

ACBL District 22 Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Orange County Regional: September 2 to 8, 2013

Meeting Date: 6:30 PM Friday, September 6, 2013

Location: Hyatt Regency, Irvine, CA

Presiding: 2013 D22 President Andrew Loh, Area III (858-401-0578– andrewloh@aol.com).

Representatives: Area I: Teri Atkinson & Warren Cederborg; Area II: David Lodge & Patrick Page; Area III: Bill Grant & Andrew Loh; Area IV: John Kissinger & Fran Schwartz.

National Board Representative: Ken Monzingo.

Guests: ACBL League Counsel Peter Rank; Pacific Southwest tournament Manager Tom Schulman and co-chairman Barbara Dunkley, Director-in-charge Nancy Boyd

I. CALL TO ORDER: Loh

Review and Approval of Minutes from San Diego – The Minutes were approved without discussion.

Agenda items by Guests

OC Regional status report – Tom Shulman, Nancy Boyd – Tom Shulman reported that attendance for days 1-2 was up, but the expected downturn from the Jewish holiday did occur and we are down about 84 tables so far.

Nancy Boyd confirmed the impact of the Jewish holiday and reported that the tournament was going smoothly with no major problems. Evening session attendance has been light and it was suggested that we consider dropping this session.

Caddy responsibilities – Patrick Page introduced Terry Cox who described his standards and management policies as a Caddy Master. He emphasized the importance of the caddies appearance, detailed training and keeping the caddies busy. David Lodge commented that Board members who have not seen Terry's methods in practice would gain a fuller appreciation when they see them in Palm Springs. Andy commented that maybe we should Director Standards based on Terry's example.

Legal issues – Peter Rank reported that the disciplinary action against Steve Goldstein had been appealed and upheld. He also described active discussions but no decisions yet on the subjects of Protection of "Children" and Entrepreneurial clubs.

Proposal for D22 Board Meeting in Ventura, Fri. Nov. 1 – Andy Loh's proposal was approved.

Proposal for Bridge Supplies – Bill Grant reported that the committee working on the problems in this area had reached general agreement. He pointed out that our current methods are both unsatisfactory and more costly than necessary. Bill moved that we stop renting supplies from Dischner, buy our own supplies and hire someone (Sergio) to manage them. Estimated startup cost is \$30-40K, with a payback period of 3-4 years. The motion was approved unanimously.

Active Election – D22 Board, Western Conference – Patrick Page reported that the process of electing Board members has started and is on schedule in the Nominating period which expires October 1. Up for e-election are Directors Atkinson, Page and Grant. Also we cleaned up the records of Unit presidents and published an election article in the Bridge Forum. Page also pointed out that election of a D22 representative to the Western Conference is done by the D22 Board. Teri Atkinson was nominated and re-elected.

NAP/GNT – Rules of eligibility/disqualifications, Decision making - John Kissinger reported that our teams did very well. Team A won overall. Team B got to the semifinal. Team C survived round 1.

Scholarship Fund – Fran Schwartz reminded us to run Charity Games to support the Gayle Andrews Scholarship Fund.

Transfer Request – Alvin Fogel, Calabasas, CA Unit 532, D22; Tom Shulman, Las Vegas, D22 – both approved pending ACBL authorization.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT: Lodge

San Diego P/L, D22 P/L for 2012, D22 2013 P/L plan, tax filing status, audit – David reported a forecast a minor loss or break-even for the year compared to a profit of \$23k. The reported cash balance of about \$200,000 as of January 1, 2013 was actually about \$215,000; however, at that date we also had \$50,000 of 2012 accounts payable so our reserves for 2013 then were actually about \$165,000. He also expressed concern about a bank account name that suggests the funds are dedicated to a special purpose. He would like to change the name to a Reserve Account. Another concern is \$100k in CDs that yield virtually zero return. David would like to receive alternative investment suggestions. He also reminded us that the Treasurer needs the tournament budgets to compare with actual spending.

III. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Monzingo.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Tournament Committee: Bill Grant

B. GNT/NAOP's: Kissinger

C. *Contract Bridge Forum* Coordinator: Joel Hoersch

D. Western Conference: Atkinson.

F. Education, Membership & Club Relations: Atkinson.

G. Unit Relations: Cederborg.

H. Internet/Website: Wright

I. STAC Coordinator: Bill Michael

J. Newer Players Affairs: Atkinson.

K. Parliamentarian: Schwartz

L. Charity: Cederborg

M. Disciplinary Chair: Jon Brissman, resignation, recommendations

N. Appellate Chair: Nate McCay

O. Recorder Chair: Cederborg.

P. Appeals Chair: Cederborg.

Q. Goodwill Chair: Cederborg Recommendations

R. Inter-district relations: Cederborg.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

Next meeting – Ventura Regional, Friday, Nov 1, 2013