

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

## **Riverside Minutes**

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

Friday, February 3, 2012

Marriott Hotel

Riverside, CA

Presiding: 2012 President, Warren Cederborg

Representatives:

Area I: Teri Atkinson, Warren Cederborg

Area II: Patrick Page, David Lodge

Area III: Andrew Loh, Bill Grant

Area IV: Fran Schwartz, John Kissinger

National Representative: Ken Monzingo

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

Peter Benjamin-District 23 Tournament Committee Chairperson

Nancy Boyd-Director in Charge, 2012 Riverside Regional

Note: Presentations by Ken and certain other pertinent discussions 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 Palm Springs minutes. Minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A. Relationships with District 22 members and nearby districts are endeavors which Cederborg wants to promote. He emphasized the need for the District Board of Directors to be more visible.

- a. Go to more Sectionals. Wear name tags. Introduce yourself and let the member know that you are a member of the District BOD and ask them if they have any issues or questions.
  - b. Encourage dialogue with other Districts board members regarding common issues, what tournament initiatives have been successful and whether there are opportunities for synergy.
  - c. Periodically invite members of adjoining boards to our board meetings.
- B. Goodwill-it was decided that every Saturday at all District 22 regional tournaments would be designated as Goodwill Day. This will include articles in the monthly Forum newspaper, articles in the daily bulletins, recognition of persons fostering goodwill, prizes including, but not limited to, some free plays.
  - C. Recorder, Disciplinary Chairman, Appellate Chairman-these positions are held by Warren Cederborg, John Brissman and Nate Mckay respectively. Members should be encouraged to understand their rights and the resources at their disposal in the event of issues that arise such as one's desire to have rude behavior addressed.
  - D. Fran has agreed to act as Parliamentarian for our District Board meetings. Andrew has agreed to act as Librarian.
  - E. The website is up. There are still some modifications. Board members should encourage District members to visit site and comment.

### III. TREASURER REPORT

- A. As of January 28<sup>th</sup>, the District had \$145,289 on hand.
- B. Details of the Palm Springs regional were presented and showed a loss of \$6,947. See details on website.

### IV. SECRETARY REPORT

The terms of Cederborg, Area I representative and Kissinger, Area IV Representative will expire at the end of 2012. The election process will start near the beginning of July with the notification to all unit presidents.

### V. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bonnie Bagley, Western STAC coordinator)

- A. The Regional at Sea has received 60 bookings to date. Present speculation is that approximately 160 people will participate.
- B. Bagley presented a detailed analysis of the year by year participation in The Great Western STAC Weeks. Her presentation is attached. The main use of the profits from this endeavor is the production of the monthly Forum newspaper. Many districts in the country can no longer afford to produce a paper.
- C. Strength of Field-there is an initiative at the National Board of Governors to modify the number of master points awarded at pairs events at tournaments. The details of the proposal are not clear but the central theme is that the number of points awarded would no longer be based

strictly on the number of tables; the award would go up or down based on some undefined measure of the strength of those competing in the field. It is thought that this will benefit the players with greater amounts of points and be a detriment to those with fewer. Monzingo and Bagley are among the group of Governors who oppose this endeavor. The proposal does have several supporters and it is unclear at this time whether this will be adopted. In the ensuing discussion it was noted that an individual Tournament Manager has the authority to set the limits for competitions-it is not up to the Director(s). A suggestion was made that the A/AX pairs (those into which the open pairs are grouped when there is a Gold Rush Pair event in progress) be divided into 3 groups rather than two. Monzingo will investigate as to whether this is allowable.

- D. Monzingo is on several committees of the National Board including "Conditions of Contest" and "Codification". He also serves as scribe.
- E. Bagley informed us that there is a National Charitable Foundation which has significant funds to grant. However, the number of requests is very small. The funds are available to any organization which has IRS status as a charitable foundation. Bagley will provide us with grant request forms.

