

ACBL D-20 Organization, Inc.

Board Meeting: Friday, February 24 and Saturday February 25, 2017

Oregon Trail Regional, Vancouver, Washington

In attendance:

Molly Harris, Treasurer (Fri)	John Ashton, First Alternate, District Director	Marie Ashton, Business Manager
Sam Asai, Area 1 Representative and Board of Governors	Rich Carle, President and Webmaster	Marilyn Vilhauer, Tournament Contracts (Fri)
Amy Casanova, 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	Merlin Vilhauer, District Director
Hal Montgomery, NA Events Coordinator	Mike Eyer, Area 5 Representative	Jean Johansson, Candidate for President
Judy Mundt, Area 7 Representative (Fri)	Absent: Larry Crumb, Merle Stetser	Mike Redden, Of Counsel (Sat)

President Rich Carle called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm, Friday.

During Board introductions, the three candidates for President, Jean Johansson, Sam Asai and Hal Montgomery, gave brief statements about plans should they be elected. Rich also welcomed the two new Area Reps, Judy Mundt, Area 7 and Mike Eyer, Area 5.

Sam Asai moved to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting, held Thursday, August 11, 2016 at the Great Potato Regional in Boise, ID. Laurie Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Rich Carle presented the President's report, including a review of the two years of his Presidency. Rich also presented a draft of Election Procedures for resolution of ties in the election of officers. Further discussion and the vote were deferred to Saturday meeting.

Molly Harris presented the final Treasurer's report of her term, reporting on her review of the transactions from August 1, 2016 through January 31, 2107.

Financial statements for the Year ended January 31, 2017 were presented by Marie Ashton, Business Manager. Presented were the Statement of Reserves, \$195,990 at January 31, 2017 and an Income Statement showing income of \$8,331 for the year. There was a small loss of \$2,115 at 2016 Great Potato Regional, but the table count of 741 tables exceeded the projection. Income from the 2016 Oregon Coast Regional's 3,099 tables was \$40,258, up \$10,510 from the prior year. Total tables for the year were 6,481.5, 205 more than budgeted. Laurie Rowe moved to approve the statements; Mike Eyer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mark Tolliver, Chair of the Finance Committee presented the following recommendations of the Committee:

1. Financial statements for the year ended January 31, 2017 be approved. Done previously.
2. The budgets reviewed by the Finance Committee for the tournaments, North American Events, Intermediate/Newcomer, Education, Trumpet and Administrative be approved. Sam Asai moved to approve, Merlin Vilhauer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. Give our District Director, Merlin Vilhauer, free plays to be used in regionals. Make a temporary grant of 8 free plays for 2017. \$96 expense. Sam Asai moved to approve, Duane Christensen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
4. Some of the District reserves be invested in government bonds as follows: \$50,000 in bond purchases up to 1 year; \$50,000 in bond purchases up to 2 years, and \$50,000 in bond purchases up to 3 years. The one year bond can alternatively be invested in a Certificate of Deposit. Merlin Vilhauer moved to approve the recommendation, Judy Mundt seconded the motion which passed with one dissenting vote.
5. The North American Pairs finals held in 2017 will increase participation by 50% over last year. If this doesn't happen, the Board will consider changing the event. A motion was made to approve the recommendation, with no second. Sam Asai moved to table the discussion until the next board meeting; Merlin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
6. The Reserves Policy drafted by Rich Carle and revised by the Finance Committee be approved for addition to the Manual of Policies and Procedures. The target for the reserves will be 65% of the budgeted expenses for the year. Laurie Rowe proposed that the target be lowered to 60%, with the other actionable percentages to be adjusted proportionally. Jim Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
7. A new committee be appointed by the President to study the Compensation and Perks of the District. No Board action required.
8. Free plays issued to NA event monitors from Hawaii be made transferable. No motion required.
9. Approve the allocation of \$2,650 from the Grass Roots funds received from ACBL as submitted by Rich Carle. \$1,850 to NAP and \$800 to GNT. Laurie Rowe moved to approve the allocation, Jim Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
10. Tournament financial reports be circulated to the Board within one month of the end of the Tournament. No motion required.
11. The Board approve allowing the clubs and Units of the District to run sectionally rated games to benefit the 2018 Hawaii NABC. The recommended dates will be one week in September, 2017 and one week in July, 2018. Rich Carle will coordinate with the Hawaii committee and work out the planning. Jim Smith moved to approve, Laurie Rowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
12. The Board discuss addition of a Monday afternoon game at a Regional. No action taken.
13. Amy Casanova, Editor of the Trumpet, to extend an offer to Jim Flint for position of assistant edition. Sam Asai moved to approve, Mike Eyer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Marilyn Vilhauer presented the Tournament Contracts report verbally. She commented that the proposed contract at the Wyndham in Boise for the 2018 Great Potato Regional will be much more favorable and less costly than last year's contract. She credits this with the hiring by the hotel of a professional sales person. She also stated that she has a proposal from the Vancouver Hilton for 2019-20, and has talked to the Red Lion. The Red Lion is not available during our tournament time or the week before.

