

# The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

District 19, ACBL, Victoria Board Meeting Minutes  
Victoria B.C., Monday, April 17, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The President declared a quorum with the following Board members present: Chris Cookson, John Demeulemeester, Kathie Hoehne, Steve Kasner, Marv Norden, Gay Parrish, Karen Rise, Don Wallace, Tim White, and Ralph Wilhelmi. Cam Doner joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Ron Krueger was absent. Also present were Dudley Brown, Secretary; and for part of the meeting Matt Smith, ACBL Field Supervisor and Director in Charge; Matt Koltnow, ACBL Field Supervisor and District 19 Tournament Coordinator; Jan Galenza, Victoria Regional Chair; and J.P. Webber, District Web Master.

2. **Kasner moved and Wilhelmi seconded to approve the minutes of the Whistler 2016 Board meeting with the correction of the spelling of Kasner in Paragraphs 4d and 5b.** Motion passed unanimously.

3. An email from Margaret Pearce to President Parrish was acknowledged and the issue of a thank you to the Penticton Hospitality Society was entered as New Business.

4. The following occurred during reports:

a. A report from Treasurer David Schmidt was received which included the following:

A Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement comparing 2016 to 2015.

A Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2016.

A Profit and Loss by Class Statement for 2016.

A Profit and Loss Statement for 2016 Regionals.

A Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for 1 January 2017 to 10 April 2017.

b. Wilhelmi stated that he would update the District Budget for 2017 to include projections of the added Whistler 2017 Regional.

c. Tournament Administrator Brown passed out updates to the District Policy Manual.

d. White presented a report on the District 2016-2017 GNT events and the 2017-2018 NAP cycle. He stressed that better promotion has increased attendance and asked that Board members continue to help promote the events. All levels of the NAP are expected to be represented at the national finals in Toronto. The difficulty in scheduling the District Finals of the NAP in the U.S. was discussed. This year's finals will be in conjunction with the Olympia Regional.

e. No activity was reported by Judiciary Chair John Weinberg, Recorder David Binney and Appeals Chair Steve Hosch.

f. Election Chairman Brown reported that new terms (2018-2020) for Western Washington at Large, Eastern Washington at Large, Vancouver B.C. Unit Position 1, and Seattle Unit Position 1 will be announced in the Victoria Dailey Bulletin. The filing period is open until July 15, 2017. An announcement has been placed on the District Web Site and letters will be sent to area units involved.

g. Hoehne made forms available for Board members to appoint individuals to the District Good Will Committee and asked that Board members give her their current appointments.

5. The following actions occurred under Unfinished Business:

a. **Cookson moved and Rise seconded to have a Whistler Regional in odd years rotating with a Leavenworth Regional in even years.** Motion failed with 3 Yes, 4 No votes and 3 Abstentions.

b. **Wallace moved and Doner seconded to have an annual Whistler Regional starting in 2019. Kasner moved and Rise seconded to table the motion until the Olympia meeting in October.** Motion to table passed with 6 Yes and 3 No votes.

6. The following actions were taken during New Business:

a. **Norden moved and Parrish seconded that \$300 for advertising the Monday afternoon free lessons at the Victoria 2017 Regional be charged against the District Advertising Budget.** Motion passed unanimously.

b. **Norden moved and Kasner seconded that any funds raised or donated to support a District 19 Regional must go through the District Treasurer.** Motion passed with 10 Yes votes and One Abstention. Cookson recorded his abstention.

c. **Cookson moved and Wilhelmi seconded to change the District policy on awarding \$300 in appreciation to regional organizing committees to 30 free plays or dollar equivalent in currency of the country of the regional.** Motion passed unanimously.

d. **Doner moved and Norden seconded to deny extra free plays above the basic allotment for the Victoria 2017 Regional.** Motion passed with 8 Yes and 2 No votes. Rise and Cookson recorded their negative votes.

e. **Kasner moved and Rise seconded to award 8 free plays to be split between the presenters of the Monday free lesson session at the Victoria 2017 Regional.** Motion passed unanimously.

f. The President asked Wilhelmi and Norden to make a recommendation on how to split evenly between U.S. and Canadian charities the \$30,000 Charity Foundation grant and to report to the Board at the Olympia Board meeting.

g. The President asked that an item be placed in the Victoria 2017 Regional Daily Bulletin advising that individuals planning to attend the Penticton 2017 Regional should make accommodation bookings shortly as there will be 3,000 Jehovah Witnesses at a convention the weekend of the Penticton Regional.

h. The reduction of the costs of credit card entry sales at District regionals was discussed and needs to be addressed.

i. **Norden moved and Doner seconded to go paperless with Regional Daily Bulletins and to have the Daily Bulletin linked to ACBL Live and also on the District Web site starting at the Lynnwood Regional.** Motion passed unanimously.

j. President Parrish asked Secretary Brown to send a thank you letter to the Penticton Hospitality Society for funds donated in support of the 2016 Penticton Regional.

7. The next Board meeting will be at the Olympia 2017 Regional at 9:30 a.m., October 16, 2017.

8. There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dudley Brown".

DUDLEY BROWN  
Secretary