

ACBL D-20 Organization, Inc.

Board Meeting: Friday, February 19 and Saturday, February 20, 2016

Oregon Trail Regional, Vancouver, WA

In attendance:

Molly Harris, Area 5 Representative, Treasurer	John Ashton, First Alternate, District Director	Marie Ashton, Business Manager
Sam Asai, Area 1 Representative and Board of Governors	Rich Carle, President and Webmaster	Larry Crumb, Tournament Coordinator, Area 2 Representative
Amy Casanova for Chip Dombrowski, Trumpet Editor	Jim Smith, Area 6 Representative	Nelda Linman, Board of Governors;
Duane Christensen, Area 3 Representative,	Deborah Lackey, Education Coordinator	Margi Redden, I/N Coordinator
Laurie Rowe, Area 8 Representative	Judy Davis, Tournament Manager	Mark Tolliver, Finance Committee Chair
Marilyn Vilhauer, Tournament Contracts	Hal Montgomery, NA Events Coordinator	Merlin Vilhauer, District Director
Gee Gee Walker, Area 7 Representative		

President Rich Carle called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

Sam Asai moved to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting, held Friday, October 15, 2015 at the Oregon Coast Regional in Seaside, OR. Molly Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Rich Carle presented the President's report; Molly Harris presented the Treasurer's report.

Financial statements for the year ended January 31, 2016 were presented by Marie Ashton, Business Manager. Presented were the Statement of Reserves, \$187,659 at January 31, 2016, Income Statement showing a loss of \$4,856 for the year ended January 31, 2016, and Income Statements for the 2015 Total tournament income for 2015 of \$51,441 was split among the Oregon Trail Regional at \$10,139, Rogue Valley Regional at \$82 Emerald Empire Regional at \$11,471 and Oregon Coast Regional at \$29,748. Sam Asai moved to approve, Molly Harris seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Finance Committee report:

1. Budget: Marie Ashton presented the budget for the year ended January 31, 2017, including budgets for the Oregon Trail, High Desert, Great Potato and Oregon Coast Regionals. Also presented were budgets for the North American Events, Education, Intermediate/Newcomer, Trumpet and Administration. Merlin Vilhauer moved to accept the budgets as presented, Laurie Rowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
2. Sam Asai moved that the District present Merlin Vilhauer, District Director, with 6 free plays for 2016. Laurie seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 3 to 2, with one abstention.
3. The Board approved the request of the Education Liaison, Deborah Lackey, to invite Barbara Seagram to the 2017 Emerald Empire Regional. Larry Crumb moved to approve up to \$8,000 in expense; Merlin Vilhauer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. The Committee recommended that the District invest \$140,000 in government bonds; \$70,000 in a 2-3 year bond and \$70,000 in a 1 year bond. Sam moved to adopt the recommendation with the additional provision that the one year bond can instead be invested in a money market fund if the return is higher than the one year bond. Jim Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
5. In an effort to record expenses in the correct fiscal year, the Committee recommends:
  - a. Expense reimbursement requests for District participants in the GNT and NAP finals at the NABCs must be submitted by the end of the fiscal year of travel. The deadline will be stated on the form in the future. Merlin Vilhauer moved to adopt this policy provision; Sam Asai seconded the motion which passed unanimously
  - b. 2015 GNT and NAP participants will be given 30 days from written notice to submit the forms for that year. Merlin moved to approve this provision; Larry seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Sam moved to amend the motion to eliminate the NAP participants from the notice requirement since the reimbursement form stated a deadline of December 31, 2015. Larry seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
6. The Committee recommends increasing the GNT club qualifying fee paid to the District from \$7 per table to \$8 per table. The fees for participation in the District GNT and NAP finals will be increased to \$13. An exception for 2016 will be the Flt C GNT finals, which will be \$12 for this year only. Merlin moved to adopt the fee change; Larry seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
7. The President brought a request to the Finance Committee that the District try a Monday afternoon game in a D-20 regional. Merlin moved to try a charity game at the Emerald Empire Regional in Eugene 2017 on Monday afternoon. Laurie seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Rich appointed a committee consisting of Judy Davis, Marilyn Vilhauer and Laurie Rowe to decide on the logistics, including type of event.
8. Additional recommendations of the Finance Committee which did not require Board motions were:
  - a. Omit advertising our tournaments on BBO or in the ACBL Bulletin this year;
  - b. Use the D-20 Facebook page to advertise tournaments;
  - c. Send an email to all D-20 members encouraging them to friend or like the Facebook page;
  - d. Promote our Facebook page in the Daily Bulletin at our regionals;
  - e. The President should appoint a committee to study the District policy on fees paid to contractors, free plays, expense reimbursements, gifts and other possible forms of recognition for service or accomplishments.
  - f. Leave the table fees at regionals for Juniors (under 26 years of age) at \$5 which increases the discount to \$7. Financial impact is approximately \$200-400 per year.

