

**ACBL District 22**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**February 28, 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 10:35 a.m.

**II. Minutes**

The minutes from the December 13, 2020 meetings were approved.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Picheny had emailed current financial reports to board members. Only one regional tournament was held before the pandemic so income for the year was curtailed, but losses for the year were held to around \$37,000.00. Until the District holds a regional, losses will run approximately \$2,000.00 per month. Picheny reported 2020 Federal and State tax returns have been filed.

**IV. Hotel Contracts**

The Labor Day Regional (September 6-12) in Costa Mesa will not be held because ACBL has not granted a sanction for the tournament due to COVID restrictions. The District does have a financial exposure with the Hilton Orange County should county/state restrictions allow larger indoor gatherings in early September. Lamya will continue to work on this contract.

The Ventura Regional would be a "go" if regionals begin to be sanctioned in October. Since this is not a profitable regional, Lamya suggested renegotiating with the hotel for this tournament in 2022.

The Palm Springs Regional, December 13-19, 2021, is the tournament most likely to take place. Lamya believes the District would see a profit with even half the attendance of past pre-pandemic years.

The San Diego Regional in 2022 has two venue opportunities: Marriott, if the tournament is held April 11-17, and Sycuan, if the tournament is held April 25-May 1.

**V. NAP & GNT**

NAP online national finals will take place in mid-March.

GNT Conditions of Contest have been worked out and the contest will take place online the weekend of May 22-23. The Conditions of Contest will be posted on

the District's website. Participants will pay the District treasurer directly and all teams can go right to the District finals without having to be qualified. There will be a practice session before the finals.

**VI. National Report**

Lodge reported that the most significant issue under discussion at the national board is the reorganization of the board and that of the Board of Governors. The reorganization proposal will be printed in the April issue of the "Bridge Bulletin." David is also involved with aspects of online club pooling and reported a presentation on pooling would be made by Greg Coles, Director of Operations. David said he has announced publicly that he is running for director to represent the new Region 11 that will include Districts 22 and 23. The board thanked David for his \$1,000.00 donation to the District.

**VII. Western Conference**

Lien reported that the Western Conference has a new board president, Cindy Shoemaker. The May STaC will be cancelled. The Western Conference board is discussing its purpose and Ron asked for input from District 22 board members. After discussion, a straw poll was taken and all members recommended the Western Conference be dissolved.

**VIII. 99er Nite Club**

Agelidis reported that 135 clubs have enrolled in the program and that the game is averaging 35 tables per night. 2,184 Masterpoints have been earned through the end of February. Lamya is now looking at starting a 0-20 game.

**IX. D22 Connection and Website**

Agelidis reported readership of the "Connection" has not changed. The website is well maintained and always current.

At 12:36 p.m. the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., March 2, 2021, the meeting reconvened.

**X. Strategic Planning**

Agelidis outlined areas to look at to focus the work of the board in the coming year:

1. Tournament Committee to address health and safety issues; staffing; member survey to assess players' readiness for tournaments.
2. Membership Growth Committee to see how the District can be involved in growing membership. Possible strategy would be to work with Units and Clubs to reach out to all District members who have not played online. A discussion ensued as to the effectiveness of the District leading such an effort versus the League doing so.

3. Education Committee to possibly devise a program at the District level and explore other options for promoting bridge education.
4. Bylaws Committee to update current bylaws and recommend structural changes, if needed. A discussion ensued about the role of the District Director as a result of the structural changes at the national level. There will continue to be 25 Districts but those districts will be combined into 13 Regions. The Regions will elect the ACBL national Board of Directors. The number of board members will be decreased to 13. Districts 22 and 23 will be combined to form Region 11. Districts will be represented on the Board of Governors with three members. There will be three members after 2022.

There was discussion about designating positions for the Regional Director and Board of Governors representative on our District board. Lamya will contact District 23 and the Bylaws Committee will work on integrating the positions into our governing document.

5. Additionally, Lamya discussed encouraging more volunteerism. Recruiting, supporting and honoring volunteers. A strategy would be to put volunteers on District committees. Picheny suggested a first step be to ask volunteers to serve on the various District committees.
6. Transition building will come from involving more people as volunteers. Need to build the next generation of board members. Tish was asked to contact Andrew Rowberg to see if he would become involved in membership growth and education.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom