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## District 22

### Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

**Location:** Westin Mission Hills, Rancho Mirage, California, Building 5, Room 517

**Date & Time:** Friday December 15, 2017 6:30 PM

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** Gary Zeiger (Director in Charge), Bonnie Bagley, Maritha Pottenger, Lamy Angelidis, Jay Whipple (ACBL President Elect), Suzi Subeck, Stan Subeck, Kevin Lane (District 23), Lynn Lane, Bob Heller (ACBL President), Barbara Heller, Margot Hennings (District 6), and Nancy Erickson (Events Coordinator 2017 Palm Springs Regional & District 22 board member elect).

#### I. Call to Order

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

#### II. Introduction of Guests

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Costa Mesa in September 2017 were reviewed, corrected, and unanimously approved.

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

Bill opened discussion on the issue of pay for district tournament director coordinator. He noted that Betty Bratcher who recently resigned had volunteered for the position. Guests stated that some had volunteer and some had small stipend payments based on complexity of the job. Bill noted it was not an ACBL paid position. Kevin Lane made a comment on the issue of lending a regional to another district. Bob Heller noted that there was a loophole in the national allocation process for regionals that was being addressed. There was a general discussion on hotel contracts including guest cancellation policies. Bill presented a gift to Ken from the board for his volunteer work on the board over the past nine years. Kevin Lane commented on learn bridge in a day and help available from Sharon Biederman.

#### V. Guest Remarks

Gary Zeiger reported that through Friday afternoon the attendance at the Palm Springs Regional was 2736 tables. This is 475 1/2 tables less than last year. Estimated final count would be 3200 tables.

#### VI. Treasurer's Report

David reported that we are currently in a breakeven position this year not counting the Forum payment of \$10,000 and the Palm Springs Regional. He responded to Andy's inquiry on depreciation on the \$38,000 expended on equipment in 2013 would end this year and that there was two years remaining on the depreciation on equipment acquired in 2014.

#### VII. Secretary's Report

No report.



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### VIII. Old Business

- A. Treasurer Position – John Kissinger commented that he had spoken with Richard Picheny, who is a CPA, and that Richard would volunteer if we could not find anyone else. David commented that John Gunther would volunteer to handle the paying of bills, making deposits, and handling posting. A hybrid arrangement would be for John to handle this work and David would remain treasurer and would reconcile the bank statements. A compensation for lodging, per diem, and free plays would be provided to John for work during regionals. A motion was made and unanimously approved to move forward with discussing the position with John including the compensation if an extra night stayover is required to do Sunday's work at a regional.
- B. San Diego NABC Checking Account and CD - Bill had previous board member sign over CD. David explained that the NABC checking account is still active. Ken provided some details on costs for the NABC and reimbursements due from the ACBL, which will be negotiated.
- C. Status of Western Conference Withdrawal and Forum Publication – Ken, the Western Conference rep, said that a straw poll of conference members indicated that most members felt that a move to an electronic version of the Forum by March was doable. A meeting was held during the NABC Tournament in San Diego where there was a formalizing of moving to an electronic version of the Forum with the first electronic version in April 2018. Cost reductions will depend on the number of districts participating in the conference.
- D. By-law revision re: Elections, Area Representation, and General Status – Revision of by-laws need to be made. Suggested to form a committee to present by-law changes was made by Ron. Andy asked for a timeline for the presentation, preferably by the San Diego Regional, to be made on changes recommended by the committee. David suggested that there be single major items presented one at a time for vote by the units.
- E. District Credit Card – David reported that we had acquired a district credit card, which he estimated would generate about \$1500 per year from rewards credit.

### IX. New Business

- A. Regional Prizes, Websites, Supplies, and Flyers – Bill indicated that changes are needed since Ken will no longer be able to provide storage. Ken noted that someone will need to do flyers and he agreed to meet with David, Ron, and Bill in San Diego to provide information on how to handle this and also how to contact vendors for prizes. Debra asked if prizes are necessary. John noted that the value may be to beginners. Andy stated that photos have more value to winners. Board members approved a raise for Sergio to \$12,000 per year plus \$8 a board set effective this tournament, which was approved unanimously. Nancy requested a signed contract. Ken requested a decision from the board if he is to be the tournament chairman for Riverside with a fee of \$600.
- B. Area Elections – Election results were Ron Lien in Area IV, Andy Loh in Area III, and Nancy Erickson in Area II.
- C. San Diego and Riverside Hotel Contracts for 2020 and Beyond - Contracts needed for San Diego and Riverside 2020 and beyond.
- D. Resignation of Tournament Coordinator Betty Bratcher and Appeals Chairman Nate McCay – Bill appointed Debra as tournament coordinator. Bill received a letter of resignation from Nate McCay. David recommended that Lynn Feldman be contacted to be the appeals chairman.
- E. Riverside Meeting – Bill called for a meeting at the Riverside Regional.



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**X. Committee Reports**

1. Web Site – Ron suggested a committee chaired by Andy be assembled to discuss ideas for changes.
2. Goodwill – David asked and it was agreed that we revert back to previous method of nomination of candidates, which was by the area representatives with the consultation with unit presidents.
3. Tournament – David requested that we form a committee to provide more discussion on the schedule of tournament events. John commented that he will continue to advocate to changes that would enhance team games to match what participants want.
4. GNT/NAP - John reported that the GNT qualifying is taking place and final qualification will be in April.
5. Western Conference – See comments above.
6. Membership – Ken commented that we have not made much inroads in ideas of promoting membership.
7. Education Liaison – No report
8. New Players Affairs - Vacant
9. Charity – Ron commented that all checks had been send and asked directors to send pictures of their donation presentations.
10. Discipline - Nothing to report.
11. Appeals - Vacant.
12. Recorder – David noted that he could no longer be recorder due to his position of district national representative.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27. **The next meeting of the Board is to be held in Riverside on Friday Feb 2. Time and Location TBD.**