



American Contract
Bridge League
District 22

AS AMENDED AT THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 DISTRICT 22 BOARD MEETING

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Town and Country Hotel, Room 1024, San Diego, California

Date and Time: Saturday, April 20, 2019, at 7:49 PM

Members Present:

Area 1: Deb Cameron & Diane Gunther (Secretary)

Area 2: Nancy Erickson & Linda Decquir

Area 3: Lamya Agelidis & Bill Grant (Vice President)

Area 4: Ron Lien (President) & Richard Picheny (Treasurer)

ACBL District Representative: David Lodge

Members Absent: None

Guest: Judy Elbogen presented an update on the Best Practices Teach Workshop. The next workshop will be held June 3 & 4, 2019, at the Flying Pig Regional in Cincinnati, Ohio. Elbogen recommended District 22 hold the workshop on September 1& 2, 2019 at the Costa Mesa regional. The District will consider offering this workshop.

I. Call to Order

President Lien called the meeting to order at 7:49 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2018

Erickson moved to approve the minutes of the Board meeting and Lodge seconded. The motion passed.

Erickson moved to approve of the minutes of the Election of Officers Meeting and Lodge seconded. The motion passed.

III. President's Remarks

Lien and Agelidis are looking for a new venue for San Diego regionals. The Marriott, San Diego, is under consideration and negotiations are underway. Lien suggested the District will be broke in four years if we continue on a trend of 5% loss in table count at our regionals. Picheny to work on a four or five year financial plan and will present this in Orange County.

IV. DIC Report – Gary Zeiger

Attendance is down 69 tables. Gold Rush was also down. Gary suggested we look into cost effectiveness of holding evening games.

V. Treasurer’s Report – Richard Picheny.

Picheny presented current balances of \$5904 (ACBL SD NABC account) and \$181,000 (operating account). This is the largest balance ever according to Lodge. He noted an increase of profits of \$42,000 over 2017. Picheny will send out financial statements with explanatory details of significant accounts (no documents were presented at this meeting). Erickson moved to approve the Treasurer’s report and Agelidis seconded. The motion passed.

The NAP stipends have not been paid. Picheny needed confirmation from NAP/GNT Coordinator John Kissinger about who actually attended the Memphis Nationals. Lodge said Kissinger sends out inquiry to all eligible NAP/GNT players. If the players say they are going to attend the competition, Kissinger will notify Picheny and payment should be made at that time.

Tournament budgets, per Tournament Management Handbook, should be presented 90 days prior to dates of tournaments. Bulk of non- tournament expenses is the *Forum*.

VI. Committees

NAP/GNT (Lien) Lodge is desirous of adding an additional flight from 2500 to 6000, and will use his best efforts to accomplish this change. Currently the NAP has 0-500, 501-2500, 2500+, while the GNT has 0-500, 501 – 2500, 2501- 6000, and 6000+. Lien asked D22 Board members to become more active in recruiting players to participate in these tournaments. Kissinger is going to train a new NAP/GNT coordinator but no one has yet been assigned.

Goodwill (Gunther) Amendments to the Goodwill Charter were presented. Lien moved to amend the charter as proposed and Lodge seconded. The motion passed.

MAP (Cameron) There are 21 applications for MAP. Deadline for submissions was April 15, 2019. Cameron is to write all participating clubs to ask for their new members as of January 1, 2019. Cameron will rewrite the parameters of Phase II.

DRC (Erickson) There will be a Director’s Refresher Course in Orange County. Cost of \$20 to participate in the three-hour course led by Arleen Harvey. Motion was made by Picheny to spend up to \$1000 to purchase a projector and Lodge seconded. The motion passed.

YNABC & Harvey Mudd (Erickson) D22 currently has nine youth members who are eligible to attend the YNABC in Las Vegas. (Youth = 20 years of age or under) Erickson moved, seconded by Gunther, to issue up to \$2000 (\$250 per player) to play in the YNABC in Las Vegas. Erickson moved, seconded by Lodge, to give Harvey Mudd Collegiate Bridge Club a stipend of \$750 to play in the Nationals in Las Vegas. Both motions were deferred until Lien and Lodge

determine what other funding has been given to them already. Lien said he will then issue a vote by email after receipt of this information.

Recorder (Grant) One complaint resulted in 180 day probation. A discussion took place regarding the D22 Recorder files. Lodge indicated he had some older files and further stated all complaints must go to ACBL Recorder Robb Gordon, even those that are dropped. Issue of Zero Tolerance was discussed. Many questions were raised about whether we really have a ZT policy.

Western Conference (Lien) Lien will meet with WC in Las Vegas to discuss dissolution and distribution of \$36,000. The WC will still run three STACS each year. Revenue from the STACS does not support the publication of the Forum. The WC may dissolve by September 2019. Lodge presented Pros and Cons for keeping the WC: Comments for keeping the WC – people like to see their names in “lights” after competing against many other players in a WC STAC. Comments against keeping the WC - point awards are not large and table fees are costly. Cameron would like to see overall awards at the club level. Cameron noted the Spring Fling in May interferes with Grass Roots, the premier opportunity for the district to raise funds and awareness of the GNT and NAP events. Lien will investigate allowing units to combine to run a STAC and suggested a tournament committee look into this further.

VII. NLM Regional Expenses - Ron Lien

NLM Regional had a loss of \$3572. When card tables didn't arrive on time and the start of the game had to be delayed, the players received free plays (both sessions) and free lunch. Lodge said losses should be split between the unit and D22. Others said that the unit breached the contract when it did not notify D22 Treasurer of its decisions to give free plays and lunches. Lodge moved that D22 to split the loss and Grant seconded. The motion failed. *The following language is deleted: Gunther moved that D22 give the unit \$1000 and Lien seconded. The motion passed. Questions about how we handle these losses and the future of this tournament remain unsettled; and is amended as follows:* Lien moved to correct the minutes to read that the NLM Regional had a loss of \$3,571. Pichney will submit an invoice to Unit 533 for \$2,571 limiting D22 loss to \$1,000. Pichney seconded; the motion passed.

VIII. District Director – David Lodge

Because of the late hour and pressing new business, Lodge did not present a District Director's report.

Lodge suggested the district grant free plays to clubs within areas adversely affected by the decision to hold a second regional in Costa Mesa. Lodge made a motion the district give the owners of the three affected clubs various numbers of free plays, depending on how much revenue they lose when D22 runs a regional. Motion failed for lack of a second. After much discussion, Lien said he would place this on the agenda of the September D22 Board meeting.

IX. New Business -- Deb Cameron

Cameron suggested we hold a Senior regional in Area I. Lodge said the district can hold five regional tournaments. Additionally the district could hold another tournament, but it must be a tournament exclusively for Juniors, Seniors or NLMs.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 PM. The next physical meeting of the board is to be in Costa Mesa, on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. Location is to be determined.