

***Minutes of the D-20 Board of Directors Meeting
Oregon Trail Regional Vancouver, Washington
Friday, February 24, 2012***

Jeff Taylor, President	Rich Carle, Webmaster, NA Events Coordinator,	Bob Peery, Area 8
Merlin Vilhauer, District Director,	Christine Orchard, Trumpet Editor	Sam Asai, Board of Governors; Area 9
Christy Wiegel, I/N Coordinator	Molly Harris, Area 5	Marilyn Vilhauer, Tournament Chair/Executive Secretary
Larry Crumb, Area 2	Sue Kroning, Area 6	Mary Alice Seville, Education Liaison
Mark Tolliver, Finance Committee	Gee Gee Walker, Area 7	Marie Ashton, Treasurer/Secretary
Ian Martindale, Area 3	Merle Stetser, Area 4, Bd of Governors	Jo Anne Murdock, Area 1
Mike Eyer, Recorder	Bill Moore. Guest from Unit 457	Bob Hormel, Finance Committee
Barney Gorter, Guest from Unit 457		

1. Call to Order- Jeff Taylor

a. Meeting called to order at 4:40 p.m. in the Oak Room at the Vancouver Hilton.

2. Introductions- Members and guests introduced themselves.

3. Minutes-Oregon Coast Regional, October 2011- Sam Asai moved to approve; Bob Peery seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Bylaw amendment: Amendment to remove Reno, South Tahoe and Elko from Area 3 and add Boise and Nampa/Caldwell. Jo Anne Murdock moved to approve the amendment, attached to these minutes, Larry Crumb seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ian Martindale is the new Area Representative.

5. Financial Statements-Marie Ashton

- a. As of January 31, 2012, the end of the fiscal year, reserves are \$191,440, which is above the minimum recommended level set by the Board of \$175,000.
- b. Tournament net income was up almost \$20,000 from last year due to very successful tournaments in Eugene and Vancouver.
- c. Attached are schedules of the NA Events and the Programs and Socials in the Education department. They are attached to provide more detail about the GNT and NAP events and to show the success of the Barbara Seagram seminars in Seaside.
- d. Net income for the year is \$26,500.
- e. Final income statements for Seaside and Reno were presented. Seaside table count was down 5%, while fees were up 4% due to the increase in table fees. Reno table count was down 1%, but net income was up 11%, due to hotel concessions.
- f. Sam Asai moved to accept the financial statements; Larry Crumb seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Finance Committee report-Mark Tolliver, Bob Hormel

- a. Reviewed and discussed the financial statements with the Tournament Manager and Treasurer and got their questions answered. The past year had a good result, but next year will be much less successful financially. One reason is that Medford will net at least \$10,000 less than Eugene.
- b. The reserves are healthy right now, but there are large unknowns in the future. One unknown is how the resignation of PDI will affect the tournament expenses. Also, as our population ages and lives on fixed income, it will be more difficult to raise fees. Hotel contracts may get more expensive, as they have in other districts.
- c. The Trumpet Editor has requested a compensation increase in the form expense reimbursement for attendance at a third tournament. The current compensation is travel to two regionals, plus 5 nights and 10 free plays. The committee does not recommend this increase now, but would entertain the idea of three regionals, if the number of nights is reduced.

- d. The Committee recommends that the Board pay close attention to the free plays by placing them as a line item on the financial statements.
 - e. The Finance Committee noted that John Ashton is retiring with this being his last District 20 tournament. Merlin Vilhauer made a motion, seconded by Jo Anne Murdock, to award John free plays for life for his service to the District. The motion passed unanimously.
 - f. Discussion ensued about the Trumpet Editor request. Sue Kroning stated that the Editor's attendance at all regionals is very important. President Taylor presented a scenario that would include attendance at three regionals for 4 nights, with 8 free plays per regional. Additional estimated expense would be \$500. This increase was acceptable to Christine. Molly Harris made a motion to accept this scenario; Sue Kroning seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - g. The Committee recommended that Marilyn Vilhauer stay on past retirement as the Hotel Contract Negotiator. Compensation will be a room at tournaments and expenses for necessary travel to sites for negotiations. The budget allowance will be \$1,600 per year. The \$1,600 will reduce the compensation of the new Tournament Manager. Jo Anne Murdock moved to accept the recommendation of the Committee; Merlin Vilhauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - h. Marie Ashton discussed the budget. The original net loss projected is \$1,799. With the change of Trumpet Editor expenses, the revised estimated net loss is \$2,299. Sam Asai moved to approve the budget; Larry Crumb seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
7. **Tournament Manager-Marilyn Vilhauer**
- a. Marilyn reported that Bruce Cook has resigned from preparing the Daily Bulletin at our regionals due to illness. Merle Stetser was able to come at the last minute to take his place. Marilyn will continue to look for a permanent replacement for Bruce. The Board discussed advertising the position.
 - b. The OTR is down 11 tables from 2011 at this point. The room block has been a concern, due to possible penalties if it isn't met. Marilyn is monitoring the situation closely.
 - c. The flyers are out for Medford and Seaside. The Area Representatives are responsible for taking flyers back to their Units.
 - d. The Valley River Inn has been sold to the people who own Skamania Lodge and Sun River and they have promised a complete upgrade.
 - e. Marilyn is going to Bend to review the fairgrounds site and discuss the contract provisions. Marilyn will be reviewing dates for both Bend and Boise.
8. **District Director-Merlin Vilhauer**
- a. Two Board of Governors positions are open; applications must be received by ACBL by May 31, 2012. If no one runs and the District does not appoint anyone, the ACBL Board of Governors can appoint someone.
 - b. Merlin discussed "strength of field" for pair games, which is a controversial topic with the national Board. The board was polled informally and no one was in favor of the idea.
9. **Tournament Coordinator-Larry Crumb-** Larry presented an up to date schedule. One change was noted by Christy Wiegel. The tournament in October listed in Nanaimo is actually to be held in Olympia, WA. Larry is working to get the schedule posted on the District web site.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm by President Taylor. The next meeting will be for Saturday, February 25.

Respectfully submitted,
 Marie Ashton, Secretary
 February 24, 2012