

D19 Synopsis of the April 4, 2022 Board Meeting at Leavenworth

A two-year agreement as laid out in spreadsheet and email correspondence between President Nick Stock and David Taylor was approved and a committee was formed to get a formal contract prepared and signed.

The District will get ACBL compensation for a regional at sea conflicting with the Lynnwood 2022 Regional.

District clubs may participate in May and December Western Conference STaC's.

An individual that has received ACBL discipline will be removed from the District Goodwill Committee.

Space requirements for the Penticton and Lynnwood 2022 and the Victoria 2023 Regionals are being reduced.

President Nick Stock is pursuing getting a contract for the spring 2024 Vancouver area regional with the River Rock Casino which has offered its ballroom. An additional smaller area is needed for peak attendance periods.

Region 13 ACBL Director Tim White said that with the downsizing of the National Board many authorities and responsibilities are being transferred to other entities. Important developments are in process with staffing, tools and processes for controlling cheating. Better systems for detecting and disciplining miscreants are being developed and a change of personnel in the Recorder's Office should help reduce the backlog of uninvestigated and answered Player Memos.

The ACBL Charity Foundation has authorized White to make a \$1,000 grant to a charity. The Board concurred with him to give it to the United Nations Relief Organization earmarked for Ukrainian relief. It is hoped that District 18 will concur.

Any free plays previously issued under the New Sectional Master Program, and/or to any person who is not an active Board member will be extended to expire December 31, 2022.

The Whistler 2022 Regional dates are changed to Thursday, November 3 through Wednesday, November 9.

In March the District sent a survey to District members asking their intentions of attending the Leavenworth, Penticton, and Lynnwood 2022 Regionals; their comfort level with Covid cross-boarder restrictions; and the number of regionals usually attended per year prior to Covid.

Responses that They Will Attend, Are Likely to Attend, or Will Consider Attending, were Leavenworth 20%, Penticton 52%, and Lynnwood 36%. About a third said they would be more likely to attend tournaments if the border restrictions were totally lifted. Responses to the third question showed that 8% never attended a regional, 19% attended only 1 a year, 20% attended 2 a year, 32% attended 3 a year, and 21% attended 4 or more a year. The survey with responders' comments is on the District Web site.

ACBL solved the District's concerns that tournament credit card entry receipts could only be sent ACBL in U.S. funds by adding a second Canadian vendor account. Canadian regional sponsors should make sure that the Director-In-Charge at their regional use the Canadian vendor account.

Caddie wages have been increased to \$60.00 a session, currency of the country.

Bridge4Youth/Seattle NextGen Bridge members play free at the Leavenworth and Lynnwood 2022 Regionals.

District regional entry fees in 2022 will be \$15 in the U.S. and \$16 in Canada, currency of the country.

Bridge4Youth was given a \$1,000 grant to help its 2022 In-Person Summer Camp.

Ralph Wilhelmi resigned and Bob Tyler was appointed to complete his term.

The Board may give an appreciation grant on a case-by-case basis when a scheduled regional is cancelled and the chair and committee have done significant work.

Submitted by Dudley Brown, District Secretary