

**Minutes of the D-20 Board of Directors Meeting
Oregon Coast Regional Seaside, Oregon**

Friday, September 21, 2012

Approved by the BOD February 22, 2013

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| Jeff Taylor, President | Rich Carle, NA Events Coordinator, Webmaster | Bob Peery, Area 8, Vice President |
| Merlin Vilhauer, District Director, | Sharon Anderson, ACBL President | Sam Asai, Board of Governors; Area 9 |
| Christine Orchard, Trumpet Editor | Molly Harris, Area 5 | Marilyn Vilhauer, Tournament Chair/Executive Secretary |
| Larry Crumb, Area 2, Tourn. Coord. | Sue Kroning, Area 6 | Mary Alice Seville, Education Liaison |
| Margi Redden, I/N Coordinator | Gee Gee Walker, Area 7 | Marie Ashton, Treasurer/Secretary |
| Nelda Linman, Board of Governors | Mike Eyer, Recorder | Ian Martindale, Area 3 |
| Robert Peery, Area 8 | Roger Anderson, ACBL President Spouse | Robert Hartman, ACBL CEO |
| Bill Moore, Guest | Merle Stetser, Area 4 (absent) | Jo Anne Murdock, Area 1 (absent) |
| Lynda Cole, Larry Chow and David Taylor-visitors | | |

1. Call to Order- Jeff Taylor

a. Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m in the meeting room at the Holiday Inn Express.

2. **Minutes-Rogue Valley Regional, Saturday, May 17, 2012**-Molly moved to amend the minutes, paragraph 12 to say that within 3 days of the meeting the Board unanimously gave a vote of confidence to the changes. This amendment was seconded by Merlin and passed unanimous. Merlin moved to approve the corrected minutes; Larry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. **District Director-Merlin Vilhauer**-Merlin referred to his article in the September Trumpet for information on the ACBL Board which he summarized.
4. **Financial Statements-Marie Ashton**- Assets at 8/31/2012 were \$173,702; expenses for the 8 months exceeded revenues by \$17,738. The Rogue Valley Regional had net income of \$2,976, down \$954 from last year, but \$696 over budget. Table count was up 6%, but expenses were up due to director costs. Sam moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Larry and passing unanimously.
5. **Reports by ACBL President, Sharon Anderson and CEO, Robert Hartman.** Robert stated that ACBL is pretty sound financially but the two areas he is concentrating on are marketing and technology. He estimated they are two decades behind in those areas. Sharon discussed the strategic planning she is working on, goals for the future and methods to measure success.
6. **Tournament Coordinator-Larry Crumb** Larry referred to the schedule of tournaments passed out in the meeting for information on upcoming tournaments.
7. **North American Events-Rich Carle**-Rich announced that all levels of GNT finals will be played online in 2013. He passed out the schedule for the NAP finals in October. Rich announced the establishment of a Grass Roots Fund month each year in the clubs to help subsidize the North American events. December 2012 is the month this year. Rich proposed a method of dividing the proceeds between NAP and GNT. Merlin moved to accept the method, Ian seconded. Bob Peery proposed a friendly amendment to use the method for one year as a trial. The amended motion passed unanimously.
8. **Trumpet Editor-Christine Orchard.** Christine described the process used by a committee of Gee Gee Walker, Sue Kroning and herself to interview two candidates for her replacement. The recommendation to be Board was Chip Dombrowski. