

**Minutes of the D-20 Board of Directors Meeting
Oregon Trail Regional
Saturday, February 26, 2011**

Sam Asai, President	Rich Carle, NA Events Coordinator	Bob Peery, Area 9
Merlin Vilhauer, District Director, Webmaster	Christine Orchard, Trumpet Editor	Jeff Taylor, Immediate past District Director
Christy Wiegel, I/N Coordinator	Molly Harris, Area 5	Marilyn Vilhauer, Tournament Chair/Executive Secretary
Larry Crumb, Area 2	John Weatherwax, Area 6	Mary Alice Seville, Education Liaison
Marc Zwerling, Chair, Finance Comm.	Gee Gee Walker, Area 7 proxy for Bobby Thompson	Marie Ashton, Treasurer/Secretary
Zelna Morrow, Area 1	Nelda Linman, Bend Oregon	Mike Eyer, Recorder

1. Call to Order- Sam Asai

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Sam Asai.
- b. Sam introduced Nelda Linman, from Bend, when she arrived.

2. Approval of Minutes from Friday, February 25, 2011

- a. Motion made by Bob Peery to accept the minutes, seconded by John Weatherwax; motion passed unanimously.

3. District Director Report-Merlin Vilhauer

- a. Final report by immediate past Director, Jeff Taylor.
 - va.i. Jeff presented a written report of the ACBL meeting in Orlando in November. A copy of that report is available from the Secretary.
- b. Merlin Vilhauer report:
 - vb.i. Merlin thanked Jeff for his six years of fine service to the District.
 - vb.ii. Merlin reported on his visits to the Orlando Board Meeting as an observer and his trip to ACBL headquarters in Horn Lake, Mississippi (suburb of Memphis).
 - vb.iii. Merlin's committees on the Board are: Web/internet; ACBL Score; Bridge committee; CEO review.
 - vb.iv. Jay Baum, the current CEO, is retiring soon, so a search is on to replace him.

4. Tournament Coordinator-Larry Crumb

- a. Larry passed out the updated schedule he maintains containing the District regionals and Unit sectionals.
- b. Larry spoke in favor of an idea put to him by Jeff Taylor to ban sectionals too close to regionals. The tournament in question this year is a Medford Sectional the week before the Eugene Regional.
 - vb.i. Discussion ensued with a motion made by Zelna, seconded by Bob. Bob motioned to amend the motion; seconded by Molly and accepted by Zelna. The following motion passed unanimously.
 - b.i.1. Sectionals may not be held the weekend before or the weekend during a District regional within 250 miles of the regional site. The Tournament Coordinator may use discretion for exceptions, and the Unit may appeal the decision to the District president.

5. 2011-2012 continued

- a. Zelna Morrow moved to accept the budgets for the 2011 regionals. The motion was seconded by Larry and passed unanimously.

6. North American Events-Rich Carle

- a. Seven pairs will attend the finals of the NAOP in Louisville. Only two of a possible three pairs are attending in flights B and C.
- b. Rich's committee consisting of Jeff Taylor and Chris Gibson discussed changing the NAOP Conditions of Contest to allow overall awards regardless of the size of the event.
- c. GNT finals will be held in May and June. A copy of Rich's report is available from the Secretary.
- d. The Committee is investigating doing online District finals.

7. **Trumpet-Christine Orchard**
 - a. The March issue of the paper is being delayed by one week in order to get the OTR results in.
 - b. Christine approves of the proposal to invite District 19 to put news in the paper, but also feels they need to pay for their tournament announcements.
8. **Intermediate/Newcomer-Christie Wiegel**
 - a. Christie rated our current program compared to the 10 point program introduced by Edith McMullen in 1984. A copy of Christie's report is available from the Secretary.
 - b. Christie reported that as of September, 2010, the District had 3,800 players, 57% are under 300 points, with 40% under 100 points. This shows how important the 299ers are.
 - c. Christie shared results of a survey she sent to the Reno participants asking a variety of questions.
 - d. Discussion was held about the Finance Committee recommendation to discontinue the Reno program.
 - vd.i. Molly Harris moved that the recommendation not be accepted at this time and that the Board do further research into whether the program can be appropriately staffed locally. John Weatherwax seconded the motion. Jeff called for a voice vote; the motion passed unanimously.
 - vd.ii. Marie reported that the overall I/N budget will not change; Larry moved to accept the I/N budget; Zelna seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
9. **Finance Committee Recommendations-Marc Zwerling**
 - a. The last recommendation of the Finance Committee was that the District invest up to \$80,000-100,000 into bonds of Single A or higher quality or higher with a duration of not more than four years. Larry moved to accept the recommendation; Merlin seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. A motion was made and seconded to limit the investment to 30% of Net Assets at 1/31/11. Discussion ensued. A vote was held on the amendment which was defeated 3-4. The vote on the motion to invest was defeated 6 to 2.
10. **Education-Mary Alice Seville**
 - a. Three teachers took advantage of the District subsidy for beginner classes.
 - b. In Eugene Mary Alice will meet with folks about youth bridge.
 - c. Mary Alice presented her proposal that Barbara Seagram, a teacher from Toronto. The Board voted to add \$4,000 to the budget to pay for Barbara to present three workshops at Seaside, attend the Teachers' Reception and play with some I/N players during the tournament. Sam moved to allocate \$500 to the education budget for this program. Larry seconded the motion. Bob moved to amend the motion to add \$3,500 to the allocation; the amendment and motion were passed with one dissention.
 - d. Marc volunteered to draft a document
11. **Webmaster-Merlin Vilhauer**
 - a. Merlin resigned his position and Rich Carle was appointed as his replacement.
12. **Bend area regional Committee (Marilyn Vilhauer, Jeff Taylor, Molly Harris)**
 - a. Committee met and recommended that the Board go forward with Eugene in 2013 and explore Bend for 2014 or after.
 - b. Nelda Linman, Vice-President of Unit 476 in Bend spoke to the Board and reiterated the Unit's enthusiasm about holding a regional in their area.
13. **Elections-Marc Zwerling**
 - a. Jeff Taylor, who ran unopposed, was declared President for the year ended January 31, 2012.
 - b. Larry Crumb was nominated and elected to a second term as Vice President.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm by President Asai. The next meeting was called for Friday, August 12, 2011 at 4:30 at the Emerald Empire Regional.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Ashton, Secretary
March 2, 2011