John Ashton suggested that the Board authorize a charitable donation, equal to the charity funds raised during this regional, to an organization in Nevada County Unit 451 due to the natural disaster surrounding the dam. Molly Harris pointed out that a request like this must go through the Finance Committee before Board action.

Judy Davis reported that the attendance is up at the 2017 Oregon Trail Regional this year. Judy expressed her appreciation of the experience she has had as Tournament Manager. The Board thanked Judy.

Hal Montgomery discussed the issues with the equipment requirements for the online NA events. He will place instructions online, put them on the application, and they will be published in the Trumpet.

Friday meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Saturday meeting called to order by President Rich Carle at 4:30 pm.

Reports were given to the Board by District Director Merlin Vilhauer, Trumpet Editor Amy Casanova and Intermediate Newcomer Coordinator Margie Redden.

The tournament coordinator schedule was handed out by Marie Ashton in Larry Crumb's absence.

Under Bylaws Committee, the Board discussed a change to the Bylaws to allow email votes for Officers by those voting members unable to attend the Annual Meeting, with votes sent to the Business Manager and copied to the Of Counsel. Nelda Linman moved to approve the motion. Jim Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Laurie Rowe, chair of the Bylaws Committee will prepare the motion for **submission to the Units, which must be notified in order to advise their Area Representatives. The Board then votes and it needs a 2/3 majority to pass.**

Rich Carle presented the revised Reserves Policy with the target of reserves at 60% of budgeted expenses for the year, as voted on yesterday.

Deborah Lackey presented the Education Liaison report, including discussion of the upcoming Barbara Seagram seminar to be held in Eugene, and encouraged the Board to promote the teacher reimbursement available from the District. There will be Directors and Teachers Certification programs held at the 2018 Oregon Trail Regional. She discussed an offer by the teacher instructor to teach a beginning bridge course during her stay at the Regional. Due to logistics and extra cost, the Board was generally not in favor of this proposal.

Area Representative reports were received from areas 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 and were included in the Board packet.

Under new business, Rich Carle discussed the idea of having a STAC run by a District 20 unit. Rich then thanked the Board for their cooperation during his tenure as President and turned the meeting over to Of Counsel, Mike Redden for the election of a new President.

Candidates on the ballot for President: Jean Johansson, Sam Asai and Hal Montgomery. By secret ballot, Sam Asai was elected.

Sam called for nominations for Vice President. Merlin Vilhauer nominated Jim Smith, Laurie Rowe seconded the nomination. Jim was elected unanimously.

Merlin Vilhauer nominated Rich Carle for secretary, Laurie Rowe seconded the nomination and Rich was elected unanimously.

Sam Asai nominated Duane Christensen as Treasurer, Laurie Rowe seconded the nomination and Duane was elected unanimously.

President Sam Asai said the final Board meeting for the year will be held in Eugene on August 4, 2017 at the Emerald Empire Regional.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ashton, Business Manager

March 4, 2017