

## D19 Synopsis of Tri City 2019 Board Actions

The elections of Chris Cookson, Marv Norden, and Kathy Hoehne to the District Board for the 2020 to 2022 term were ratified.

It was clarified that responsibility for obtaining sanctions for District regionals lies with the liaison appointed by the Board for that regional--whether the liaison does it or sees that the tournament chairman or District Tournament Coordinator do it.

District 19's National Director, Julie Smith, reported the following from meetings of the National Board at the Las Vegas NABC:

- (1) The policy to strip collusive cheaters of their titles and to ban them from the League was firmed up.
- (2) The definition of "collusive cheating" was defined.
- (3) A motion to amend the National Bylaws to allow movement towards reorganizing the governing structure of the ACBL failed by one vote of receiving a super majority needed for passage. While a majority of the National Board seems to favor change, the Board cannot find agreement on how to go forward.
- (4) Starting January 1, 2020, the age to qualify for senior events will move from 60 to 62 years and increase yearly by one year until the qualifying age reaches 65.
- (5) Units have been removed from handling disciplinary or appeals cases. These will now be orchestrated by the District. The position of Unit Recorder has gone away, although a unit may opt to negotiate having an "Assistant Recorder".

District Web Master, J.P. Weber, is producing a video that will be a virtual display of the Kirkwood Trophy which is presented each year to the District player who earns the most master points in District regionals. This virtual display and announcement of the winner at the District's spring regional each year will replace using the original trophy. Board member Tim White was authorized to dispose of the actual trophy at his discretion.

The District Treasurer, David Schmidt, has elicited the help of an expert in the tax field to get a ruling from the state as to whether the District is liable for paying the Washington State gaming tax.

The District enacted a policy that movements for all events should maximize fairness for players. This is to include side games and events scheduled during non-prime time. Two sets of boards should be available in case a Web Movement is fairest. (Two examples: 1. For a 12-table side game to play all the 12 pairs of the opposite direction and for all to play the same 24 boards by using a two-board, relay and by-stand movement. 2. For a 15-table pair event to have all contestants play the same boards and as many of the opponents as possible through use of a Web movement instead of a 9 round, three-board Mitchell movement.)

After a discussion on whether to raise the subsidy amounts given GNT and NAP qualifiers going to the National Finals, the Board took no action on being informed that the District's subsidies fall in the middle or average of what other districts do.

Entry fees at District regionals in 2020 will remain the same at \$15 Canadian in Canada and \$14 U.S. in Washington.

The following offices were elected for 2020:

- President – Chris Cookson
- Vice President – Karen Rise
- Treasurer – David Schmidt
- Secretary – Dudley Brown