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The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

District 19, ACBL, Leavenworth Board Meeting Minutes
Leavenworth, Washington, Monday, October 26, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The President declared a quorum with the following Board members present: Cam Doner, Kathie Hoehne, Ron Krueger, Donald Mamula, Marv Norden, Karen Rise, Ann Romeo, Gay Parrish, Vivian Thickett, Tim White, and Ralph Wilhelmi. David Schmidt was absent. Also present were Dudley Brown, Secretary and Chris Cookson, candidate for the Vancouver Island Board position. Also present for part of the meeting were Matt Koltnow, ACBL Field Supervisor for Alaska and Washington; John Demeulemeester, Vancouver B. C board member for 2017-2019; and Elisabeth Rise, Leavenworth Regional Cochair.

2. Parrish moved and Hoehne seconded to ratify the elections of Ralph Wilhelmi, Western Washington, and Karen Rise, Eastern Washington, for 2016-2018 terms on the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Romeo moved and Thickett seconded to approve the minutes from the Victoria 2015 Board meeting as presented with the corrections of the spelling of *Koltnow* in Para 5g and *tournaments* in Para 8. Motion passed unanimously

4. Thickett moved and Parrish seconded to accept the resignation of Vivian Thickett effective 31 December 2015 and to appoint Chris Cookson to complete her term ending 31 December 2016 representing Vancouver Island. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Doner moved and Romeo seconded to appoint Don Wallace for the remainder of the 2014-2016 term for the Board position for British Columbia at Large if that position should become vacant. Motion passed unanimously.

6. The following occurred during reports:

a. **Krueger moved and Thickett seconded to accept the treasurer's reports submitted to board members by email.** Motion passed unanimously.

b. During presentation of the 2016-2017 Budget Wilhelmi requested that regional budgets be given him and that entry fees need to be set for 2016 regionals. **Norden moved and Doner seconded to defer setting 2016 regional entry fees until the spring meeting in Spokane.** Motion passed with six (6) Yes votes and four (4) No votes..

c. Brown reported that District manuals would be updated by the spring meeting.

d. During his National Board Report Mamula stated that now each district is allotted 3 Limited Regionals a year. They can be any combination of the following: Limited Master Points (0-750), Youth and Junior.

e. White gave a Multi Level Events report stating that the District Finals of the NAP will be 14-15 November at the Skagit PUD #1 in Mount Vernon and that current plans for the GNT District finals are tentatively set for Open and B Flights at the Bothell Union Hall on June 4-5, 2016, and Flights A and C at the Vancouver Bridge Centre April 16-17, 2016.

f. **Mamula moved and Rise seconded to authorize the Multi Level Coordinator to set entry fees for the District Finals of the NAP and GNT.** Motion passed unanimously.

g. No Judiciary, Recorder or Appeals activity was reported by John Weinberg, David Binney or Steve Hosch, respectively.

h. Brown reported that new terms for 2017-2019 Board positions would be announced next year for Vancouver Island, British Columbia at Large, and Alaska.

i. After Hoehne led a discussion on what would be effective in promoting Intermediate/Newcomers (I/N) to attend District regionals, **Mamula moved and Romeo seconded the following:**

(1) That a position of I/N Hospitality Chair be created.

(2) That the duties of the I/N Hospitality Chair shall include production and distribution to District 19 members achieving Sectional Master status (50 M.P.) a letter with two one session free plays to any District 19 regional in the next 12 months.

(3) That the I/N Hospitality Chair shall receive full reimbursement for all expenses and 8 one session free play certificates per year. Motion passed unanimously.

j. At the conclusion of Norden's Communications report **Doner moved and Thickett seconded to negotiate with Chris Class to set a trial period as the District Web Master.** Motion passed unanimously.

k. Hoehne reported that Board members should give her their current appointments to the District 19 Good Will Committee.

l. During a the Strategic Planning Committee report motions to increase Board members free plays for attending Board meetings first to 10 and then to 16 were rejected.

7. All items under Unfinished Business and New Business were addressed during reports.

8. The following actions were taken during discussion of tournaments:

a. **Rise moved and Romeo seconded that individuals handling credit card bulk sales will be provided one session of free play for each two times manning the sales position.** Motion passed with 5 Yes votes and 3 No votes.

b. **Doner moved and Mamula seconded that at District 19 regionals checks would be accepted at the point of sale for the amount of the entry only. Bulk entries shall be sold at the prepaid entry location. No cash back on checks.** Motion passed unanimously.

9. The following officers were elected for 2016:

President – Gay Parrish
Vice President – Ralph Wilhelmi
Treasurer – David Schmidt
Secretary – Dudley Brown

10. The next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m., April 4, 2016, at the Red Lion at the Park, Spokane, Washington.

11. There being no further business the President adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DUDLEY BROWN
Secretary

Approved April 4, 2016

