



American Contract
Bridge League

District 22

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center, 3400 Market Street, Riverside CA 92501 (Phone: 951-784-8000)

Date & Time: Friday, February 6th, 2015, 6:30 PM

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

Members Absent: -

Guests Lesley Davis (Disciplinary Chair), Maritha Pottenger (I/N Coordinator), Bonnie Bagley (Western Conference)

I. Call to Order

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

II. Introductions

III. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of two previous meetings both held in Palm Springs in December 2014 were reviewed, amended, and approved.

IV. President's Remarks and Question Period

The President stated that he met with Unit presidents in Area II on Thursday February 5th 2105. He reported that the meeting was successful and good suggestions were made. In the interest of improving communication between the Districts and the Units the minutes of the meetings of the Board will be sent to Unit presidents. The suggestion made to use credit cards, debits cards, and coupons to pay for entries at the regional tournaments will be considered. The President will continue having these meetings with Unit presidents in other Areas starting at the Regional Tournament in San Diego.

V. Remarks by Guests

VI. Treasurer's Report

It was reported that the cost of acquiring our card duplicating machine and boards previously reported to be \$20,000 is less and is close to \$16,000. The District had a surplus of \$15,000 in the last fiscal year.

VII. Secretary's Report

We have received updated data on the coordinates of the Unit presidents in the District from ACBL and these will be posted on our website. Regarding the possibility of moving to electronic balloting for District-wide elections, we

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have learned that ACBL uses an outside contractor's services for their purposes but we cannot piggyback on their arrangements with this supplier. ACBL is considering developing an in-house mechanism that can be used by districts for their elections.

VIII. Old Business

- A. District-wide Mini McKenney winners will be recognized through the *Forum* and posting on the District website.
- B. Strategic Plan/ Mission Statement: No update.
- C. *Forum* Format: The issue of the length of the reports from the Units and the desirability of saving print space for other purposes was discussed at some length. It was pointed out and agreed that members' achievements should be recognized and acknowledged in print. It was moved and duly seconded that Ken Monzingo and Joel Hoersch develop a guideline for the word-count limit on reports from the Units and communicate these to the responsible persons. The motion was passed with 7 in favor, one against, and one abstention.

IX. New Business

- A. Educational Grants for Clubs & Units: The matter was discussed and extended to the availability of opportunities for special games at the clubs. It was decided that Ron Lien will cull the information on these issues and write a synopsis that he will send to Unit presidents and would send updates on these. Regarding assistance to Units to grow their membership, the President will establish a committee to examine the issue and report to the Board.
- B. Possibility of another Regional Tournament: The possibility of having one more Regional Tournament, possibly in cooperation with District 23, in Anaheim was discussed at length. Issues of possible dates, location, sanction from ACBL, impact on other Regionals, and others were considered. It was decided to retain this idea and follow up at a later date when these and other issues have been clarified further.

X. Committee Reports

- 1. Web Site- Chat room and blog are being developed
- 2. Tournament - It was reported that the use of our new card duplicating machine is successful so far. Mick Riccio, the 2014 Regional Tournament Manager for Palm Springs has informed the District that he does not wish to perform this function in 2015. After

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- due consideration the position has been offered to Tom Shulman and he has accepted.
3. GNT/NAOP's - Updated dates were given.
 4. Western Conference - It was reported that the Western Conference is taking steps to improve its finances.
 5. Education, Membership & Club Relations -A request has been received to have a directors refresher course.
 6. New Players Affairs - No report.
 7. Charity - No report
 8. Discipline- An update was provided about the issues arising from Unit 533. The National Appeals Committee of ACBL will consider the matter on March 9th in New Orleans
 9. Appeals- No report
 10. Goodwill- No Report

XI. Other

1. A request has been received to help a Unit in the District with the conduct of their board meetings. District 22 will ask one of its board members to assist if specifically asked.
2. In anticipation of the 2016 NABC the District is encouraging its Units to conduct fund raising through special games at the Unit level. ACBL will forward information to District clubs about how to conduct these games.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Board is to be held on Thursday April 2nd, 2015 in San Diego. The exact location of the meeting will be provided at a later time.