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The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

District 19, ACBL, Internet Board Meeting Minutes, January 19, 2023

1. President Karen Rise called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. declaring a quorum with the following Board members connected online. Dean Altschuler, Don Bladow, Ray Miller, Marv Norden, Marilyn Olson, Marla Patterson, Karen Rise, Ann Romeo, Nick Stock; and J.P. Weber. David Waterman was absent. Also present were Dudley Brown, Secretary; David Schmidt, Treasurer; and Matt Koltnow, ACBL Field Representative.
2. **Bladow moved and Olson seconded to appoint Dean Altschuler to fill the vacant western Washington position on the Board for the remainder of the 2022-2024 term.** Motion passed unanimously.
3. The President welcomed Dean Altschuler to the meeting.
4. **Stock moved and Olson seconded to accept the minutes from the Whistler, November 3, 2022, Board Meeting minutes.** Motion passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer Schmidt reported that he had not finalized 2022 year ending reports as he had not yet received the substantial rebate due from the host facility for the Whistler 2022 Regional. He estimated that the District would show a net shortfall of approximately \$19,000 for 2022, with \$8,600 of this being due to exchange rate loss. He further reported that 3 of the District's 4 regionals showed a net gain with only the Lynnwood Regional showing a small loss of \$3,300.
6. The following occurred under discussion of tournaments:
 - a) There will be no fall 2023 regional at Whistler. The Chateau Fairmont proposal for hotel guest room rates of \$219 plus added fees and taxes bringing the total to approximately \$264 would undoubtedly cause the District to not meet room block requirement further causing substantial playing space charges. Hosting the tournament at the Whistler Convention Center was cost prohibitive as the rate for renting the facility is \$20,000 a day.
 - b) The Board discussed the possibility of holding the fall 2023 regional at Ocean Shores but opted to hold the tournament at Leavenworth October 30 through November 5, 2023.
 - c) Changing starting times for the 2023 Lynnwood Regional to a daylight schedule was discussed but the tournament will remain with a prime-time schedule of afternoon and evening starting times.
7. Unfinished Business:
 - a) Treasurer Schmidt has not received the promised payment from ACBL for the conflict of a Tournament at Sea with our Lynnwood 2022 regional and will pursue getting payment.

- b) Romeo reported that the used BridgeMates offered for sale by a California individual had already been purchased when she inquired about them.
 - c) Altschuler is scheduled to do a review of the District's financial records in early February. The Board requested that he do a general review plus looking at the Profit and Loss Statements for two tournaments. Compensation for mileage and for his time if the review became lengthy was offered.
8. New Business actions:
- a) **Romeo moved and Stock seconded to remove David Waterman from the Board due to non-attendance at meetings.** Motion carried unanimously.
 - b) President Rise appointed Marilyn Olson as Chair of the District Goodwill Committee.
 - c) **Stock moved and Patterson seconded to set regional playing fees per session for 2023 starting after the Victoria Regional at \$16 for U.S. regionals and \$18 (Canadian) for Canadian regionals.** Motion Passed with ten Yes votes and one No vote.
 - d) President Rise outlined the benefits of District 19 establishing a separate 501(c)3 entity to pursue getting grant money for District regionals. Altschuler agreed to work with Patterson to accomplish this in the U.S. and Weber volunteered to work with Norden to set up a similar entity in B.C. The President appointed Altschuler to make grant money requests.
 - e) **Olson moved and Bladow seconded to gift to Bridge4Youth the \$50 which accidentally was not remitted to the District with the grant given to the Leavenworth 2022 Regional.** Motion passed unanimously.
 - f) **Stock moved and Norden seconded to allow each unit one free E-Blast for a sectional and that additional E-Blasts of added sectionals would be paid for by the units. Patterson moved and Olson seconded to amend the motion to read "All E-Blasts for sectionals will be free."** The amendment received 7 Yes votes, 1 No vote and 3 Abstentions. The motion as amended received 10 Yes Votes and one No vote.
9. **Patterson moved and Stock seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.** Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

DUDLEY BROWN
Secretary

Approved by Board action April 17, 2023