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The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

District 19, ACBL, Board Meeting Minutes, October 21, 2019, Holiday Inn Express,
Pasco, WA

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. President Ralph Wilhelmi declared a quorum with the following Board members present: Kathie Hoehne, Ron Krueger, Marv Norden, Marla Patterson, Karen Rise, Julie Smith, Nick Stock, Tim White, and Ralph Wilhelmi. Chris Cookson and Eric Sieg were absent. Also present were Dudley Brown, Secretary, and for part of the meeting Marilyn Hessser, Tri City Chair; and Jennie Carmichael, Director in Charge of the Tri City Regional.

2. Smith moved and Stock seconded to ratify the elections of Chris Cookson, Marv Norden, and Kathy Hoehne to the District Board for the 2020-2022 term. Motion passed unanimously.

3. White moved and Patterson seconded to add the following to the agenda:

6e. Satus of a new contract with TournTables.

9. Election of officers for 2020.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Norden moved and Hoehne seconded to accept the minutes from the Victoria 2019 meeting with the correction that all 2020 years in 7d should be 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

5. The following occurred during reports:

a. The Treasurer's reports were accepted.

b. Wilhelmi reported that he had not prepared a current two-year budget as he did not have good data.

c. Tournament Oversight Chair Rise reported that Margaret and Paul Pattison have been forwarded to chair the Burnaby 2020 Regional.

d. Tournament Administrator Brown reported that he did not have signed contracts and the Board had not approved liaisons and chairman for many upcoming regionals. Additionally sanctions have not been obtained as far in advance as the District policy specifies. A discussion followed on who was responsible for obtaining sanctions. **Patterson moved and Norden seconded that the Liaison for each regional was responsible for getting the sanction done, whether doing it themselves, or seeing that Matt Koltnow or the Tournament Chair did them.** Motion passed unanimously.

e. District National Director Smith reported on the National Board meeting recently held at the Las Vegas NABC. The Board firmed up its policy of stripping collusive cheaters of their titles and banning them from the League. The definition of “collusive cheating” was defined. 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 in favor of change, the Board cannot find agreement on how to proceed. Starting January 1, 2020 the age to qualify for senior events will move from 60 to 62 and increase yearly by one year until the qualifying age reaches 65.

f. Multi-Level Events Chair White reported on the recently completed District Finals of the North American Pairs. He distributed flyers advertising the 2020 GNT Finals in March and April and asked Board members to see that the flyers were available at clubs in their area.

g. While no new disciplinary or appeals items were reported White pointed out that all disciplinary and appeals would be handled by the District and no longer by units. While the positions of Unit Recorders will be gone, a unit can arrange to have an assistant recorder. Both the Seattle and Vancouver B.C. Units are moving in that direction.

h. Communications Committee Chair Norden repeated the warning that in order to make sure an ad goes in the ACBL Bulletin for a regional the information must be given to Norden at least 6 months in advance of the month of issue of the Bulletin.

6. The following occurred under Unfinished Business:

a. Rise reported that while no formal agreement has been reached with the editor of the Online Editor of District Regional Daily Bulletins, the editor is producing worthwhile bulletins and will request compensation when he feels he has them perfected.

b. White reported District Web Master J.P. Weber has produced a video on the Kirkwood Trophy and will have a final product ready for a virtual display at the District’s spring regional.

c. Norden reported that the Bracketed Swiss Team scheduled for the Penticton 2019 Regional did not occur because not enough signed up for it but it will be scheduled for the 2020 Penticton Regional.

d. White stated that he had talked to the District Treasurer David Schmidt on the status of getting a ruling of whether the District is libel for paying the Washington State gaming tax. Schmidt has requested an opinion from an expert in the field and asked his assistance with the state.

e. Wilhelmi reported that he had not finalized a new contract with the tournament supplier.

7. The following occurred under New Business:

a. **White moved and Smith seconded to appoint Kathie Hoehne to fill a District vacancy on the Board of Governors.** Motion passed unanimously.

b. Patterson moved and Smith seconded to make it District policy that movements for all events should maximize fairness for the players. This is to include side games and events scheduled during non-prime time. Two sets of board should be available in case a Web Movement is fairest. Motion passed unanimously. (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 Mitchel movement.)

c. After discussion on giving District subsidies in the currency that the team or pair prefers as opposed to the currency of the country of the participants, White moved and Stock seconded to not change the policy. Motion passed unanimously.

d. After White explained that District 19's subsidies fall right in the middle or average of what other districts do, the Board took no action to increase subsidies.

e. Patterson moved and White seconded to have District entry fees for its regionals in 2020 remain the same as this year: \$15 Canadian in Canada and \$14 U.S. in Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

8. The following Liaisons and Chairs for District regionals were approved by the Board:

Burnaby 2020 and 2022 Liaison Nock Stock, Chairs Margaret & Paul Pattison
Victoria 2021 and 2023 Liaison Chris Cookson, Chair Chris Cookson
Puget Sound 2020, 2021, and 2023 Liaison Marla Patterson, Chair Gay Parrish
Whistler 2021 and 2023 Liaison Marv Norden, Chairs Bruce Busby and Gill Schramm
Leavenworth 2022 Liaison and Chair Karen Rise

9. The following officers were elected for 2020:

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

10. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., April 6, 2020, at the Burnaby Delta Hotel.

11. There being no further business the President adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DUDLEY BROWN
Secretary