

**ACBL District 22**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 13, 2020**  
**Online via Zoom**

**Members Present:**

Area 1: Deb Cameron & Tish Gainey (Secretary)  
Area 2: Linda Decquir & Barbara Maniscalco (joined meeting at 9:18 a.m.)  
Area 3: Lamy Agelidis & Bill Grant (Vice President)  
Area 4: Ron Lien (President) & Richard Picheny (Treasurer)  
ACBL District Director: David Lodge

Others Present: Mathew Kidd (joined meeting at 9:20)

**I. Call to Order**

President Lien called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**II. Minutes**

The minutes from the October 17, 2020 meeting were approved.

**III. President's Report**

Lien thanked the board for their work in 2020. He gave a brief review of the hotel situation for the District's Regionals. The District has contracts with Hilton through 2022 for the February So. Cal. Regional, with the Ventura Marriott through 2022 and with the Westin in Palm Springs through 2025. In San Diego, the District has a contract for 2021 with an option for 2022.  
(Barbara Maniscalco joined the meeting at 9:18 a.m.)

**IV. Online Cheating**

Mathew Kidd joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m. to discuss cheating problems with online bridge and to set forth some suggestions for what the District could do to address the overall problem.

Mr. Kidd left the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

A discussion ensued and it was agreed that communication in the D22 Connection about the judicial framework used by ACBL to adjudicate unethical behavior, repercussions for such behavior and how to report suspicious behavior would be helpful. David Lodge is authoring an article on the cheating issue that will appear in the January edition of the D22 Connection. Another article, for a later edition, could cover suspicious bidding, what to look for and how to report it.

Lien agreed to give Mr. Kidd a written response.

**V. Treasurer's Report**

Picheny reported a \$37,300.00 loss for the year.

**VI. Executive Session**

At 10:05 a.m. the board went into executive session until 10:12 a.m.

**VII. Super Club Pools**

Lodge has conveyed to ACBL the District's position regarding super clubs. He feels the League has taken steps to curb club alliances across districts, limit poaching of players and that it continues to look at the guest player policy.

**VIII. Contract Extension**

A motion (Gainey/Decquir) to extend the contract for Sergio at the rate of \$750 per tournament not run face-to-face with the understanding that he will do certain tasks as requested. Motion passed.

**IX. By-Laws Review**

Lien will send an electronic version of the current By-Laws and emails on the subject to members of the committee (Lien, Gainey, Grant, Picheny).

**X. 99er Game**

Agelidis reported that since its inception the game has had over 640 tables, averaging 20 tables per night. District 17 has joined Districts 22 and 23 and the game will now be known as the All-Western 99er Nite Club.

There is a plan for a 0-20 game in the New Year.

**XI. Website & D22 Connection**

Agelidis reported Barbara Maniscalco has agreed to be the website manager to help with content.

There has been a slight increase in readership of the D22 Connection.

**XII. NAP/GNT**

Grant reported the GNT qualifying games would be held online and held as early as February or March 2021. Finals would be in July in Providence, RI.

As for the NAP, a notice will come as to when the finals will be scheduled.

**XIII. National Report**

Lodge discussed the reorganization of the national board. He is in charge of the task force reviewing the role of the Board of Governors. If unit and club issues are filtered through this group, the Board of Governors would become more important and Lodge would like them to be part of our district meetings.

There will be a new Alert Chart issued in January.

**XIV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 11:07 a.m.