



American Contract  
Bridge League

## District 22

### Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

**Location:** Room 517 Building 5 Westin-Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa located at 71333 Dina Shore Drive Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 (Phone 760-328-5955)

**Date & Time:** Friday, December 16, 2016 7:00 PM

**Members Present:** Warren Cederborg (Acting) & Jim Parks (Area I), David Lodge (Area II), Bill Grant & Andrew Loh (Area III), John Kissinger & Ron Lien (Area IV), Ken Monzingo (ACBL President, District Rep.)

**Members Absent:** No new director had been appointed for replacement of Moe Anvari who had resigned

**Guests:** Gary Zeiger (Director in Charge), Bonnie Bagley (Western Conference), Suzi Stubeck (Past ACBL President), Stan Stubeck, Bob Heller (2017 ACBL President Elect), Barbara Heller (ACBL Education Foundation), Leslie Davis, Diane Gunther (District 22 director elect), Nancy Erickson, Margot Hennings, Henry Irwin, Roger Smith, Howie Weinstein, Sharon and Roger Anderson, and Kevin Lane

#### I. Call to Order

President Grant called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

#### II. Introduction of Guests

#### III. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Irvine in March 2017 were reviewed, corrected, and were unanimously approved after a motion By Ron and a second by David.

#### IV. President's Remarks and Question Period

Bill asked if there could be a list of clubs in the daily bulletins distributed at the regional events. It was noted that 10,000 people a day reach the age of 55.

#### V. Guest Remarks

Barbara Heller provided information on grants available from the ACBL Education Foundation and encouraged the submission of requests for grants before the change of the foundation's board membership in March 2017 for activities such as Learn Bridge in a Day. There was discussion on the complexity of filing for grants, which will be reviewed. It was also suggested that members view ideas on keeping members at [www.paulcuneotx.com](http://www.paulcuneotx.com). It was also noted that there is a need to involve college students in the ACBL. Howie Weinstein brought up discussion about conventions allowed in tournaments and it was agreed that further research on the matter would be done.

#### VI. Treasurer's Report

David provided a report on fixed asset costs over the past three years of \$64,329. The fixed assets include tables, boards, bidding boxes, dealing machine, and a lap top. He estimated that current year losses will be between \$20 to \$30,000 this year not including the net of the current regional. The biggest cost increase this year was a ten percent increase in director fees. David reported he liquidated a \$41,000 CD to cover operating cash needs.

#### VII. Secretary's Report

Reported on election results. Diane Gunther was elected in Area 1, Bill Grant was elected unopposed in Area III, and no new director was elected in Area II leaving one director position open.



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### VIII. Old Business

- A. John presented a previously discussed plan to modify District 22 areas and questioned whether there enough interest to continue to analyze the plan. A motion by John and seconded by David to continue the analysis was unanimously approved.
- B. Ron presented a proposal for a regional free play policy. The policy would give wide latitude to designated Tournament Managers in awarding free plays to key volunteers. It was added that free play slips should have a name, date, and approved signature. The policy also provides for free plays for District 22 directors, webmaster, and free plays issued by the District 22 president to attract needed volunteers. Players that volunteer for director called committees will not receive free plays and tournament and local directors will not be given free plays other than to fill a half table in a one session event with such free plays being reportable to the Partnership Desk or Tournament Manager. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Ron and seconded by David. The motion was unanimously approved.
- C. Grant proposed a membership growth grant of \$100 for Laguna Woods' Learn to Play Bridge in a Day program. No vote was required for this grant.
- D. Warren Cederborg presented a report on what was currently occurring within the Western Conference.
- E. David noted that there was little coordination of local, district, and national sites for online partnership requests.

### IX. New Business

- A. David questioned the need for an individual tournament website.
- B. Results of the Area elections for board members were presented in Secretary' Report.
- C. There was discussion on changing the enacted regional session fee increase. No change was made.
- D. Item on status of bylaws was withdrawn.
- E. There was a discussion on liability for contents of local web sites.

### X. Committee Reports

1. Web Site – Andy reported that the web site is continuing to be updated as information is supplied.
2. Tournament – It was noted how successful the bracketed Swiss event was on Wednesday and suggested that timing between knockout events be considered if additional bracketed Swiss are added. Friday and Monday dates were mentioned.
3. GNT/NAP – The results from Irvine for the NAP were reported. Clubs can run GNT qualifiers prior to the District 22 final which will be held in April at Dana Point.
4. Western Conference – Warren Cederborg was appointed to this position. No report.
5. Education, Membership & Club Relations – Maritha Pottenger was appointed to this position.
6. New Players Affairs – Maritha Pottenger was appointed to this position.
7. Charity – A new appointment is needed.
8. Discipline – Nothing to report.
9. Appeals – Nothing to report.
10. Goodwill – Goodwill certificates were presented during a ceremony this afternoon. Diane Gunther was appointed to the Goodwill position.
11. Recorder – Nothing to report.

### XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00. **The next meeting of the Board is to be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in Riverside. Location TBD. Pending Approval by the Board of Directors**