



American Contract
Bridge League

District 22

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Seasons 52 Restaurant, Costa Mesa, California

Date & Time: Friday September 7, 2018 at 7:10 PM

Members Present: Diane Gunther & Jim Parks (Area I), Debra Cameron & Nancy Erickson (Area II), Bill Grant & Andrew Loh (Area III), John Kissinger & Ron Lien (Area IV), David Lodge (ACBL District Rep.)

Members Absent: None

Guests: Arleen Harvey (Director in Charge), Lamy Angelidis (Tournament Supervisor)

I. Call to Order

President Lien called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

II. President's Remarks

Ron reported that he had met with several unit presidents and club owners at a breakfast meeting to discuss various concerns and ideas. He reported on discussions with District 23 on a joint regional and that only dates in March or May might work. There was discussion on possible conflicts and positives with these dates. No motion was presented.

III. Guest Remarks

Arleen Harvey reported that through Friday afternoon there were 1227 tables played, which is 119 tables lower than last year. She reported that national is working on a program that will allow team brackets to be assigned immediately upon conclusion of entries.

Lamy stated that a new ACBL requirement is that Monday games, including the two session event, be ACBL charity games. ACBL has designated five charities for their session. The board decided that the choice for the District would be the Grass Roots Fund and the use of funds for the second session would be decided by the Tournament Chairperson. David moved that our portion of the funds be designated to the Grass Roots Fund. The motion was seconded by John and unanimously approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

David reported that the bank balance was \$168,000 of which \$35,000 was from the Costa Mesa Regional for which all expenses have not been paid. An amount of \$4300 was received from STAC proceeds and \$8000 from Grass Roots contributions. Income received from the San Diego Regional was \$18,000, the Riverside Regional was \$6,000, and the Palm Springs NLM Regional was \$1644. David reported that Richard was doing a good job as treasurer.

V. National District Director Second Alternate

David nominated Nancy Lodge to be the second alternate as national district director. The motion was seconded by Ron and unanimously approved.

VI. Hotel Contracts

Ron reported that hotel room rates at the Hilton Hotel would be \$131/night for 2019 and 2020 with an increase to \$133 for 2021 and \$135 for 2022. He reported meeting with the Riverside Convention Center people and that talks were ongoing. There is a challenging contract in San Diego, which requires a commitment to a 2020 contract to obtain a better 2019 contract. No suitable venues have been

located in the Mission Valley area. Work is still to be done on Ventura contracts for 2020 through 2022.



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VII. Initiatives

Debra moved and David seconded that the District allocate \$1,218 for a Club Directors' Refresher Course. The funds would be used in the following phases: Phase I - \$500 – Instructional Development, Phase II - \$359 for a refresher to be offered at the San Diego Regional and Phase III - \$359 for a refresher to be offered at the Ventura Regional. The motion was unanimously approved.

Nancy moved that the District allocate \$7,550 to run a prototype program to increase membership in the District. The funds would be used in the following phases: Phase I - \$100 – Introductory Letters, Phase II - \$150 – Program Packets, Phase III – Up to \$3,900 – Individual club incentive of \$50/club to add a new member that reaches 5 master points within a year. Phase IV - \$2,400 – Club bonus for the highest number on new members reaching 5 master points in a year. Year-end club bonuses will be established based on the number of sanctions held by the club. The motion was approved.

VIII. Single Bracket Handicaps

David moved and Nancy seconded that handicaps be allowed in single bracket regional team games. The motion was unanimously approved. Nancy moved and David seconded that Gold Rush stratifications be 0 – 200, 201-400, and 401-750. The motion was unanimously approved.

IX. Transition to Digital Forum

Ron noted that some members are being left behind on the transition from paper to digital format but there have been only a small number of complaints about the change. Ron moved and Andy seconded that the current contract with Ken Monzingo be extended for one year at the current rate of \$3725/month until the December 2019 Forum is completed. The motion was unanimously approved.

X. Western Conference

Ron reported that our District 22 participation in Western Conference STACs was the lowest percentage among District 17, District 21 and District 22 based on membership of the districts participating in the STACs. He reported that the district is on track to receive \$15,000 from the Western Conference on STACs this year.

XI. District Director Report

David reported that there are eleven candidates for the ACBL CEO position. Joe Jones is the temporary CEO. The biggest issue for the board is that the ACBL is way behind on technology. A \$350,000 to \$400,000 software project has been abandoned. The National Board of Directors may have up to eight new directors after the current election which would be about a 30 percent change. The Bridge Tournament Committee has discontinued Senior Swiss and Wager Woman's BAM at NABCs.

XII. Tournament Scheduler Report

No report.

XIII. Goodwill Report

Diane reported that she had received nominations from five Area Representatives. She noted that she would still accept nominations.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45. **The next physical meeting of the Board is to be held in Rancho Mirage on Thursday, December 13th. Time and location TBD. A short online meeting may be held before the Ventura Regional as determined by Ron within 30 days.**

Minutes pending approval