

ACBL D-20 Organization, Inc.

Board Meeting: Thursday, August 11, 2016

Great Potato Regional, Boise, Idaho

In attendance:

Molly Harris, Area 5 Representative, Treasurer	John Ashton, First Alternate, District Director	Marie Ashton, Business Manager
Sam Asai, Area 1 Representative and Board of Governors	Rich Carle, President and Webmaster	Marilyn Vilhauer, Tournament Contracts
Amy Casanova, Trumpet Editor	Jim Smith, Area 6 Representative	Nelda Linman, Board of Governors; Proxy for Gee Gee Walker
Duane Christensen, Area 3 Representative,	Deborah Lackey, Education Coordinator	Margi Redden, I/N Coordinator
Laurie Rowe, Area 8 Representative	Judy Davis, Tournament Manager	Merlin Vilhauer, District Director
Hal Montgomery, NA Events Coordinator		
	Absent: Larry Crumb, Gee Gee Walker	

President Rich Carle called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

Sam Asai moved to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting, held Friday, Feb 19 and Saturday Feb 20, 2016 at the Oregon Trail Regional. Molly Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Rich Carle presented the President's report; Molly Harris presented the Treasurer's report.

Financial statements for the six months ended July 31, 2016 were presented by Marie Ashton, Business Manager. Presented were the Statement of Reserves, \$180,871 at July 31, 2016 and an Income Statement showing a loss of \$6,788 for the six months. Income for the 2016 Oregon Trail Regional's 1,499 tables was \$16,194, up \$6,054 from the prior year. This was due to the fee increase from \$11 to \$12 per session as tables were down, but only by 7. Income for the High Desert Regional was \$6,966, up \$3,281 from two years ago. Tables increased by 11% to 1,142.5 and the tournament also benefitted by the fee increase. Merlin Vilhauer moved to approve the statements; Laurie Rowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Marilyn Vilhauer presented the Tournament Contracts report verbally. She commented that the proposed contract at the Wyndham in Boise for the 2018 Great Potato Regional will be much more favorable and less costly than this year's contract. She credits this with the hiring by the hotel of a professional sales person. Marilyn also discussed the fact that hotels are making unfavorable interpretations of contract provisions more frequently than in the past.

Hal Montgomery referred to his written report and discussed the issues with internet hook ups in the GNT District finals this year. He intends to write a procedure for club hosts with minimum requirements for these hook ups. He also solicited help from the Board in recruiting more players for the finals in both events, but no specific activities were advocated.

Judy Davis reported that the Great Potato Regional is on track to be larger than the original estimate of 700, which was applauded by the Board. She also requested further discussion of the Monday afternoon game that the Board voted to have at the Emerald Empire Regional in 2017. She pointed out that the regional starts the day after the NABCs, making it difficult to get Directors and players there early. She also asked for direction as to what type of event will work best

and what starting time to use as she has gotten conflicting suggestions as to the best format. After further discussion, Merlin Vilhauer moved to cancel this event, Sam Asai seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Secretary's written report was distributed by email to the Board. District Director Merlin Vilhauer referred to his written report for details of the meeting in Washington DC. He gave some detail about the reason behind the study being conducted about making the national board smaller.

The current schedule of tournaments prepared by Larry Crumb, Tournament Coordinator was distributed at the meeting. Amy Casanova reported that the Trumpet production is going well. Margi Redden, I/N Coordinator reported that the I/N attendance at Boise has been very good.

Deborah Lackey stated that she wants to move the Teacher and Director courses away from Sunriver due to poor attendance. The Board suggested the Oregon Trail Regional. She also reported that the District now owns a license for Learn Bridge in a Day that is available to teachers, a maximum of 5, for \$30.

There were two written Area reports, Area 5, Portland and Area 7, Jackson County. Molly Harris added to her Area 5 report that Mike Eyer has been elected as her replacement to start in 2017.

Under old business, Rich Carle presented a draft policy for maintenance of the District reserves. The draft was formulated by the committee consisting of Rich, Molly Harris and Mark Tolliver. The Board discussed the policy and decided to refer the policy to the Finance Committee for comment before taking action at the annual meeting for action. Marilyn Vilhauer said she would contribute some research about or credit status.

Under new business, Rich Carle presented a draft policy for Electronic Equipment carried by players in District events. After discussion, Merlin Vilhauer moved to approve the policy. The motion was seconded by Laurie Rowe and passed unanimously.

Under new business, Merlin Vilhauer and others stated that players have expressed disappointment about the lack of a four session knockout event starting on Monday in Seaside. The Board recommended reinstatement of this event to Judy Davis, who is in charge of the schedule. Judy agreed, and will publicize the change.

Rich asked for input regarding holding a meeting in Seaside. It was pointed out that ACBL CEO Robert Hartman and Sol Weinstein, Field Manager, will be hosting a Board event so no regular Board meeting will occur.

Under new business, John Ashton recommended that the Board recognize Louis Beauchet for his accomplishments at the NABC in Washington DC. Louis won the Mixed Board A Match Teams and accumulated 137 masterpoints. John suggested the Oregon Coast Regional as a place to honor Louis. The Board expressed approval of this idea, and the issuance of two free plays as a gift.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ashton, Business Manager

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