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The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

District 19, ACBL, Board Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2019, Chateau Victoria, Victoria, B.C.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. President Ralph Wilhelmi declared a quorum with the following Board members present: Chris Cookson, John Demeulemeester, Kathie Hoehne, Marv Norden, Karen Rise, Eric Sieg, Julie Smith, Nick Stock, Tim White, and Ralph Wilhelmi. Ron Krueger, and Marla Patterson were absent. Also present were Dudley Brown, Secretary, and for part of the meeting Matt Koltnow, District Tournament Coordinator; David Schmidt, District Treasurer, J.P. Weber, District Web Master; Jan Galenza, Victoria Chair; and Anne Farmer, Seattle Next Gen Bridge.

2. Smith moved and Stock seconded to appoint Marv Norden to fill the Okanogan vacancy on the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Cookson moved and White seconded to approve the Executive Committee action on Tourn Table's proposal for the District to buy BridgeMates for District use. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Rise moved and White seconded to add the following items to the Agenda:

Item 6e. Anne Farmer to address the Board on helping youth go to YNABC.

Item 6f. Authorizing free plays for Penticton Regional photographer.

Item 6g. Rob Gordon's request for the District to suggest individuals to be in a pool to serve on the National Conduct and Ethics Committee at upcoming Nationals.

Item 6h. A discussion on why a District 19 STAC and a Western Region STAC were scheduled at the same time.

Item 6i. District Web Master J.P. Weber to address the Board.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Rise moved and White seconded to accept the minutes from the Leavenworth 2019 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Several Board members related they had received an email regarding a video that introduced and explained duplicate bridge. Smith told that she had viewed the hour video at the fall NABC. Cookson volunteered to report back to the Board when the video becomes available.

7. The following occurred during reports:

a. The Treasurer's reports were accepted. Schmidt requested guidance on whether to pursue stopping payment of the Washington State Gaming Tax and request refund of earlier payments. **White moved and Stock seconded to authorize the District Treasurer to spend up to \$2,000 to get a ruling on whether the District was libel for paying the Washington State Gaming Tax and if not to request a refund of previous payments.** Motion passed unanimously.

b. Smith reported on actions the National Board took at its fall meeting: One important action taken was in the future to not readmit anyone expelled due to collaborative cheating. It will be decided whether to vacate titles to National Events won by later convicted cheaters. The second important item was forward going planning to reorganize the governing structure of the ACBL.

c. Wilhelmi presented a two-year budget and explained that it was only as reliable as the regional budgets given him. He had received few regional budgets and therefor had made estimates.

d. Rise reported on the possibility to move the 2022 Leavenworth Regional a week earlier due to the dates of District 20's Seaside Regional. **Rise moved and White seconded to change the Leavenworth 2022 Regional dates to the week ending October 24, 2022, if the venue was willing.** Motion passed unanimously.

e. White gave a report on Multi-Level events after which the following motions occurred:

(1) Rise moved and Smith seconded that it shall be District 19 policy to authorized second place GNT Flight B and C teams to represent the District at the GNT national finals when eight or more teams entered the District 19 Finals in the respective flight. Motion passed unanimously.

(2) Rise moved and Stock seconded that effective with the 2018-2019 GNT cycle, it shall be District 19 policy to provide a subsidy of \$1,200 U.S. (or Canadian equivalent for BC residents) to each District 19 Flight B and/or C teams representing the District at the GNT national finals. Motion passed unanimously.

(3) Rise moved and Cookson seconded that effective for the 2018-2019 GNT cycle, the District 19 \$4.00 (U.S.) surcharge per table on club GNT qualifying games is terminated. Motion passed with 8 Yes and 1 No votes.

f. White and Stock reported that progress was nearly finalized on a pool of District members to be available for Conduct and Ethics and Appeals committees at District Regionals.

g. Norden reemphasized the requirement for Tournament Liaisons to submit to him 6 to 7 months in advance requests for ads to be placed in the ACBL Bulletin. He gave each Tournament Liaison a sheet listing their tournament's deadline.

h. Brown reported that notice of pending elections and filing period for 2020-2022 terms for the Alaska, Vancouver Island, and B.C. at Large positions has been posted on the District web site and a letter sent to respective unit presidents and secretaries. The filing period closes 15 July 2019.

i. Hoehne passed out forms for Board members to appoint District members to the District 19 Good Will Committee.

j. Victoria Regional Chair Jan Galenza addressed the Board and explained the tournament hospitality was within budget and that a \$500 gratuity to be given to the Liberty Café who is selling coffee and furnishing hospitality ice cream would still be within the budget.

8. The following occurred under Unfinished Business:

a. Norden reported that the grant from the ACBL Charity Foundation had been split between the World Renew Food Banks in Canada and the U.S. and that the Canadian government had matched the Canadian portion 4 to 1.

b. White reported that he had brought the Kirkwood Trophy to the tournament. He explained that
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the current winner did not want to take possession, that the trophy was a dinosaur, shabby and in poor condition. After discussion it was agreed to see if the District Web Master would make a virtual display to be shown on a wall or screen at each spring District regional.

c. Hoehne requested that during the tournament National and District Good Will Committee members be asked to stand and be recognized.

d. Norden reported on problems with the Whistler tournament and requested that all inquiries from the tournament Chair be directed to him. It was agreed that Stock would be Co-Liaison with Norden but that Norden would continue to do the negotiating with the host facility and the advertising for the tournament.

9. The following occurred under New Business:

a. Marv Norden was appointed to fill the vacancy on the ACBL Board of Governors.

b. Norden explained his request for free plays for a photographer for the Penticton on line bulletin photographer was to get some way of remunerating whoever was doing the regional on line bulletin. **Rise moved and Cookson seconded to authorize up to \$500 Canadian to any editor of a District 19 regional on line bulletin.** Motion passed unanimously. Cookson then agreed to reach an agreement with Bruce McIntyre to continue to do tournament on line bulletins.

c. Norden explained that a bracketed Swiss team event was already scheduled for Penticton and its success will later be evaluated.

d. After a presentation by Anne Farmer, **Rise moved and Sieg seconded to match any Unit 446 donation to Seattle Next Gen Bridge up to a maximum of \$1,000 to support kids in need attending the 2019 YNABC.** Motion passed unanimously.

e. After J.P. Weber gave a presentation of the District Web Page, he was asked if he would be willing to produce a virtual display of the Kirkwood Trophy, giving a history of it, and redoing a list of the winners for the display. He agreed to do so and would get digital pictures during the Victoria Regional.

f. The Board discussed the scheduling of a District 19 and Western Region STAC concurrently with Matt Koltnow and the dissatisfaction that clubs could not enter both. The Board asked Koltnow to not authorize a District 19 STAC opposite a Western Region one in the future.

g. Smith requested suggestions on names of individuals for her to give to the National Recorder to be on a pool to serve on the National Conduct and Ethics Committee at upcoming Nationals.

10. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., October 21, 2019 at the Pasco Regional.

11. There being no further business President Wilhelm adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as corrected
October 21, 2019
at Tri City Board meeting

DUDLEY BROWN
Secretary