

Synopsis of District 19 Victoria Board Meeting, April 8, 2019

The following synopsis is submitted by District 19 Secretary Dudley Brown:

The Treasurer's reports as summarized below were accepted:

(1) Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018 showing assets of \$263,798, Liabilities of \$8,085 and Equity of \$255,713.

(2) Profit and Loss Statement January 1 through December 31, 2018 showing Net Income of plus \$21, 627.

(3) Regional Profit and Loss Statements showing the Burnaby 2018 Regional with \$10,086 net income, the Penticton 2018 Regional with \$34,852 net income, the Lynnwood 2018 Regional with \$11,424 net income, and the Leavenworth 2018 Regional with \$15,922 net income.

District 19 National Director Julie Smith told the Board that she had viewed an hour video at the fall NABC that introduced bridge and explained duplicate bridge. Chris Cookson volunteered to report back when the video becomes available.

Smith reported on actions at the fall NABC Board meeting. One important action was in the future to not readmit anyone expelled due to collaborative cheating. It will be decided whether to vacate title to National Events won by later convicted cheater. The second important item was the forward going panning to reorganize the governing structure of the ACBL.

The Board decided to get a ruling on whether the District was liable for paying the Washington State Gaming Tax and if not to request a refund of previous payments.

If the Leavenworth venue is agreeable, the Leavenworth 2020 Regional will end a week earlier than usual, ending October 24, 2020.

Second place teams in flights B and C of the GNT will now be allowed to go to the National Finals. The District will provide a subsidy of \$1,200 U.S. (or Canadian equivalent for B.C. residents) to each B or C team attending the finals.

The club surcharge of \$4.00 per table in club GNT qualifying events is terminated.

Notice of pending elections and filing period for 2020-2022 terms for the Alaska, Vancouver Island, and B.C. at Large positions are posted on the District web site. The filing period closes 15 July 2019.

Due to the deterioration of the Kirkwood Trophy and the unwillingness of winners to house the trophy, the District Web Master, J.P. Weber, has agreed to produce a virtual display to be shown on a wall or screen at each spring District regional. The winner of the Kirkwood Trophy is the District member who amasses the most master points at the year's District regionals.

A bracketed Swiss Team event is scheduled for the Penticton Regional and its success will be evaluated later.

The District will match any Seattle Unit 446 donation to Seattle Next Gen Bridge up to a maximum of \$1,000 to support sending kids in need to the 2019 YNABC in Las Vegas.

The District Tournament Coordinator has been instructed to not allow a District 19 STAC opposite a Western Region STAC due the dissatisfaction of clubs not being able to participate in the Western Region STAC.