

# **District Twenty-Two Organization of Bridge Units, Inc.**

## **Palm Springs Minutes**

### **District Twenty Two Board of Directors Meeting**

Friday, December 16, 2011

Westin Hotel

Rancho Mirage, CA

Presiding: 2011 District President Jon Wright

Representatives:

Area I: Teri Atkinson, Warren Cederborg

Area II: Patrick Page, David Lodge

Area III: Jon Wright, Bill Grant

Area IV: Fran Schwartz, John Kissinger

National Representative: Ken Monzingo

Guests: Robert Hartman-New ACBL CEO

Jay Baum-Outgoing ACBL CEO

Sharon Anderson-New ACBL President

Craig Robinson-Outgoing ACBL President

Roberta Grubb-Palm Springs Regional Tournament Manager

Ilene Grabel-Palm Springs Regional Co-tournament Manager

Andrew Loh-Newly elected member to the District 22 Board of Directors; Area III Representative

Bonnie Bagley-District 17 National Representative. Western Conference Board STAC Coordinator

Bob Heller-National Representative-District 7, Mid-Atlantic Conference

Tom Shulman- Las Vegas Tournament Manager, Western Conference Treasurer

Mathew Kidd-Software Professional; ACBL Merge presenter

Prior to the official start of the meeting, a presentation was made by Mathew Kidd regarding the specialized software that he has been involved with called "ACBL Merge". Matt gave a comprehensive presentation including the features of the software and went

into many of the technical aspects of the software creation and how it could be adapted and further enhanced and used by others, including the ACBL.

Note: Presentations by Ken and certain other pertinent discussion took place before the official Call to Order. These are included in the body of the minutes as if they had taken place during the meeting.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Approval of Orange County Minutes

**II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Recorder-Warren agreed to accept the responsibility at the meeting in Orange County. The position is not well understood and many within the district are not aware of its existence or its function. It was agreed to put an article in the Forum to explain. The article should also include information on the appeal process. Jon noted that in addition to the Recorder, we have a Disciplinary Chairman-John Brissman, and an Appellate Chairman-Nate McKay
- B. It was discussed and agreed that Bill, in his role as Tournament Committee Chairperson, would take over management of issues relating to the provision of supplies needed at tournaments (e.g. tables, chairs, pencils, new cards, etc.)
- C. Web site:
  - 1. Job descriptions are now available
  - 2. There will be a public section and a private section (password protected). The private site will contain sensitive documents such as contract with individual hotels, etc)
  - 3. Jon made a suggestion that we choose a librarian to continue to provide content to update site so that as people within the board change, there is a repository of information as to how certain issues were determined
  - 4. Jon agreed that he will continue to stay aboard as the web coordinator

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- A. Net Worth-as of 12/14 we had approximately \$70,000 in the bank and expected to deposit \$50,000 from the proceeds of 12/15 and 12/16. This does not count proceeds from Saturday or Sunday. However, it also does not include the deductions for the expenses related to the sanction fees and directors' costs. In addition to the above there is a separate account containing approximately \$100,000 which is nominally earmarked as the "National Account". This balance has remained static for some time and can be used at our discretion, e.g. to augment hospitality costs.

- B. Patrick presented a chart showing actual vs. budgeted costs for the regionals to date. He also presented a document indicating what, in his opinion, were the main causes of some of the cost overruns.
- C. Patrick presented detail Profit and Loss statements for the Orange County and Ventura regionals. Patrick indicated that one of his main goals is to revise the chart of accounts so that the categories presented on the are aligned with the categories as shown on our budgets.
- D. Patrick moved that the mileage allowance reimbursed to the Board of Director members be raised from the current \$.40 per mile to \$.55 ½ per mile effective immediately. Motion Approved.
- E. Patrick presented Tournament budget for 2012. Budget approved. However, it was noted that we have no budget for the general operating expense of the District, such as the reimbursements to the individual Directors when they attend a meeting at the Regional. Patrick agreed to present at next meeting.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

No Activity

#### **V. SECRETARY REPORT**

David advised that Andrew Loh had won the seat for the vacancy in Area III.

#### **VI. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. The Regional at Sea contract has been executed. The Western Conference will not make any money related to this event.
- B. STAC Week during the summer had 8700 participants. This was down over previous years due to elimination of 3 districts which had scheduling conflicts.

#### **VII. AREA REPRESENTATIVES ISSUES**

##### **A. John Kissinger-GNT/NAP**

1. He is beginning to receive money from entrance fees for the GNT finals. 2011 participation was down significantly, especially in flight B which went from 19 to 12 tables.
2. David reported on the GNT, NAP meeting at the Seattle National. An adhoc group assembled to discuss declining all GNT/NAP issues with an emphasis on promoting the "grass roots" nature of the events as a way of encouraging growth in our organization. The meeting was attended by both Robert Hartman and Sharon Anderson as well as approximately 25 GNT/NAP coordinators from around the country. Many suggestions were made. The result of the meeting was that an advisory board was assembled to work with Anderson to come up with a comprehensive list of issues and suggested solutions. One issue that had unanimous support was that the flying for both the GNT and the NAP be consistent.
3. Teri informed us that the Western Conference will be giving some of their profits to the district. She suggested that said money be given to

GNT participants to augment their costs of attending the finals. Her suggestion was tabled until Riverside.

4. John agreed to create proposal as to the distribution of reimbursement monies to NAP participants

- B. Bill Grant reviewed Mathew Kidd's presentation. It was acknowledged that gathering and posting the information on a day by day basis at the regionals required significant hours and could only be performed early in the a.m. after all the previous day's results could be forwarded by the tournament director. It was agreed that we should request that Kidd continue with this effort.

#### VIII. **TOURNAMENT REPORT**

Gary Ziegler reported that as of that evening, we had 3447 tables and that he was projecting between 3700 and 3800 tables with the target being 3860. The ultimate count exceeded 3900 making the Palm Springs Regional the second largest in the country.

#### IX. **OLD BUSINESS**-not discussed

- X. **NEW BUSINESS**- Warren was elected as the new president of the Board (after the adjournment of this meeting, Warren reconvened a meeting of the new board at which it was determined that the other existing officers would continue to serve in their present capacity)

#### XI. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting Riverside, Marriott Hotel, February 2, 2012.