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The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

District 19, ACBL, Burnaby Board Meeting Minutes
Delta Burnaby Hotel & Conference Centre, April 2, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. President Ralph Wilhelmi declared a quorum with the following Board members present: Chris Cookson, John Demeulemeester, Kathie Hoehne, Steve Kasner, Ron Krueger, Marv Norden, Marla Patterson, Karen Rise, Nick Stock, Tim White, and Ralph Wilhelmi. Also present were Dudley Brown, Secretary, and for part of the meeting Matt Koltnow, District Tournament Coordinator. Absent was Don Wallace.
2. Nick Stock representing the Vancouver B.C. Unit and Marla Patterson, representing Western Washington Units at Large were welcomed to the Board. **Kasner moved and Demeulemeester seconded to certify the election of Nick Stock for the 2018-2020 term.** Motion passed unanimously.
3. District Electronic Device Policy was added to the agenda as Item 6f, New Business.
4. **Rise moved and Patterson seconded to approve the minutes from the Olympia 2017 Board meeting with the correction of Item 5a(3) to read Bridge for Youths (Seattle) \$1,000.** Motion passed unanimously.
5. The following occurred during reports:
 - a. **Cookson moved and Krueger seconded to accept the treasurer reports which are summarized below. (All in U.S. dollars)** Motion passed unanimously.

December District Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2017:

Assets	\$243,039
Less Liabilities	<u>\$ 9,510</u>
Members Equity	<u>\$233,529</u>
Total Liabilities and Members Equity	\$243,039

Statement of Income & Expenses, January 1 through December 31, 2017:

Income	\$ 63,864
Less Expenses	<u>\$ 42,359</u>
Surplus	\$ 21,505

All five District Regionals in 2017 showed a surplus as below:

Victoria	\$ 8,549
Penticton	\$19,650
Lynnwood	\$ 8,047
Olympia	\$ 2,183
Whistler	<u>\$ 9,841</u>
Total Surplus	\$48,270

b. Patterson moved and Cookson moved to accept the 2018-2019 District Budget
(Summarized below). Motion passed unanimously.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Beginning Balance	\$233,500	\$250,390
Plus Income	<u>\$391,205</u>	<u>\$389,582</u>
	\$624,705	\$639,972
Less Expenses	<u>\$374,315</u>	<u>\$357,812</u>
Ending Balance	\$250,390	\$282,160

c. During Tournament Oversight Committee (TOC) discussion **Kasner moved and Patterson seconded to reaffirm the TOC decision to accept the 2019 contract for a Whistler Regional October 28 to November 3, subject to acceptable modification from the proposed contract.** Motion passed unanimously.

Cookson moved and Wilhelmi seconded that starting in 2020 fall regionals would alternate between Leavenworth in even years and Whistler in odd years. Motion passed with 7 Yes Votes and 3 No Votes.

d. National Board member Norden reported actions from the Philadelphia Board meeting as follows:

(1) The District's share of ACBL Charity Foundation grant went to World Renown. The original grant grew to approximately \$59,000 when the Canadian government matched the original grant 4 to 1.

(2) Provided that ACBL works out details Purple Pass will be used to buy credit card entries at the Penticton 2018 Regional. The District will not offer credit card buying of entry coupons in bulk if the Purple Pass system is operable.

(3) Both tournament attendance and ACBL memberships were down in 2017.

(4) Canadian bridge clubs can now pay ACBL fees in Canadian dollars.

(5) Non ACBL members who have never been an ACBL member must buy a temporary membership to play in an ACBL tournament. Temporary memberships get all ACBL privileges and are good for the month of purchase and the month following. Lapsed members will still be charged a \$4 per session fee.

(6) The Teachers Accreditation Program (TAP) has been revised and is now renamed or rebranded "How to Teach Bridge".

(7) New Convention Charts have been approved and should be available soon.

(8) The ACBL is working towards basing tournament master points on Strength of Field.

(9) The formula for awarding master points should be simplified by the end of 2019.

(10) Matt Koltnow has been appointed to the National Laws Commission for 5 years.

d. Election Chairman Brown reported the filing period for 2019-2021 Board positions will be published for Eastern and Western Washington and for the Seattle and Vancouver B.C. Units. Incumbents respectively are Karen Rise, Ralph Wilhelmi, Steve Kasner and John Demeulemeester.

5. Under Unfinished Business Brown reported that the change of individuals authorized to sign checks on the Canadian banks accounts has been finalized but the final changes will not be made for Chase Bank in the U.S. until during the Lynnwood Regional.

6. The following occurred under New Business:

a. A discussion on whether the District should buy Bridge Mates ended with the decision to remain renting them now that arrangements have been made to have the District Supplier transport them across the border.

b. President Wilhelmi agreed to work with the Secretary in reviewing and making committee assignments known.

6. During the tournament section of the agenda the following occurred:

a. Jan Galenza was appointed Chair for the 2019 Victoria Regional and Norden was appointed Tournament Liaisons for the 2019 Whistler Regional. Norden is to work with Stock and Demeulemeester to find a suitable chairman for the Whistler Regional.

b. The following is a list of upcoming District Regionals:

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>District Liaison</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Burnaby 2018	Demeulemeester	Demeulemeester
Penticton 2018	Norden	Norden
Lynnwood 2018	Patterson	Hansen/Parrish
Leavenworth 2018	Rise	Rise
Victoria 2019	Cookson	Galenza
Penticton 2019	Norden	Norden
Lynnwood 2019	Patterson	Hansen/Parrish
Pasco 2019	Rise	Hesser
Whistler 2019	Norden	
Burnaby 2020	Demeulemeester	Demeulemeester
Penticton 2020	Norden	Norden
Lynnwood 2020	Patterson	Hansen/Parrish
Leavenworth 2020	Rise	Rise

7. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., October 29, 2018 at the Leavenworth Regional

8. There being no further business the President adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DUDLEY BROWN
Secretary