



American Contract
Bridge League

District 22

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Think Tank Room, Hotel Irvine, 17900 Jamboree Road, Irvine CA 92614

Date & Time: Thursday, September 10th 2015, 6:30 PM

Members Present: Teri Atkinson & Warren Cederborg (Area I), David Lodge & Mo Anvari (Area II), Bill Grant & Andrew Loh (Area III), Ron Lien & John Kissinger (Area IV), Ken Monzingo (National Board Representative)

Members Absent: -

Guests Lesley Davis (Disciplinary Chair), Maritha Pottenger (I/N Coordinator), Tom Shulman (Tournament Manager), Bonnie Bagley (District 14 Director), Nance Lodge (President Unit 533), Barbara Dunkley (Tournament Co-Chair)

I. Call to Order

President Lodge called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

II. Introduction of Guests

Guests present introduced themselves.

III. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held in San Diego on April 2nd 2015 were approved.

IV. President's Remarks

Presidents of Unit in Area IV met with the President on Tuesday. The importance of communication was highlighted.

The District cooperated with Unit 533 to subsidize costs of sending 6 young bridge players to the NABC in Chicago.

The District will sponsor a non-life-master Regional in Palm Springs, January 21-24 2016.

V. Remarks by Guests

Bonnie Bagley reported that the STAC table count is up partially because District 14 has allowed their clubs to participate. She provided information about the Denver NABC and talked about how to apply for charity grants.

Tom Schulman reported that the table count in Irvine is slightly higher than last year, there is a new bookseller at the event, the parking situation is good, and the hotel is very cooperative.

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Lesley Davis reported that the language of the disciplinary code has been clarified and confidentiality provisions about the workings of the Ethical Oversight Committee of which she is a member are now in place.

Maritha Pottenger reported that 75-80 people appeared for lessons on the first day of the tournament.

Nance Lodge talked about the genesis of the NLM Regional in Palm Springs in January 2016 and stated that they hope to have 300+ tables. This is a District 22 event and will be marketed as such.

VI. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer talked about the financial situation of the District the reports about which have been sent to Members. The results are similar to last year's.

VII. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that the term of office of Warren Cederborg (Area I) and John Kissinger (Area IV) end on December 31st 2015. A Call for Nominations has been placed in the Forum and a letter to the same effect has been sent to all Unit presidents. The deadline for receipt of nominations is October 1st 2015.

VIII. Old Business

- Strategic Plan - No Report
- Support for Units to Grow Membership: The District has offered to support programs by Units to expand membership - hopefully programs that are replicable. The President has informed the Units about this. A committee consisting of Andrew Loh, Bill Grant, and Ron Lien was formed to help with this. They will meet to discuss and will report at the forthcoming Ventura Regional
- Publicizing Special Games: Ron Lien reported that he has completed the project and a schedule has been placed on the website. Unit presidents will be informed about this. The Board approved a motion of thanks to Ron Lien for his great work.

IX. New Business

- Term Limits: The Board discussed the desirability of instituting term limits for Board Members as outlined in the President's memorandum dated September 5th 2015. Much discussion ensued. It was moved (Ron Lien) and seconded (Andy Loh) that no one can serve more than

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three (3) consecutive terms on the Board. The motion was passed by a vote of 6 to 2.

Clarifications:

- 1) Exempt from this provision are Members serving on the Board as of January 2016. All such persons will be allowed to serve two additional consecutive terms in addition to the one they are serving as of January 1, 2016 notwithstanding the terms previously served.
- 2) Any person deemed to be “termed out” may, after absence of one term, be re-elected to the Board.
- 3) When the Board fills a vacancy on the Board, a “termed out” director is eligible for appointment.
- 4) Any person appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy will be deemed to have served one term if the period of service on the Board is longer than one and a half years otherwise his or her service will not count as a term served.

This motion will be submitted to a vote of all Units in the District in accordance with Article X of the Bylaws. A 2/3 affirmative vote of the Units voting is required for ratification. The votes will be counted in accordance with Article III of the Bylaws. The Secretary will conduct the voting during October and November 2015.

- Problems with Knockouts Games

It was pointed out that there are problems with the situation of players in these games that are eliminated. A committee consisting of John Kissinger and Bill Grant will look into this issue, including examining the relevant ACBL rules, and will report to the Board in December.

X. Committee Reports

1. Web Site- Loh: Bios of Unit presidents for Area III have been prepared and placed on the Website. Should try to do the same for other Units.
2. Tournament - Grant : The tournament handbook needs to be updated
3. GNT/NAOP's -Kissinger: No Report
4. Western Conference - Atkinson: No Report
5. Education, Membership & Club Relations - Atkinson : No Report
6. New Players Affairs - Atkinson: No Report
7. Charity - Cederborg: No Report
8. Discipline- Davis: No Report
9. Appeals- Cederborg: No Report
10. Goodwill- Cederborg: No Report

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11. National Board – Monzingo: A report was given on the status of several motions being considered by the National Board. The term limit motion was not adopted. A motion to reduce the contribution of the League to the World Bridge Federation was tabled until the meeting at the Denver NABC meeting.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Board is to be held on Friday December 18th, 2015 in Rancho Mirage. The exact location of the meeting will be provided at a later time.