

Annual Board Meeting Day One: Friday, February 20, 2015

Oregon Trail Regional, Vancouver, Washington

In attendance:

Molly Harris, President, Area 5 Representative	John Ashton, First Alternate, District Director	Marie Ashton, Business and Tournament Manager
Sam Asai, Area 1 Representative	Rich Carle, Webmaster	Larry Crumb, Tournament Coordinator, Area 2 Representative
Chip Dombrowski, Trumpet Editor	Sue Kroning, Treasurer, Area 6 Representative	Nelda Linman, Board of Governors
Ian Martindale, Area 3 Representative	Dewitt Montgomery, NA Events Coordinator	Margi Redden, I/N Coordinator
Laurie Rowe, Area 8 Representative	Mary Alice Seville, Education Coordinator	Marilyn Vilhauer, Tournament Contract
Merlin Vilhauer District 20 Director	Gee Gee Walker, Secretary, Area 4 Representative	Mark Tolliver, Chair, Finance Committee

President Molly Harris called the meeting to order at 4:40 and the attendees introduced themselves. Molly then called for approval of the minutes from the meeting in Seaside held on the 26th of September, 2014. Sam Asai moved to approve, Merlin Vilhauer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Molly welcomed Laurie Rowe as the new Area 8 representative and Hal Montgomery as the new NA Events Coordinator. She thanked the following individuals who are retiring from their positions: Rich Carle from NA Events Chair, Marilyn Vilhauer, Finance Committee Chair, Marie Ashton, Tournament Manager. Molly made recommendations to the Board to increase fees, add the new tournament stratifications and to establish a procedure to examine the idea of memorial games. She then thanked the Board for their help in making her two years a success.

Sue Kroning gave the Treasurer's report which was previously sent to the Board. She has reviewed transactions through December 2014. She noted that she is working on a compilation of the Compensation, Contracts and Perks for the Finance Committee to review later in the year.

Marie Ashton presented the financial statements for the year ended January 31, 2015, which showed a loss of \$6,023, which is approximately \$8,000 less than the predicted loss in the budget. Reserves were \$192,515 at the end of the year and are made up of Cash, Government Bonds and Fixed Assets. The Board purchased a dealing machine this year and a new computer. Merlin Vilhauer moved to approve the financial statements as presented; Laurie Rowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Marie then reviewed the budget for the year ended January 31, 2016 with the Board, after which Mark Tolliver presented the twelve recommendations of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee met January 31, 2015. Present were: Mark Tolliver, Irva Neyhart, and Sam Asai. Not present was Marilyn Vilhauer. Sue Kroning and Molly Harris attended as voting members due to their positions on the Board

of Treasurer and President. In discussing the recommendations, Mark noted that the tournament fee increase was not recommended unanimously by the Finance Committee, where the vote was 4-2. The following recommendations were developed from a meeting of the Committee held January 31, 2015:

1. Approve the financial statements for the year ended January 31, 2015, as presented.
2. Approve the budget for tournaments, NA Events, I/N, Education, Trumpet and Administration subject to the recommendations below.
3. The District will capitalize and depreciate fixed asset acquisitions over \$500 per item.
4. Monitors at online North American Event finals will receive 2 free plays per session, if there are 6 or more people playing and 1 free play per session if there are 5 or fewer players.
5. Increase table fees from \$11 to \$12 starting with 2016 tournaments.
6. Increase hospitality budget at Seaside from \$4 to \$5 per table to be the same as the other tournaments.
7. Area Representatives will be responsible for educating Units and Clubs about monies available from the District for education classes.
8. Invite the ACBL President to attend the High Desert Regional in Sunriver next year. This should be discussed further at the next meeting of the Board.
9. Increase budget by \$220 per year for free plays for the Tournament Coordinator.
10. The President will appoint a committee made up of Marilyn Vilhauer, JoAnne Murdock, Marie Ashton and Sue Kroning (Chair) to search for a new Tournament Manager. Place a notice in the Trumpet for March.
11. Approve the Trumpet budget as requested as follows:
 - a. Reduce number of issues from 6 to 4 to be published in March, June, September and December.
 - b. Increase issue size from 16 to 20 pages.
 - c. The 4 additional pages will be made up of Regional (at least two per issue) flyers and Sectional ads and will be the middle section of the paper. The reader may then pull out and keep that section.
 - d. Editor fees will increase from \$84.15 to \$86.50 per page.
 - e. Editor will also receive \$748 per year to start and maintain District social media accounts, such as Facebook.
12. Irva Neyhart and Mark Tolliver will review the financial records kept by the Business Manager on Saturday, February 22 at 11am in the Alder room at the Vancouver Hilton.

Sam Asai made a motion to approve these recommendations; Sue Kroning seconded the motion which passed with a majority.

Marilyn Vilhauer reported on the contract negotiations for the Oregon Trail Regional for 2017 with the Hilton. She confirmed with the Seaside convention center that our contracts are in force through 2020. The Boise contract for the tournament in August 2016 is in the works. She also has a proposal from the Valley River Inn in Eugene for 2017 and 2019 and is working on Medford for 2017. She mentioned that the Reno Nationals in March of 2016 will probably have a negative impact on the Oregon Trail and Sunriver regionals next year.

Gee Gee Walker gave the Secretary report showing the units in the various areas after the changes made in the Area numbering and moving of units to Area 2. Two elections were held for Area Reps for the term January 1, 2015-December 31, 2017: Merle Stetser was reelected in Area 4 and Laurie Rowe is the new Representative for Area 8. Areas needing to run an election by December 31, 2015 are Areas 2,3 and 6.

Sue Kroning, Chair of the Bylaws committee reported that the Manual of Policies and Procedures has no new policies to propose at this time. She thanked her committee for their work on the Bylaws and MOPP.

Merlin Vilhauer reported on the reconstruction at the ACBL headquarters following the flood. ACBL membership stands at 167,688. Merlin and the Board discussed the issues surrounding the rewrite of ACBL score, the abandonment of the project and the new committee established to work with the current program.

Larry Crumb reported that the sanction for the Boise tournament is pending and he is working to resolve conflicts with Sectionals in D-20.

Hal Montgomery presented the North American Event report. He suggested increasing the GNT Flight B and C events from one to two days. Board members stated that they believed this would decrease attendance in those events. Hal stated that he will travel to Sectionals in the southern part of the District as well as other areas to promote attendance in the District finals of GNT and NAOP. Hal noted that as part of the budget, Flights B and C will be subsidized for 4th place finishers to attend the NABC. Also, in the budget is funding for a level of District expense reimbursement to GNT and NAOP finishers regardless of the amount received from the Grass Roots Fund. The rationale is that if the amount received is less than distributed to players in 2015, then the budget will be reduced for 2016.

The meeting was adjourned until Saturday, February 21 at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ashton, Business Manager

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