

DINO

The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

District 19 ACBL Board Meeting Minutes, October 18, 2024, Zoom

1. President Karen Rise called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m. October 18, 2024. She declared a quorum with the following Board Members present: Dean Altschuler, Ray Miller, Marv Norden, Marilyn Olson, Marla Patterson, Karen Rise, Ann Romeo (left at 5:30 p.m.), Gillian Schramm, Nick Stock, J.P. Weber (left at 5:30 p.m.) and Matt Koltnow. Don Bladow joined the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Also at the meeting, as an observer, was J.C. Chupak.
2. Meeting Agenda was approved with addition of GNT/NAP
3. The minutes of the March 29, 2024 zoom meeting were approved.
4. **Approval of Executive Committee or Board email actions:**
 - a. Charity Grant Awards will be distributed equally (\$2,000) by ACBL HQ to recipients previously voted on: Whatcom County Council on Aging – Meals on Wheels, Bellingham; Mary's Place, Seattle; Bean's Café, Anchorage; Rainbow Kitchen, Esquimalt BC; and Wenatchee Eagles Auxiliary, Wenatchee.
 - b. Ann moved and Marla seconded the sanctioning of Vancouver sectional overlap with Ocean Shores regional.
 - c. Ann moved and JP seconded giving Marv approval to sign the Whistler 2025 contract at the rates proposed at the last board meeting.

5. Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report – Dean. The treasurer's report was accepted with the following being noted from Dean – "I cannot vouch for the financial statements as I am missing 7 months of Pentiction bank statements, a check register to reconcile with the bank, and incomplete spreadsheet and no invoices to support reimbursements for Pentiction or Lynnwood"
- b. **Also of special concern: currently we have no one authorized to contact the CRA in regards to filing the GST returns. Notice of authorized GST individuals or any changes must be either in writing or online. David Schmidt is the only person that had the password to make changes. Dean has initiated contact with the CRA in an attempt to resolve the problem.**
- c. 2025 Budget – Dean presented the 2025 budget which shows the potential for a significant loss at the current entry fees vs expenses.

6. Elections

- a. Nobody filed in opposition to Dean and Karen who are now re-elected accordingly.
- b. Seattle Unit: Ray Miller did not run for re-election. The Seattle Unit has appointed JC Chupak to fill his position.

- c. Vancouver Unit: Gilliam Schramm has agreed to remain on the board and was reappointed by the Vancouver Unit.
7. Secretary Status – Karen went to see Dudley and to empty all of the DINO material out of his home. A replacement for secretary is needed. Ann moved and Marla seconded appointing Marilyn as Secretary.
 8. Treasurer Status – Dean has asked to be replaced as DINO’s treasurer. Karen will continue doing payables, but a search for a new Treasurer will be ongoing.
 9. Small Units Merger. No one has responded to the email sent to the Units, by Karen, who may want to merge due to reduced membership etc.
 10. **Entry Fees 2025** JP moved and Ann seconded Entry Fees for 2025 will be \$18.00 US and \$21 CDN
 11. Caddy Payments – Marla moved and Ann seconded that when a caddy has been assigned a session, but then is not needed and if there are no other duties the caddy can perform, they can be released from the session with ½ pay, at the TC’s discretion.
 12. **Newsletter D20/D19** – D20 has offered to include D19’s tournaments in their newsletter, but we must give them the pertinent information. We will reciprocate when we get our D19 newsletter up and running again. JP and Nick will continue to work on this. JC Chupak will be a willing volunteer in this effort beginning Jan. 1, 2025. Ann will also make contributions, as we all need to let them know items of interest.
 13. QR Code – Contact JP if you would like a QR Code present on your tournament flyers, directing the users to the Tournament website and other information.
 14. Lifetime Appreciation Free Plays. DINO has granted lifetime free plays to Matt Smith, Roger Putnam and Dudley Brown. Ann moved Marilyn seconded that the policy manual is to be amended removing the tournament specific designation.
 15. Recorder’s Free Play – Because HQ has taken over all the Recorder’s duties after the player memo is filed, it was proposed that the Recorders Free Plays be reduced from (8) per tournament, to 2 per incident beginning 2025. Marilyn moved, Marla seconded.
 16. NABC – Marilyn moved and Marla seconded Ann’s request for a loan of \$2,000 to begin promotions of the 2027 NABC in Seattle.
 17. Tournament Coordinator – Matt’s concern was that we have no sanctions for Whistler or Penticton for next year.
 - 18. Tournament Oversight Committee**
 - a. **2024** Penticton and Lynnwood both went well. Ocean Shores is ready to go.
 - b. **2025**

- i. Victoria – JP The website is up. Flyers are being sent to Ann to print the backside and taken to Directors at Ocean Shores.
- ii. Penticton – Don moved and Ann seconded appointment of Dave Johnson as Tournament Chair. Marv is assisting and will probably act as Co-Chair while Dave learns the job.
- iii. Lynnwood – Marla, Tournament Chair is working with Ann and things are going well. They have determined that the 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. did not work as Side Games suffered. The tournament will return to the 9/1/7 schedule.
- iv. Whistler – Marv All is moving along. Ann agreed to be Partnership Chair.

c. **2026**

- i. Spring - The Board agreed on Leavenworth.
- ii. June - Penticton
- iii. August – Lynnwood There are worries about the nearby construction that will be ongoing and the impact on parking.
- iv. Fall - Discussions regarding the pros/cons of using the curling rink in White Rock. Discussions ended with a further look at the Convention in Ferndale.

19. GNT/NAP Ann and Marla will be meeting and will email the board regarding venues. Possibly Mt. Vernon, connecting to their sectional, and talk of online, however this option is not popular.

20. Election of Officers –Due to the lack of willing candidates, Don moved and Marla seconded that the District bylaws be amended deleting the two-year term limit for officers and rewritten to now read: terms of office to be determined by the Board.

- a. The following were approved:
- b. Vice President – Don Bladow Marla moved, Marilyn seconded
- c. Secretary – Marilyn Olson
- d. Treasurer – ongoing search
- e. Election Chair – Marilyn Olson
- f. Tournament Administrator – Karen Rise

21. President – As some Board Members had left the meeting, it was determined appropriate to delay the election so that all board members will have the opportunity to declare an interest in candidacy and that a special meeting will be held during the Ocean Shores Regional. Board members not attending in person will join by zoom.

22. There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m. October 18, 2024

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Olson
Secretary

