

District Twenty-Two Organization of Bridge Units, Inc.

Orange County Minutes

District Twenty Two Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, September 7, 2012

Hyatt Hotel

Irvine, 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: Roger & Rebecca Clough, District 23 representatives
Mick Riccio and Nancy Erickson, manager and co-manager of
2012 Palm Springs regional
Bonnie Bagley-Western Conference representative
John Jonas-assistant manger, Orange County regional 2012
Philippe Lamoise-Bridge Results software creator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Approval of San Diego minutes. Minutes were approved as corrected.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. At the board meeting in San Diego, President Cederborg had presented his view that the health of our neighboring District 23 was important to the continued welfare of our district. In that regard, he was invited to visit a recent board meeting of District 23. Continuing the effort towards inter-district relations, Rebecca Clough and Roger Clough, President and Treasurer of District 23 respectively, were guests at our meeting.

Rebecca (Becky) laid out the new schedule for District 23's next regionals, Torrance in October, 2012, Woodland Hills in February, 2013 and Long Beach in July, 2013. She asked that we make effort to have our member's attend their events.

Becky also requested that the District 23 tournaments be listed in the Forum calendar of upcoming events. The Board was informed that the three Districts which form the Great Western Conference, 17, 21 and 22, are the only ones that can have their tournaments listed in the Forum. There is a significant annual financial commitment required to belong to the conference and as of now District 23 is not a member.

- B. Tournament Directors behavior-the Board continued its discussion about its concern about the negative behavior of some of the tournament directors. Tournament Director in Charge, Nancy Boyd, acknowledged that there was no reporting form to record complaints. She also acknowledged that currently, the ACBL has two vacancies for supervising director including one that would cover District 22. That person is responsible for performance reviews, training and discipline, Boyd strongly encouraged all complaints to be immediately brought to the attention of the DIC and if the DIC is not available, to a District board member.

III. **TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Page presented preliminary results from the San Diego Regional.

IV. **SECRETARY REPORT**

Secretary Lodge presented the minutes from the San Diego meeting in April. The minutes were approved as submitted.

District Board Elections: the terms of Warren Cederborg, Area I Representative and John Kissinger, Area IV Representative will expire at the end of 2012. The election process has begun. Unit presidents have been notified via email by Lodge. Lodge has received notification that both incumbents intend to run again. Lodge has also received an additional nomination from each of the two areas. Lodge reviewed the election process:

- A. Nominations take place during the month of September. Any member in good standing may be nominated. No member of a unit may be nominated if that unit (Bakersfield-514, Saddleback-525) currently has a member who is a representative to the Board of Directors and whose term does not expire at the end of 2102.
- B. The representatives are elected for a three year term. They are elected by the members of the Boards of Directors of the units within the respective areas. The votes are weighted based on the number of members within a unit; units with larger memberships have a greater impact than those with smaller memberships. The ballots will be sent to the unit presidents in Early October. They must be returned to Lodge by the end of November. The results will be tabulated and certified by the Board at its meeting at

the Palm Springs regional

- V. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (including reports from Bagley re Western Conference)**
- A. An initiative called the "Strength Of Field" has been under discussion at the national level for over a year. A plan was offered for the consideration by the National Board of Directors whereby the method to determine the awarding of masterpoints would change from its current method (based on number of tables) to a method which modified the award by taking into account the strength (relative number of masterpoints owned by the event participants) of the field. There was significant concern on the part of the Board that the new method would unfairly favor some portion of the ACBL members. The Board decided to test the concept for much of 2012. The results from several events were "scored" using the proposed new method. At the Board's meeting, the results of those tests revealed that there was little, if any, advantage to the Strength Of Field method, and therefore, the Board elected to reject the plan..
 - B. A motion was passed to prohibit directors who are playing in a STAC event from participating in the overall awards. The directors can still win points at the individual session. Even at clubs where outsiders assemble the boards, the directors are still required to adjudicate director calls at their games, and are therefore deemed to have an unfair advantage.
 - C. Bagley informed us of a new fund has been created, the "Grass Roots Fund", the purpose of which is to accumulate money to be routed back to the districts to allow them to support grass roots efforts. The Grand National Teams and the North American Pairs are considered Grass Root activities. December has been designated as Grass Roots Month. Clubs may conduct as many of the "special games" as they see fit during December. This will start in 2012. However, due to the conflict with Palm Springs, the month will be moved to January in 2014. There will be an upcharge of \$1.00 per person at the special games, but like all special games, the master point awards will be higher. Individual games at Sectionals can also be designated at Grass Root Fund Games.
 - D. District 22 will be hosting the Fall NABC in San Diego in late November, early December in 2017. The District has already earmarked certain funds that it intends to spend to augment what is provided by the ACBL. Bagley reminded us that we can hold games supporting national tournaments to be held within our districts for 3 years preceding the event. A district can designate one week within each year to hold these special games. It does not have to be the same week every year, but once the week is selected, it is selected on a district wide basis and any games supporting the Nationals must be held that week.
 - E. Bagley presented the most recent information on STAC participation (see attached).