Marilyn Vilhauer presented the Tournament Contracts report. She is working on Eugene for 2017 at the Valley River Inn. Marilyn reported that the hotels in Seaside don't believe that bridge players are staying in their hotels. Marilyn recommends doing a survey of Seaside players to see if some are booking at the hotel online.

Hal Montgomery started the North American Events report on Friday and finished it on Saturday. Hal asked for guidance from the Board for the amount of rent to pay venues hosting NA Event district finals. He was asked to present a proposal to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation to the Board.

Judy Davis presented the Tournament Manager's report. Judy presented the idea of offering half price entry fee to 299ers who return to play in the evening session as an incentive to come back. The Board also discussed offering a shorter session by playing fewer Boards. No action was taken as the reduction in fees must be presented first to the Finance Committee for its recommendation.

Gee Gee Walker presented the Area report for the Jackson County, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Bend Units and Secretary's report. Merlin Vilhauer presented the District Director's report. The Board recognized his 2015 appointees to the National Goodwill Committee: Ann Marie Gramson, Warrenton OR, Gee Gee Walker, Medford OR, Laurie Rowe, Eugene OR and Amy Casanova Portland, OR.

Tournament Coordinator Larry Crumb presented his report handed out a spreadsheet with future tournaments. Merlin inquired as to why STACs are not run in our District by any of our Units. Rich will appoint a committee to study this event.

Laurie Rowe presented the Area report for the Corvallis, Eugene and Salem Units. Amy Casanova presented the report for the Trumpet, with input from Martha Maroney. Amy expressed concern that she and Martha both live in Portland. She made a call to action to the Area Representatives to procure information for the Trumpet and Facebook page.

Margi Redden, I/N Coordinator presented her report. Deborah Lackey, Education Liaison, reported that the Directors' and Teachers' Courses will be presented at the High Desert Regional in Sunriver in May 2016.

Rich Carle reported on the Board of Governors' meeting at the Denver NABC in Nov 2015. Sam Asai presented an oral report for the Vancouver, Ontario and Mid-Columbia Units.

Under old business, Rich recommended that the Board approve an additional expense for the year just ended of \$560 to cover the excess of expense reimbursements made to NAP and GNT District Champions over the Grass Roots funds received last year. Larry moved to approve the expense, Gee Gee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Under new business Rich discussed accepting credit cards at our District regionals. He took a straw vote of the attendees about interest in this issue. The vote failed so no action was taken. Rich asked for volunteers for the Compensation Committee under number 8(e) above. Sam Asai volunteered.

For President, the one declared candidate was Rich Carle. Sam Asai moved to elect Rich, Molly Harris seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Sam Asai nominated Molly Harris for Treasurer, Laurie Rowe seconded the nomination. Molly was elected unanimously. Merlin Vilhauer nominated Gee Gee Walker for Secretary, Sam Asai seconded the nomination. Gee Gee was reelected unanimously. Larry Crumb nominated Jim Smith as Vice President; Molly Harris seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned, with the next meeting set for Wednesday, August 10 at the Great Potato Regional in Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ashton, Business Manager

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