



American Contract
Bridge League

District 22

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Bully's East Restaurant, San Diego, California

Date & Time: Thursday March 29, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Members Present: Diane Gunther & Jim Parks (Area I), Debra Cameron & Nancy Erickson (Area II), Bill Grant & Andrew Loh (Area III), John Kissinger & Ron Lien (Area IV), David Lodge (ACBL District Rep.)

Members Absent: None

Guests: Gary Zeiger (Director in Charge), Lamy Angelidis, Jim and Shay Andrews, and Richard Picheny

I. Call to Order

President Lien called the meeting to order at 8:28 pm

II. President's Remarks

Ron reported that he had met with unit presidents or representatives and had received many good suggestions which he will include in a future report on the meeting. Two main areas of discussion were membership growth and having a ACBL Director in the south area of the region for sectionals.

III. Guest Remarks

Gary Zeiger reported that through Thursday there were 1161 tables played, which is up 16 tables from last year. Bracketed Swiss did well. The 299er's numbers are holding but Gold Rush is down.

IV. Treasurer's Report

David reported that bank balance was \$141,000 excluding any income from the San Diego Regional. He noted that \$1,750 was transferred to Unit 533 for its share of the Palm Spring's NLM profit. David reported that he had met with Richard to turn over treasurer material including checks so Richard is able to handle expenses.

V. Regional Attendance

David noted that of concern is the decline in attendance at regionals. Diane presented some reasons including ACBL policies on non-member participation at tournaments and master point allocations.

VI. Hotel Contracts

Ron reported that he had made contact with several hotels. Bill reported that costs are being increased for the location of the San Diego Regional and date changes which had conflicts with Gatlinburg that were resolved. Since costs continue to rise significantly, help is needed with finding venues in the San Diego area in 2020. Ron noted that we should try to get contracts done this year for dates through 2022 that include reasonable parking, dates, room rates, and conference room sizes.

VII. Youth and Harvey Mudd Stipends

Ron stated that the district had provided stipends in the past for youths going to nationals. Nancy noted that stipends had been \$300 per person with a limit of 10 stipends last year.

Nancy moved that up to \$3000 be approved for up to ten stipends of \$300 for the youth to attend the Youth NABC in Atlanta and \$500 for a stipend for one local college if they qualify for the national collegiate competition. The motion was seconded by Diane and was unanimously approved. Nancy said that she would send eligible youth a letter advising them of the available stipend.



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VIII. Western Conference Participation

Ron requested that, based on the decision of the Western Conference to exist primarily to focus on STACs, the district rescind its letter of withdrawal from the conference so the district could participate in the distribution of STAC funds. He noted that District 17 had rejoined. Nancy moved that we rescind our letter to withdraw from the Western Conference based on the premise that Western Conference has acknowledged that the conference is limiting its activity to running the STACs. The motion was seconded by Andy. The motion was approved with one abstention by Diane.

IX. Transition to Digital Forum

Ron presented what currently is being done online by District 17, what District 21 is going to do, what District 9 is doing, and what he envisions we can do. There will be the ability to add audio and video to the digital Forum and a PDF format would be available for printing. Bill moved that we authorize a contract with Ken Monzingo to produce and publish the online Forum for nine months for \$3,325 per month including a PDF version and \$400 to do editing. Ron added that content be submitted to him by the Monday before the last Friday prior to publication for review. Ken would be an independent contractor. Diane seconded the motion. Nancy moved that the motion be amended to limit the contract to six months. Diane seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Ron proposed that the district get ownership of the online material and that there be video conferences held with the board members to facilitate a permanent online publication.

X. Palm Springs NLM Contract

Nancy presented a proposed contract with Unit 533 for the Palm Springs NLM. David proposed that all expenses be paid by the district with the net profit or loss to be split by the district and the unit.

XI. District Director Report

David stated that gold point awards for NLMs have been increased from 25% to 33%. He said adjustments were being made on the way points were calculated for open pair games when Gold Rush pairs versus Gold Rush Swiss were being held on a given day.

XII. Tournament Scheduler Report

Deb indicated that there is a resistance to holding Grass Roots Games because additional costs are involved of \$5 per table extra charge. David said he would respond how these funds could be returned to the clubs.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54. **The next meeting of the Board is to be held in Costa Mesa on Friday, September 7th. Time and location TBD.**

Minutes pending approval