

District Twenty-Two

Organization of Bridge Units, Inc.

Palm Springs Minutes

Revision 1

District Twenty Two Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, December 14, 2012
Westin Hotel
Rancho Mirage, 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: Sharon Anderson, President, ACBL 2012, and her husband, Roger; former ACBL CEO Jay Baum and his wife, Kathy; District 7 Director, Bob Heller and his wife, Barbara (newly elected president of the ACBL Education Foundation); District 15 Director, Phyllis Harlan and her husband, Bill; District 17 Director, Bonnie Bagley; ACBL Counsel, Peter Rank; Palm Springs Regional tournament manager and co-manager respectively, Mick Riccio and Nancy Erikson

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
The minutes of the Ventura Regional meeting were approved as corrected.
- II. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**-Cederborg had many of the assembled guests make remarks as part of his portion of the meeting.
 - A. Peter Rank-ACBL General Counsel;

1. There is currently only one law suit pending; a slip and fall. A motion has been made to dismiss the lawsuit and the league has been absolved of any financial responsibility.
 2. Ethics issues handled by the ACBL are only those which are alleged to have occurred at tournaments. The league does not get involved with club issues. Ethic complaints can be taken at the unit or district level. There is also a national committee which can file a complaint.
- B. Barbara Heller-President of the ACBL Education Foundation urged those present to look for worthy educational causes to which funds can be granted.
- C. Sharon Anderson-President ACBL 2012;
1. While the league continues to work on GNT/NAP issues and the ad hoc committee still exists, no concrete changes have yet been adopted.
 2. The league has adopted a new event at its 2013 Spring NABC tournament in St. Louis, a 10K Swiss Teams, limited to those players with less than 10,000 masterpoints. The league is considering two other such events for the Summer NABC, a 10K Pairs and a 10K Mixed Swiss Teams.
 3. A discussion ensued about the masterpoint strata requirements for events now that there are new rules concerning the requirements for Life Master status. Sharon reported that this is a major continuing topic of discussion with the league but that at this time there are no changes pending. She advised us that a committee exists which conducts a comprehensive review of this issue every five years.
 4. The ACBL will devote a single day, June 21, 2013, to a special program to be run in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association.
- D. Bonnie Bagley-District 17 Director and Great Western STAC coordinator;
1. Bill Michael is the Director in Charge of the STAC weeks. The table count for this year was down approximately 200 tables from the previous year. Teri Atkinson will issue a report on the revenue from the STAC games.
 2. Bonnie reminded us that any IRS compliant charity could be considered for receiving a grant from the Foundation as long as it is not bridge related.
 3. Bonnie briefly reviewed a presentation given by Nicholas Hammond re: ACBL Score+. She also informed us of a new application called "tourney trax". TourneyTRAX seeks to unify and expand the functionality of multiple systems to manage ACBL tournaments including AS/400, the Tournament Operations Database (MS Access), ACBL Score and the ACBL website. By combining and improving captured information TourneyTRAX will provide the most detailed portrait of ACBL tournaments in the history of the League and allow management to improve their operations.

- E. Cederborg presented a letter by Gary Moore of Ventura who wanted to know why there was such limited information in the *Forum* regarding the 299ers. It was acknowledged that while there is a limited space available in the publication, the publisher should find a section which might be devoted to 299er information such as a running total of masterpoints awarded throughout the year. A suggestion followed that the Board might consider establishing a board position devoted to being the I/N liaison. The responsibilities would include fostering members to play at our regionals, insuring that those attending tournaments knew where to turn for assistance, etc. Patrick Page volunteered for the position.

III. **TREASURER'S REPORT-Patrick Page**

- A. The balance in the tournament account is \$94,000.
- B. A preliminary report for the Ventura Regional was presented showing a loss of (8,300). A "final" report for Irvine was presented.
- C. It was agreed that in the future, such reports would be created by the treasurer, but sent to the tournament manager for review prior to presentation to the board. By the time of the presentation to the board, all significant variances between the actual results and the budget will have been investigated and the reasons will be part of the presentation.
- D. It was noted that one of the largest variances is the number of directors per table. The ACBL can mandate which of their directors is to be used. This drives up costs and is out of the control of the tournament manager.
- E. The Director course held at Irvine resulted in a loss of \$2,000.

IV. **SECRETARY'S REPORT-David Lodge**

Election results for area representatives to the District 22 Board of Directors; the only valid election was for the opening in Area I caused by the expiration of the term of Warren Cederborg. All of the units with Area I except one were timely in their return of the executed ballots to Lodge. Cederborg was elected to a new three year term from 2013 through 2015.

V. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT –Ken Monzingo**

- A. A review of the national elections held at the NABC in San Francisco was presented. Donald Mamula from District 19 was elected in a close race with Bill Cook from District 10 for the 2013 ACBL presidency. Richard Anderson from District 18 defeated Chris Compton from District 16 for the Chairman of the Board of Governors.
- B. Ken reviewed the actions of the National Board regarding the new 10,000 or less masterpoints events at the NABCs. While one such event was approved, one was voted down and two were tabled.

VI. Palm Springs-Director in Charge, Gary Zeiger

- A. Mick Riccio, tournament manager, presented a detailed day-by-day report showing the actual food, beverage and audio/visual costs incurred as well as the budgeted costs. The report showed that the estimated overall costs for the tournament for food and beverage and audio visual will be \$44,948. The same bundle of costs for the tournament in 2011 was \$76,537.
- B. Zeiger reported that as of the end of today, not counting this evening's tables, the overall count is down 10 tables. The Gold Rush Pairs are down today, but this year we had one more day of Gold Rush Pairs than we did last year, possibly accounting for the shortfall in any one day's participation. (The final table count of 3,963 was 37 more than in 2011, a new Palm Springs record).

VII. AREA REPRESENTATIVES ISSUES

- A. Andrew Loh-Financial Modernization Committee; the committee met in Ventura. An additional signature was added to our bank account. All invoices in excess of \$2,000 now require the approval of both signatories prior to payment. The treasurer will report within 30 days of the end of a tournament. As previously indicated, the reports will initially be provided to the tournament manager before presentation to the board. An accountant has been engaged to complete and file the tax returns for 2010 and 2011.
- B. Bill Grant-Tournament Committee Chairman
 - 1. The Riverside tournament will be held on June 9 through 14, 2014, at the convention center. The tournament will move to its original dates in 2015.
 - 2. Certain issues continue with the individual with whom we contract to provide supplies (bidding boxes, tables, pencils, table markers, etc.) at our regional tournaments. Bill, Andrew and Ken are in discussions with the provider to better define roles and responsibilities. We will expect an update prior to our meeting in San Diego.
 - 3. Philippe Lamoise was paid to establish the on line reporting for the Palm Springs Regional. He advised Ken and Bill that traffic on his site is up significantly during the tournament. There was an acknowledgement that the participation by the tournament director(s) in providing information to be downloaded was lacking. Ken suggested that his employee, Sergio, was competent and cost effective to provide some of the labor required for this endeavor.
- C. John Kissinger-GNT/NAP Coordinator reminded us that the GNTs are now underway and encouraged all of the board members to demonstrate our commitment by forming or playing on a team.
- D. Lodge and Loh to meet with tournament directors, Gary Zeiger and

Nancy Boyd to discuss Director Incident Report. Assuming they haven't any objections, the report will be edited for final publication.

VIII. Elections of District officers for 2013

President-Andrew Loh
Vice President-Teri Atkinson
Treasurer-Patrick Page
Secretary-David Lodge

IX. **Adjournment**

Next meeting –San Diego, Town and Country, March 29, 2013