

**ACBL District 22**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Via Zoom**  
**August 2, 2022**

**Members Present:**

Area 1: Tish Gainey (Secretary) & Frank Swanson  
Area 2: Linda Decquir & 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

**I. Call to Order**

President Agelidis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. Minutes**

The minutes of the April 4, 2022 meeting were approved.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Picheny made a motion, seconded by Maniscalco, to update the signees on the Bank of America account to reflect that David Lodge, Ron Lien and Richard Picheny remain as signees and Lamya Agelidis be added. Motion carried. Picheny reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement showing a loss to date of approximately \$31,000. A discussion ensued regarding the cost of Regional tournaments.

**IV. Secretary's Report**

Gainey reported on an email vote taken 6/21/22 to approve a D22 Grant Program submitted by the Education Committee. All directors had voted in the affirmative. Gainey reported that terms of office for one representative from each of Areas 1, 2 and 3 are ending at the end of the year. A call for nominations will go out in late August/early September. An article will be in the D22 Connection and emails sent to Unit presidents.

**V. National Report**

Lodge reported ACBL might lose \$1million this year and as a result there is belt-tightening with the elimination of in-house counsel as an example. There were 135 Regionals pre-pandemic and only 75 this year. Table counts continue to rise but are not at pre-pandemic levels. Lodge went over statistics from the Providence NABC. The tournament will show a loss of not less than \$250,000.

**VI. GNT/NAP**

Lien reported our District A and B teams did well in Providence. The current year's Conditions of Contest for the GNT need to be written. After a discussion of

GNT costs, Lien made a motion, seconded by Agelidis, to eliminate District GNT stipends. Vote was three in favor, five opposed. Motion failed.

Lien will work on costs related to GNT competition and come back with a proposal of how to subsidize players who compete beyond the club level.

**VII. Western Conference**

Lien reported the Western Conference has not had a meeting since his last report. The numbers for STaCs have been declining. The Royal STaC will be in December.

A motion made by Maniscalco, seconded by Lien, for the District to retain the profits from the next Royal STaC; motion passed.

**VIII. Goodwill Committee**

Dequir needs nominations in as soon as possible as she will be traveling.

Nominations are due by the end of September. On October 1, Dequir will send the names of nominees to board members for approval.

At 9:13 p.m., Linda Dequir left the meeting

**IX. Advisory Council**

Sizemore stated that for the term starting January 1, 2023, there are two openings/vacancies for representative of District 22. He, however, has been reelected to another term.

David Lodge added information about EDGAR and the anti-cheating program underway at ACBL.

**X. Education Committee**

Gainey presented a motion from the committee for approval of a grant request from Unit 542, in the amount of \$1,000, to partially fund a one-day workshop for new players; seconded by Sizemore. Motion passed.

Due to the late hour (9:55 p.m.), the meeting is continued to August 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**August 24, 2022, the meeting reconvened via Zoom at 7:02 p.m. All board members attending with the exception of Area 2 Representative, Linda Dequir.**

**XI. District 23 Situation**

Lodge reported on the financial situation with District 23 following their Long Beach Regional, which resulted in significant losses for the District. At the District 23 board meeting options were presented but none were universally accepted.

**XII. Royal STaC**

The Royal STaC will take place in our District December 5-11 in conjunction with the Western Conference.

Agelidis asked for feedback on whether to give rebates to the clubs as was done in the past or whether to lower the fee or whether to leave the fee as is and not make any rebates. Board members were flexible on these options. Agelidis said she would check with Nancy Erickson regarding whether any of these options were possible given the involvement of other Districts in the STaC.

**XIII. GNT**

Lien reviewed the 2020-21 GNT. The approximate cost of running the GNT District finals is approximately \$1400. The consensus among board members was that no fees should be due from clubs for past GNTs. Lien made motion, seconded by Agelidis, that for next GNT qualifying sessions in 2022-23, all subsidies be removed and there be no charge for entry fees for the District final in South Orange County. Motion passed unanimously.

**XIV. Tournament Update**

Agelidis reported that Ventura 2022 is beyond expectations as far as room commitments are concerned. At present there are over 420 room nights booked. The Costa Mesa Regional is currently on the calendar for January 2023. This tournament will be removed pending Agelidis making a few calls to some venues in Orange County.

For San Diego, Agelidis has 2023 scheduled and has executed a contract with an extension to 2024 with a 6% increase in the room rate.

**XV. Bridgemates**

Dave White is willing to sell the District 140 Bridgemates. Motion made by Picheny, seconded by Maniscalco, to purchase the Bridgmates for \$5,000. Motion passed unanimously.

**XVI. Cheating**

Lien reported on the development of a program called EDGAR. The program has been submitted to outside verifiers. Version 2.0 should be ready by the end of the year.

**XVII. Board Appointments**

Agelidis explained that if no one runs for the Advisory Council and there is an opening, the District board can appoint someone to fill the vacancy. Right now we are not doing anything.

Lien would like to be Western Conference representative. Motion made by Picheny, seconded by Agelidis, to nominate Lien to serve as representative for the Western Conference. Motion passed unanimously.

**XVIII. Meetings**

The Annual Meeting is set for November 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Notice will be sent to Unit presidents and included in the D22 Connection. The Zoom link will be sent to Unit presidents prior to the meeting.

The board meeting at the Palm Springs Regional will be Wednesday, December 14.

**XIX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.