

Area 4: Ron Lien (President) & Richard Picheny (Treasurer)

ACBL District Representative: David Lodge

I. Call to Order

President Lien called the meeting to order.

II. President's Remarks – Ron Lien

Lien suggested we discuss several items today and leave motions and votes until Sunday, April 5, 2020. Lien discussed raising card fees at Regionals from \$14 to \$15 or \$16. A PowerPoint presentation showed various financial statements if the District raised card fees.

III. Treasurer Report - Richard Picheny

Picheny previously sent a total of eight documents detailing P and L for District 22 Regionals and a year-end balance sheet. Balance as of March 31, 2020, is \$232K cash and \$254,000 total assets. Expenses for San Diego Regional are around \$3,000. We expect the Town and Country Hotel to return the \$3,000 deposit.

IV. National Director Report – David Lodge

Currently there are 39 bridge clubs operating virtual games on BBO. Many more clubs are expected to join in. Cheating is problematic but ACBL has algorithms and staff reviewing play to detect cheating. ACBL expects significant losses in 2020 due to the coronavirus and has instituted a 20% reduction in the number of its employees' hours.

V. Western Conference – Ron Lien

Western Conference STAC receipts have been sent to the District. The May STAC has been cancelled. WC has \$28K in funds. The WC's operating costs are around \$2K per year. WC will be distributing \$7K to each of three Districts leaving \$7K remaining in the bank. Discussions for Online STACs were considered. Next WC meeting will be in June 2020.

VI. President's Remarks and Projections – Ron Lien

There are three remaining District 22 Regional Tournaments for 2020.

Assumptions:

1. Stay at home lifted June/July
2. No second wave of coronavirus
3. Many players will ship the Ventura (34% to 43% fewer tables)
4. Hotels will not make many concessions unless mandated by government

Lien presented projected District losses based on \$14, \$15 or \$16 card fees/session. Lien suggested we vote on raising card fees to help offset significant tournament losses. Lodge said we would have a better understanding of our projections after other tournaments across the country are run.

12:45 Zoom meeting ended

Meeting Reconvened via Zoom

April 5, 2020 at 2:53 PM

Motions:

Contract for Supply and Board Duplication for Sergio Mendivil as amended to be approved and placed on file with the Secretary and Treasurer– Erickson moved, Picheny seconded. Passed unanimously.

Erickson moved, Agelidis seconded, to raise rates for LDR to \$15/session. Passed unanimously.

Picheny moved, Lien seconded, to suspend costs for running ads for tournaments and special education events in Forum for balance of calendar year 2020. Passed unanimously.

Lodge moved, seconded by Agelidis, to send a letter terminating the Forum Publication Agreement between District 22 and Ken Monzingo with the understanding that per the terms of the Agreement there will be three more issues, ending with the July 2020 issue. Passed 8-1.

VII. Committees

NAP/GNT (Grant) Due to the corona virus pandemic, District 22 is uncertain when these events will occur. NAP stipends were sent out (\$1200) and three were returned to District. The Board

agreed that Lien would write the other recipients asking that they return the stipends. The stipends will be re-issued when the event is held.

YNABC (Erickson) Summer Collegiate on hold and may be postponed until 2021. Mitch Dunitz gave \$1200 to support youth and this money will be held in abeyance.

Recorder (Grant) – One written memo received. Lodge to investigate on-line memos.

Tournaments (Agelidis) Agelidis questioned whether we should contact the hotel for the Labor Day Regional in light of quarantine for COVID 19 now or wait and see. Lien will seek legal advice on the best way to proceed. Online games – Lien appointed Cameron/Gunther (Area 1), Decquir/Erickson (Area 2), Agelidis (Area 3), and Lien/Picheny (Area 4) to serve as contacts for units to assist with online games (Support Your Club).

Tournament Scheduling (Cameron) Most District 22 club and unit tournaments have been cancelled through May, though not all. Cameron will contact them and offer to help reschedule. Cameron wanted advice from District how to proceed in uncertain future. Should current guidelines be waived or lessened? The Board suggested she ask organizers for permission if there are scheduling issues. Lien suggested that there be no tournaments held a week before any scheduled District 22 Regional tournament.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm. Next meeting to be held on May 2, 2020 at 10:00 AM via Zoom