## VI. **AREA REPRESENTATIVES ISSUES**

### A. John Kissinger-GNT/NAP

1. There were only enough entrants for the C flight of the NAP at Palm Springs to occupy 5 tables. John believes this very poor showing for this flight is an issue based mostly on the required distance. Alternative times and venues are being sought. In the meantime, board members will actively market the event to the C level players in their areas to determine if we can increase awareness and consequently attendance. At the same time we will survey these players to see if their lack of participation is based on the distance issue or some other factor.

2. The ACBL is trying to revitalize the GNTs and the NAPs. Sharon Anderson, the president of the ACBL has made it a major point of her personal agenda to spearhead a movement aimed at increasing participation, ultimately leading to more members and greater tournament attendance. An ad hoc committee of GNT/NAP coordinators met in Seattle. They will meet again in Memphis to continue working on a cohesive set of recommendations to revise the current contests.

### B. Bill Grant-Tournament Chairman

1. Andrew Loh has agreed to assist Grant in managing the contracts and personnel that cover the provision of supplies (tables, etc) to our regionals.

2. Palm Springs-we have secured a contract with the Westin Hotel covering our dates through 2019. Mick Riccio has been named as the new Tournament Chairman. David Lodge will act as Co-Tournament Chairman.

3. San Diego advance reservations are down about 10% from last year. However, 2011 was up by over 30% from 2010.

4. Our agreement with our supplier of cards calls for there to be 50 new decks at each tournament. There were only 10 provided at Palm Springs. Grant will resolve with provider.

C. Teri Atkinson-Education

Teri has been able to implement a school bridge program for several students between 15 and 18 at a local charter school in her community. She has been trying for several years to get educational programs started and has met with roadblocks at every turn. What is unique about this program is that the students are receiving credit. While still in its infancy, Teri is very excited about the success to date.

D. Fran Schwartz reported that a gentleman in her area has been working with University of California, Irvine, to implement a bridge training program under the auspices of UCI's Brain Institute. This gentleman is not seeking funds but is asking for the ACBL's support by getting an endorsement and displaying the District 22 logo in their printed material advertising the workshops. This request was approved.

VII. VI. **TOURNAMENT REPORT-RIVERSIDE**-Presented by Nancy Boyd, Acting Director in Charge

A. Table count was down in beginning of week but had rebounded by Friday and was 40 tables ahead of Friday, a year ago.

B. Nancy was advised that whatever formula is used to determine the quantity of preprinted hand records needs to be changed. This was due to the fact that the quantity preprinted was insufficient and someone had to go to outside copying service. This has been occurring at several recent tournaments.

C. There was a complaint about the long lines for sales of entries. Nancy explained the logistics and said it is a matter of staffing. She said they will investigate the possibility of commencing sales at an earlier time than at previous tournaments. A suggestion was made that local pros who know the entrants should assist with seeding to expedite the process. Nancy will consider.

D. The board advised Nancy that its members had received complaints about the behavior of directors. Those directors were described as being rude, unfriendly and short tempered as they dealt primarily with the need to keep pair games going. Nancy explained that as the Director in Charge, it was her responsibility to confront and counsel the offending directors. Continued unacceptable behavior has to be dealt with by the field supervisor; there are 6 such people spread around the country. Betty Bratcher is the field supervisor for our area. The Board agreed that we should create a form to be filled out by any member who thought they were treated inappropriately.

E. The convention center will be undergoing renovation in 2013 when this tournament is normally held. Several members of the board have volunteered to investigate alternative venues for just next year. If a

suitable venue can be found, the tournament will move for one year only. Alternatively, the tournament will recommence in 2014.

F. Preliminarily, the tournament generated net profits. The details will be posted on the District website when the results are finalized.

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**-not discussed

IX. **NEW BUSINESS**- Contained in presentations above

X. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting San Diego, Town and Country Motel, April 6, 2012