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## The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

### District 19, ACBL, Internet Board Meeting Minutes, September 22, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order September 22, 2020, at 3:01 p.m. President Chris Cookson declared a quorum with the following Board members connected on line: Chris Cookson, Kathie Hoehne, Ron Krueger, Marv Norden, Marla Patterson, Karen Rise, Eric Sieg, Julie Smith, Nick Stock, Tim White, and Ralph Wilhelmi. Brian Maksymetz was absent. Also present were Dudley Brown, Secretary, David Schmidt, Treasurer, and Matt Koltow, District 19 Tournament Coordinator and ACBL Field Supervisor.
2. **Rise moved and Stock seconded to certify Seattle Unit 446 election of Tim White, and elections of Marla Patterson for Western Washington at Large and Karen Madison for Eastern Washington at Large for 2021-2023 terms on the District Board.** Motion passed unanimously.
3. There were no additions or modifications to the agenda.
4. **Rise moved and Stock seconded to accept the minutes of the internet meeting of April 21/28, 2020.** Motion passed unanimously.
5. Correspondence:
  - a. The Board discussed a letter about future regional sanctioning from ACBL President Georgia Heth and District 19 President Cookson's reply. District 19 Director Smith explained that this letter was based on a National Board Special Committee which is to make recommendations on regionals. It was agreed that Smith would relay our District's belief that any changes to scheduling of regionals should not be dictated top down but should originate at the district level.
  - b. The Board discussed an email letter from ACBL regarding handling of the GNT. GNT Chair Sieg will notify ACBL that the District will not hold a District Finals until 2021, that there will be no club qualifying games in 2020, that the 2021 Finals will be by internet and that the ACBL will be notified as soon as a date for the District Finals is established.
6. Executive Committee Actions:
  - a. President Cookson told that there was no new formal contract with TournTables but that agreement had been reached via emails on how to proceed until the end of 2021.

**b. Wilhelmi moved and Stock seconded to ratify actions taken by the Executive Committee to cancel the Lynnwood 2020 and Leavenworth 2020 Regionals and the agreements reached with TournTables.** Motion passed unanimously.

7. Reports:

a. Schmidt, District Treasurer, reported that to date yearly District expenses were approximately \$8,500 but that would be reduced by a \$600 check from ACBL from grass root events. He also discussed that the District's Canadian Bank will no longer furnish printed monthly statements. He will try to reach an agreement with the bank on how the District can now do monthly audit of treasurer activities.

**b. Stock moved and Norden seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report.** Motion passed unanimously.

c. President Cookson notified ACBL on the status of Sanctioned District regionals. Tournament Liaisons discussed the following:

(1) Cookson stated that the Victoria 2021 Regional playing site will work with the District in restructuring or cancelling the tournament as needed.

(2) Norden said that a 5 year contract for the Penticton Regional is signed but that the facility will work with the District on required reductions or changes and that no further rent deposits are necessary until a decision is made on whether the 2021 Regional will occur.

(3) Patterson related that decision about the Lynnwood 2021 regional will not be made until January and that the next scheduled January prepaid installment on rent will not be made until a decision is made.

(4) Norden told that while there is a signed contract for a 2021 Whistler Regional, the facility will work with the District if changes or cancellation is necessary and that the facility will shortly make a new proposal to the District.

(5) Rise said that a contract is signed for a Leavenworth 2022 Regional but that no further prepayment is required and that the facility will work to fulfill the District's needs.

(6) Koltnow suggested the Board use the measurer of club attendance and sectional participation as milestones to help determine when it is practical to hold face-to-face regionals.

c.. President Cookson said that a recommended disciplinary hearing that had been on hold, is now scheduled to happen by a Zoom hearing in October.

d. National Director Smith discussed ACBL's decline in membership, it efforts to coral online cheating, and plans to integrate online play with face-to-face club games. Smith also brought up the trouble that Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, was having in getting a sanction for a club. The District President will send a letter to ACBL requesting prompt sanctioning of a club in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, with the understanding that it would be located in Quesnel Unit 456.

e. Then the Board discussed what unit members residing in Whistler, B.C., should be in. It was agreed that they will be placed in Vancouver Unit 430 unless they ask to remain in their current unit when ACBL Member Services contacts them.

8. Unfinished business:

a. President Cookson confirmed that he had submitted Charlie Bennett's name to fill a vacancy on the ACBL Board of Governors.

**b. Stock moved and Patterson seconded to end the past procedure to fund the District's Canadian Olympiad Fund and to instead give the fund \$100 for each District Canadian regional.** Motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business:

**a. Norden moved and Patterson seconded to develop a newsletter to be sent to all District members and that a committee comprised of Stock, Smith, and Cookson would be responsible to produce the newsletter and determine how to most economically send hard copy to those not getting an email Pianola blast.** Motion passed unanimously.

b. District 19 Director Smith asked for suggestions of names for her to appoint to the National Goodwill Committee and the Charity Committee.

**c. Rise moved and Sieg seconded that the following officers be elected for 2021.** Motion passed unanimously.

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

10. The next internet Board meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

11. There being no further business the President adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

DUDLEY BROWN  
Secretary