

ACBL D-20 Organization, Inc.

Board Meeting: Friday, October 2, 2015

Oregon Coast Regional, Seaside, OR

In attendance:

Molly Harris, Area 5 Representative	John Ashton, First Alternate, District Director	Marie Ashton, Business and Tournament Manager
Sam Asai, Area 1 Representative and Board of Governors	Rich Carle, President and Webmaster	Larry Crumb, Tournament Coordinator, Area 2 Representative
Chip Dombrowski, Trumpet Editor	Sue Kroning, Treasurer, Area 6 Representative	Nelda Linman, Board of Governors; proxy for Gee Gee Walker Area 7 Representative
Ian Martindale, Vice President and Area 3 Representative,	Mary Alice Seville, Education Coordinator	Margi Redden, I/N Coordinator
Laurie Rowe, Area 8 Representative	Judy Davis, Incoming Tournament Manager	Deborah Lackey, Incoming Education Liaison
Lily Johannessen, Board of Governors	Hal Montgomery, NA Events Coordinator	Merle Stetser, Area 4 Representative

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 Thursday, May 15 at the Rogue Valley Regional in Medford, OR. Larry Crumb seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Rich Carle referred to his report, which is a part of the Board packet. He discussed the meetings he attended at the Chicago NABC, the technology committee, the Board of Governors meeting and the Grass Roots Forum.

Rich Carle appointed Kent Livingston of Vancouver, WA to the Finance Committee to replace Sam Asai, who resigned effective this meeting. Rich thanked Sam for his service on the committee.

Sue Kroning, Treasurer, reported that she reviewed the bank statements and check register for the second quarter of the fiscal year and had no issues to report.

Marie Ashton presented the financial reports, including the Income Statements from the Rogue Valley Regional and the Emerald Empire Regional. These tournaments had \$81 and \$11,474 in income respectively. Also included are the Income Statement for the eight months ended September 30, 2015 and the Statement of Reserves as of September 30, 2015. These reports are part of these minutes. Net loss for the eight months was \$19,187, which was a smaller loss by \$6,536 than budgeted. Reserves at September 30 were \$173,328. Sam Asai moved to approve the report; Sue Kroning seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Marie Ashton reported that the Oregon Coast Regional was up 6% as of Friday afternoon. The 99er games have been very small, but the 299er games have increased. She also stated that the Contracts

Negotiator has signed contracts with the Vancouver Hilton for the Oregon Trail Regional for 2017 and 2018. She is still working on the Boise contract. Marie asked specifically that the Area Representatives be diligent about getting tournament flyers to the clubs in their areas. Marie thanked the Board for its support during her 3 years as Manager. Hal Montgomery suggested that the Seaside tournament might be more popular if it is held earlier in September when the weather is better.

Merlin Vilhauer, though not present at the meeting, has a report that is included in the packet.

Gee Gee Walker's Secretary's report is included in written form as part of these minutes. She reported that Area Representative elections are due in Areas 2 (Redding, Chico, Eureka and Nevada County), Area 3 (Boise, Nampa-Caldwell) and Area 6 (Seaside, Tillamook and Central OR Coast). Rich announced that Ian Martindale and Sue Kroning will not be running for reelection in Areas 3 and 6 respectively. Since Sue Kroning is also the Board Treasurer, Ian Martindale moved that Molly Harris be appointed Treasurer for the period January 1, 2016 until elections at the Annual Meeting. Larry Crumb seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sue Kroning reported that she will also be resigning from the Bylaws Committee, but that she will spend time before December 31 working on the MOPP.

Larry Crumb reported as Tournament Coordinator that Vancouver is moving its Sectional and that Ontario has not submitted a schedule yet.

Hal Montgomery presented his NA Coordinator report, which is part of the written reports. Also included is a letter he received from David Castles regarding the GNT format. Hal asked the Board for guidance in deciding a number of issues: 1) What is reasonable rents to pay venues holding online District finals for the NA Events?, 2) Will the District Director assist us by encouraging ACBL to upgrade software to provide such things as a list of qualifiers for use by the District, 3) Should he attempt emailing all qualifiers to encourage them to take part in the District finals for the NA Events?, 4) He would like permission to explore a district wide online event to familiarize players with online play, 5) He solicited Board opinion on the length of District finals.

Chip Dombrowski formally announced his resignation from his position as Trumpet Editor to take a position with the ACBL Bulletin in Horn Lake, MS. In addition to Editor, he was also responsible for the design, layout, special writing in the paper and social media sites. The effective date of his resignation is after the production of the March 2016 issue. He will engage Amy Casanova of Portland to assist him with that issue, as he will be producing it remotely from his new home. Rich Carle has appointed a search committee consisting of Sue Kroning, Judy Davis, Marie Ashton, Rich Carle and Chip Dombrowski. The Board thanked Chip for a great job done.

Margi Redden, I/N Coordinator, noted that the 99er games at this tournament have not been as good as others and her party was not well attended compared to other tournaments and the size of this tournament.

Mary Alice Seville stated that she is considering not renewing the District license for Learn Bridge in a Day, as it is becoming cumbersome to use the materials. She announced that there will be a Teacher Training program and Director Course at the High Desert Regional in May 2016. Mary Alice thanked the Board for her time as Education Liaison, and Rich Carle led the Board in giving her thanks for an outstanding job.

Nelda Linman asked the District to email our Board of Governors representatives with suggestions for items to bring up at the NABC meetings.

Laurie Rowe announced that the Corvallis bridge club is auctioning off condos in Sunriver for the tournament next year. Molly Harris commended the Portland Bridge Club for the many classes and interesting events it holds.

Under old business Kathy Hansen chaired a committee to study the establishment of a policy for memorial games at our regionals. Molly Harris moved that the District establish a procedure for Memorial and Honorary Games. The move was seconded and passed unanimously. The same committee is appointed to make final recommendations of a policy to be presented as an email vote.

Another item of old business was addressed by the Finance Committee with a written report prepared by the Chair, Mark Tolliver. The report explains the rationale of the District for the level of its reserves.

A new business item was the request of Unit 492, Mid-Columbia, for a waiver of the ACBL requirement that each Unit have a Sectional. Sam Asai made the request for the Unit. Laurie Rowe moved to grant the waiver; Larry Crumb seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The contract for the new Tournament Manager, Judy Davis was approved by the Board. Sam Asai moved to accept; Larry Crumb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rich Carle led a discussion of having a new game at Regionals on Monday afternoon and making it a fundraiser for the Grass Roots Fund. Rich appointed John Ashton, Molly Harris and himself to a Committee to study the issue.

The meeting was adjourned, with the next meeting set for Friday and Saturday at the Oregon Trail Regional in Vancouver, WA, February 19 and 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ashton, Business Manager

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