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The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

District 19, ACBL, Internet Board Meeting Minutes, November 4, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order November 4 at 1:00 p.m. by President Chris Cookson declaring a quorum with the following Board members connected on line: Chris Cookson, Kathie Hoehne, Karen Madison, Brian Maksymetz, Marv Norden, Karen Rise, Ann Romeo, Eric Sieg, Nick Stock, Tim White, and Ralph Wilhelmi. Marla Patterson was absent. Also present were Dudley Brown, Secretary, David Schmidt, Treasurer, and Matt Koltnow, District 19 Tournament Coordinator and ACBL Field Supervisor.

2. The following was added to the agenda: Item 6c. TournTables Contract issues.

3. As there were no additions or corrections to the minutes of August 4, 2021, they were approved.

4. Reports:

a. Schmidt, District Treasurer, presented a Profit & Loss Statement for January 1 through November 1, 2021, which showed a net loss of \$12,211.35, and a Balance Sheet as of November 1, 2021, which showed Assets of \$258,947.10, Liabilities of \$6,056.02 and Equity of \$252,891.08.

b. The following was reported during the Tournament Oversight Committee Report:

- Leavenworth Regional has been rescheduled to April of 2022
- Penticton Regionals for 2022 and 2023 are scheduled for June
- Lynnwood 2022 and 2023 have signed contracts (Cookson wants to review the 2023 contract)
- No action was taken on a fall 2022 regional in either Whistler or the Vancouver B.C. area
- Victoria Regional for 2023 is set and an updated contract will shortly be signed. Cookson agreed to see if he could negotiate the Victoria Clipper leaving later Sunday night to accommodate team members wanting to return to Seattle.

c. Brown, Tournament Administrator, stated that revised Policy Manuals are completed and those not already distributed will be given out at our first face to face Board meeting.

d. Brown, Elections Chair, reported that he had not yet heard who the Seattle and the Vancouver B.C. Units have appointed for 2022-2024 terms on the District Board. Romeo reported that the Seattle Unit appointed Ray Miller and Stock reported that his unit would appoint someone shortly.

e. White, District 19 Director, reported that the ACBL Board was placing a detailed record of its actions on the internet available to everyone and therefore it made little sense for him to make a separate report to the District Board. He led a discussion regarding an agenda item at the upcoming Nation Board meeting that would disband and/or combine units having fewer than 50 members. It was the Board's consensus that he should work to get the National Board to defeat that and to set clearer rules for units merging. Another discussion was held on ACBL's decision that when the

tournament directors begin selling credit card entries that all transactions will be in U.S. dollars and paid into only a U.S. bank account. He will endeavor to have ACBL establish separate U.S. and Canadian accounts.

f. Maksymetz reported that the District finals for the NAP have been completed and that he was having trouble getting email addresses from ACBL to finalize arrangements.

g. John Weinberg, District Judiciary Chair, notified the Board that he was preparing a list of individuals to be on judiciary panels and that some units had not responded to a request to suggest names to him.

5. Under Unfinished Business the following occurred: **Rise moved, and Stock seconded to accept the appointment of Ann Romeo as the District GNT coordinator and to have the Secretary notify ACBL of the change.** Motion passed unanimously.

6. The following occurred under New Business:

a. **Rise moved and Madison seconded to notify units about individuals who have resigned from the ACBL to avoid a pending disciplinary board hearing and the results of resignation.** Motion passed with 6 yes Votes and 4 Nay votes.

b. President Cookson led a discussion on TournTables proposal for a new contract. He appointed a committee consisting of himself, Norden and Schmidt to get together with District 20 to present a proposal from the two Districts to TournTables.

c. **Cookson moved and Rise seconded that as of January 1, 2022, the District would no longer accept checks for entry fees.** Motion defeated with a 5 to 5 vote.

d. **Rise moved and Romeo seconded that the District grant up to \$1,500 to the Anchorage Unit to cover any losses encountered in holding its 2022 Anchorage Regional.** Motion passed unanimously.

e. The following officers were elected for 2022:

President – Nick Stock
Vice President – Karen Rise
Treasurer – David Schmidt
Secretary – Dudley Brown

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., during the Leavenworth Regional with an earlier Zoom meeting if needed.

8. There being no further business, President Cookson adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DUDLEY BROWN
Secretary