

## ACBL DISTRICT 22 BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

JUNE 26, 2023—5PM

### Attending:

- Lamy Agelidis
- Christine Denny
- Vicki Graves
- Ron Lien
- Nance Lodge
- David Lodge (National Board Rep)
- Paul Markovitz
- Richard Picheny
- Sam Reddy
- Frank Swanson

*Of note: Prior to the meeting, the Board voted electronically to appoint Vicki Graves to the board as a replacement for Barbara Maniscalco who had to step down from her position.*

### Agenda/Discussion:

The meeting was hosted by President Lamy Agelidis. The agenda focused on tournament decisions that needed to be made. These included:

An Online Regional addition to the 2023 Palm Springs Regional: ACBL announced an option which allows a regional to include two sessions of online pairs games for district members if those two sessions are included within the seven-day parameter of the regional. The ACBL charges are the same as for the F2F games with two exceptions: the directors are remote and BBO adds a 25% fee.

Lamy recommended that we add two sessions of online games to the PSP Regional to be played on Sunday, December 17. The tournament's only face to face games to be played that day are the NAP Finals. She suggested that the card fee be the same as at other regional games (\$18) and that publicity relative to the BBO games be done earlier the week of the BBO sessions. She also said she would see if ACBL would re-consider its 'district member only' participation rule.

Richard moved to approve the addition of these two online sessions, and this was seconded by Paul. The motion was passed. It was agreed that these online sessions would be evaluated for future use after Palm Springs.

The 2026 Palm Springs Regional/2026 NABC Conflict: The 2026 NABC will be held in San Diego and ends December 6, and the Palm Springs regional is scheduled to begin December 7. Lamy said that the last time the Fall NABC had been in San Diego the Palm Springs table count was minus 400 and volunteer burnout was a major concern.

Lamy has been in conversation with the Westin Hotel as the host site for the Palm Springs regional and cancelling the tournament is not an option (a \$124k liability). As to moving it, there was no viable option for January-March 2027, and she believed that late October 2026 would be a problem given Ventura and a lesser number of snowbirds in the desert. The Westin management had offered December 2027 under the same contract terms as a replacement date and with no penalty for 2026.

After discussion, Paul made the motion to cancel the December 2026 Palm Springs Regional and take the December 2027 terms that the Westin would agree to. Christine seconded the motion and it passed.

Approval of a Fourth Regional: Lamy recommended the Irvine Marriott as a site for a Labor Day Regional for 2024 and 2025. She reviewed the site's layout and the terms offered and compared it to the Riverside Convention Center as a second option. In addition to the favorability of the terms offered by Irvine, it was noted that Irvine in September would be a more attractive climate than Riverside at that time.

Nance moved to approve a contract for a 4<sup>th</sup> regional at the Irvine Marriott in September of 2024 & 2025. Ron seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Update on the 2024 San Diego Regional: The Marriott Mission Valley, the site of the 2023 San Diego Regional, is not a viable option for 2024 given significant increases in costs and staff turnover. Lamy reported that she and Christine had reached out to fifty other hotels and only five possibilities remain. At this time, the Marriott Del Mar and possibly the Sheraton Harbor are the best options.

After a review of the terms offered, board members concurred with the conclusions of Lamy and Christine to date and voiced confidence in whatever venue decision they made.

Ventura Contract: Lamy said the Ventura Beach Marriott had reached out asking her to sign the contract for the 2024 regional there. The room rate had changed from \$155 to \$175 but in other aspects it is the same. There was no disagreement with her plan to sign it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Vicki Graves, Secretary