VI. ORANGE COUNTY TOURNAMENT-Director in Charge, Nancy Boyd

As of 5pm on Friday, September 7, the number of tables was up 42 tables over last year. She suggested that we consider having a compact KO on Friday. She reported that the effort to add a Gold Rush day on Thursday seems to have been well received and successful.

VII. AREA REPRESENTATIVES ISSUES

A. John Kissinger-North American Pairs (NAP) and Grand National Teams (GNT) Coordinator

1. The NAP, held in Palm Springs in recent years, was moved to Orange County for 2012. It will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2012. (subsequent to the board meeting it was determined that the attendance was up in excess of 30% with 18 of the 27 pairs winning masterpoints).
2. The ACBL provides a stipend of \$700 to each winning pair member and \$300 to each second place pair member in all three brackets A, B and C. This stipend is intended to encourage them to attend the National Tournament where the finals will be held. Kissinger presented a motion to subsidize the ACBL amount by adding \$200 for each 2nd place member and \$300 for each 3rd place member. This will cost the district \$3000 per year (there are 6 2nd place and 6 3rd place finishers in the 3 brackets). The motion passed unanimously.
3. There is no good structure to record who has qualified for the NAP. The ACBL can only provide that information if someone earned any portion of a master point at a qualifying game, Inasmuch as there are some situations in which no points are awarded (cancelled games due to insufficient number of tables) the people who wanted to play still qualify. The Ad Hoc committee of GNT and NAP coordinators has suggested to the ACBL that they add .01 points to any qualifier in order to create a record of who has qualified. This suggestion was rejected.

B. Bill Grant-Tournament Committee Chairman

1. Grant is now receiving tournament budgets well in advance.
2. Grant was informed by the ACBL that the ratio of tournament directors to tables should be 1 to 18/20 at regionals and 1 to 15/18 at sectionals. He reported that we are a little over 1 to 18 at our last several regionals.
3. Grant suggested that we insert articles into the Forum dealing with playing procedures including, but not limited to, psyches, claims and director calls.
4. Loh has taken over interactions with Ken Dischner, the District's contracted supplier of tables, chairs, etc.
5. Status seeking communications with the Riverside Convention Center revealed that the construction has been delayed and that the renovation will not be complete in time to hold our Riverside tournament. The

- Board has started looking for alternative venues.
6. Speakers at tournaments are encouraged to provide written hand out material to accompany their presentations. The District will encourage the use of modern overhead projectors by the presenters (the District currently owns a projector and it will be determined if it is state of the art and effective; if not the District will acquire a new projector).
 7. Mick Riccio reviewed his plans for the Palm Springs regional.
 - a. Beautify lobby including a mural backdrop for photographs
 - b. 32 volunteers have already been chosen; they will meet, greet and direct guests to various venues
 - c. A four session Saturday/Sunday Swiss will be introduced with only those teams qualifying on Saturday going on to Sunday
 - d. A bracketed Swiss will be held on Sunday
 - e. Screens will be used for the semi-finals and finals of bracket 1 Kos and for the finals of bracket 2
 8. Philippe Lamoise is the creator of a software product that allows the results of pairs events to be viewed online within hours of the end of the day on which the event was held. He briefly reviewed the capability of the program. Grant and Loh will work with Lamoise to determine costs, determine who and how the data gets loaded and will advise if they think it is feasible to test the program in Palm Springs.

IX. Adjournment

Next meeting November 2, 2012, Ventura Beach Marriott Hotel