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

District 19, ACBL, Board Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2022, Whistler B.C.

1. President Nick Stock called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. He declared a quorum with the following Board members physically present: Chris Cookson, Marv Norden, Karen Rise, and Nick Stock; and remotely present Kathie Hoehne, Karen Madison, Ray Miller and Ann Romeo. David Waterman and Marla Patterson were absent. Also present were Tim White, ACBL Region 13 Director; Dudley Brown, Secretary; David Schmidt, Treasurer; and Matt Koltnow, ACBL Field Representative; and remotely for part of the meeting Don Bladow, newly appointed Alaska Board member.
2. **Cookson moved, and Rise seconded to add to the Agenda Madison's resignation and appointment of a replacement.** Motion passed unanimously.
3. The President accepted Madison's resignation and **Cookson moved and Rise seconded to appoint Marilyn Olson to complete Madison's term.** Motion passed unanimously.
4. The President welcomed Marilyn Olson to the meeting.
5. President Stock reported correspondence offering the District to purchase some used BridgeMates from a California person. Romeo volunteered to check the viability of purchasing them and to report her findings to the Board.
6. **Norden Moved and Rise seconded to accept the minutes from the April 4, 2022, Board meeting.** Motion passed unanimously.
7. The following occurred under Reports:
  - a. Treasurer Schmidt presented his report including the following interim financial statements:
    - (1) District P & L Statement for January through October 2022 showing Total Income of \$141,212 (U.S.), Total Expenses of \$162,766, resulting in a net short fall of \$21,534.
    - (2) District P & L by Class showing that the Leavenworth 2022 Regional had \$10,669 Net Gain; that the Lynnwood 2022 Regional had a net loss of \$3,305; and the Penticton 2022 Regional had a \$13,439 Net Gain.
    - (3) During the Treasurer's Report the Board considered whether to continue to require two signatures on checks of \$5,000 or more drawn on the Canadian Bank. **Norden moved and Olson seconded to eliminate this requirement.** Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Elections Chair Brown reported that announcement for filing for the Board for 2024 through 2026 terms would be made next spring for the following Board positions: Eastern Washington at Large, Western Washington at Large, Seattle Unit and Vancouver B.C. Unit.
  - c. John Weinberg, Judiciary Chair, David Binney, Recorder, and Steve Hoesch, Appellate Chair, reported no activity
  - d. During the Tournament Oversight Committee Report the following occurred:
    - (1) Rise stressed that Regional Sanctions should be made 5 years in advance.
    - (2) Romeo reported that she was still investigating a possible site for a regional in the Tacoma area.
    - (3) Stock reported of his progress in negotiating a contract for a Vancouver area 2024 regional at the Croatia Cultural Center. **Cookson moved and Norden seconded to approve of the District sending the Croatia Cultural Center a \$500 deposit to hold the dates of April 8 to 24, 2024, until a final contract is approved at the District spring meeting with the understanding that if the Center had another offer for that period, the District would have the first right of finalizing the District regional at that time.** Motion passed unanimously.

- (4) A decision on whether to hold a 2023 Whistler Regional was postponed until a final contract proposal is received. The Board is worried that hotel guest room rates and required room block guarantees would be too high.
- e. ACBL Region 13 Director White stated his intentions of sending an email report to all District members that have furnished ACBL with an email address after each NABC. He told of ACBL's problems with this year's budget and staffing the Recorder's office and changes in the Appeals and Charges Committee. He is also working closely with individuals developing a computer model to identify unethical occurrences that when accepted should speed the handling of ethical problems.
- f. Communications Chair Norden warned that he must receive raw material for ACBL Bulletin ads at least 3 months prior to the month the ad would be in the Bulletin. This means that it is best to have material to him a year in advance.
8. Unfinished Business:
- a. President Stock stated he had been unable to execute a new contract with the Tournament Supplier.
- b. The scheduling of a District Financial Audit is being delayed until an Audit Committee Chair is appointed
- c. Hoehne reported that the Anchorage 2022 Regional made a slight profit due to generous contributions so that there would be no need for a grant from the District.
9. New Business actions:
- a. **Stock moved and Rise seconded to appoint Don Bladow as the Alaska Board member for the 2023-2026 term.** Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Cookson moved and Romeo seconded to certify the elections of JP Weber and Marv Norden for 2023-2025 terms on the District Board.** Motion carried unanimously.
- c. **Stock moved and Rise seconded to appoint a new chair for the Olympiad Fund; to direct the current chair to close the fund's bank account and return the balance of the fund to the District Treasurer; and in the future fund disbursements will be administered through the District Treasurer.** Motion Passed unanimously.
- d. **Cookson moved and Rise seconded to approve the following committee appointments and actions:**
- (1) **Stock was appointed the Olympiad Fund Chair.**
- (2) **The Intermediate/Newcomer (I/N) Committee was eliminated.**
- (3) **The I/N Hospitality Chair was renamed the Sectional Master Chair and Don Bladow was appointed chair.** Motion passed unanimously.
- (4) The following 2023 officers were elected by the Board:
- President – Karen Rise  
Vice President – Ray Miller  
Treasurer – David Schmidt  
Secretary – Dudley Brown
10. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Monday 17, 2023 at the Victoria Regional.
11. There being no further business President Stock adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DUDLEY BROWN  
Secretary