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The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

District 19, ACBL, Board Meeting Minutes
Kristall's Restaurant, Leavenworth, Washington, October 29, 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, Don Wallace and Ralph Wilhelmi. Also present were Dudley Brown, Secretary, and for part of the meeting Matt Koltnow, District Tournament Coordinator; David Binney, District Recorder; John Weinberg, District Disciplinary Chair; and Ann Romeo, Seattle Unit President.

2. **Cookson moved and Rise seconded to add the following items to the Agenda:**

- a. **Matt Smith's pending retirement.**
- b. **Ann Romeo to brief the Board on Seattle Unit sponsored Non-Life Master Regional.**
- c. **David Schmidt's notice of needing a new card reader.**
- d. **Tournament Tables' proposal to supply BridgeMates to Districts 19 and 20.**
- e. **The new Teacher Accreditation Program.**
- f. **Discussion of the Whistler Regional.**
- g. **Tournament Stickers**
- h. **Charity Foundation grant.**
- i. **Purchase of a collapsible easel to display enlarged future regional flyers.**

Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Rise moved and Krueger seconded to approve the minutes from the Burnaby 2018 Board meeting.** Motion passed unanimously.

4. The following occurred during reports:

- a. The Treasurer's reports were accepted.
- b. Norden reported on actions the National Board took at its last meeting:
 - (1) Master point awards at District levels of the GNT and NAP will be increased.

(2) Directors at sanctioned tournaments will no longer give a first Zero Tolerance warning--penalties will be immediate.

(3) A change to simplify the Master Point program will be voted on at the NABC in Hawaii.

(4) The search for an ACBL Executive Director is narrowing and a new one should be announced at the Hawaii NABC.

(5) Revamping of how the National Board operates is still in process.

(6) Norden asked the Board to designate a charity or charities to receive a \$1,000 grant from the Charity Foundation. **Kasner moved and Patterson seconded to split the grant evenly between food banks in the U.S. and Canada with Wilhelmi and Norden to select the particular food banks.** Motion passed unanimously.

c. White explained the storage problem of the Kirkwood Trophy annually given to the District member garnering the most master points yearly in District regionals. The trophy is large and last year's winner did not take possession of it. Cookson volunteered to see if the Nanaimo Unit would store it and make it available for a yearly presentation at the District's spring regional.

d. Binney, District Recorder, and Weinberg, District Judiciary Chair, outlined their duties and recent activities and the learning curve they experienced in handling two recent disciplinary hearings. They made recommendations on how to improve the process and requested that the District update its list of possible committee members and to indicate who on the list were (1) expert bridge players, (2) who would make good Advocates (i.e., Prosecutors), and (3) Who would make good chairmen. The president appointed White and Stack to prepare a current list. They suggested that it would facilitate things if each of our regionals had a disciplinary committee preselected and ready for action if required.

e. The electronic Daily Bulletin at District regionals was discussed. It was decided that Fast Results, offered Jay Whipple III, would be the platform which would automatically be fed results by the tournament directors after the completion of each session and event. Other information could be added by someone appointed for each regional -- such as pictures of winners and new life masters.

f. **Cookson moved and Kasner seconded to certify the election of Ralph Wilhemi and Karen Rise, representing Western and Eastern Washington at Large, respectively, for the 2019-2021 term.** Motion passed unanimously. The Seattle Unit has selected Eric Sieg and the Vancouver B.C. Unit has reappointed John Demeulemeester, both for the 2019-2021 term.

g. Hoehne suggested recognition of District 19 Good Will Committee members yearly at a District Regional

5. Under Unfinished Business **Patterson moved and Cookson seconded to approve Bruce Busby and Gill Schramm as co-chairs of the Whistler Regional.** Motion passed unanimously.

6. Under New Business the following occurred:

a. **Wallace moved and Paterson seconded to award four (4) free plays to anyone acting in lieu of the Treasurer when the Treasurer is not present at a regional.** Motion passed unanimously.

b. After a discussion of the lack of adequate audit of District financial records, **Cookson moved and Demeulemeester seconded that the Tournament Liaison for each regional should receive a**

copy of the ACBL Tournament Financial statement from the director in charge so they can reconcile actual deposits. Motion passed unanimously. Further members of the Audit Committee should periodically and randomly rectify ledger shown expenditures.

c. Patterson moved and Kasner seconded that entry fees not be placed on tournament programs. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Koltnow brought the Walla Walla Unit's request to hold a sectional during the 2019 Victoria Regional to the Board. **Rise moved and Kasner seconded to allow the Walla Walla unit to do so but to first see if they would agree to do it the week before the Ontario, Oregon, Sectional rather than the week after.** Motion passed with 10 Yes votes and one (1) No vote.

e. Norden moved and Patterson seconded to grant Matt Smith upon his retirement free plays for life at District Regionals and to make a presentation at the Victoria 2019 Regional. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Romeo briefed the Board on the Intermediate/Newcomer Regional the Seattle Unit is planning for 2019. It will be called a Non-Life Master Regional and will be in conjunction with its fall sectional.

g. Rise moved and Kasner seconded to authorize the Treasurer to purchase a new Card Reader to use at District regionals. Motion passed unanimously.

h. Wilhemi agreed to get more information on TournamentTables' proposal to furnish BridgeMates to District 19 and 20. Further he will let the Victoria Regional Liaison know if arrangements need to be made to augment the number being supplied by John Grahm.

i. Norden reported that he was already planning to have the new Teacher Accreditation Program offered at the 2019 Penticton Regional.

j. Patterson moved and Kasner seconded to authorize Rise to purchase a collapsible easel to display enlarged flyers of future District regionals. Motion passed unanimously.

k. Rise requested that the cost of tournament stickers not be charge as a tournament hospitality item. Instead **Krueger moved and Stock seconded to increase the Hospitality Budget from \$4 to \$6 per estimated table and that stickers would still be a hospitality item.** Motion passed unanimously.

l. White moved and Rise seconded to yearly authorize 8 free plays each for volunteers helping at the GNT and NAP District finals with 4 each event designated for the Multi-Level Event Chair and the other 4 to be given to other volunteers. Motion passed unanimously.

m. Cookson moved and Kruger seconded to set entry fees per session for 2019 at \$14 in the U.S. and \$15 in Canada. Motion passed unanimously.

n. The Board reelected the following officers for 2019: President – Ralph Wilhelmi, Vice President – Karen Rise, Treasurer – David Schmidt, Secretary – Dudley Brown.

o. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., April 8, 2019, at the Victoria Regional.

p. There being no further business the President adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DUDLEY BROWN
Secretary

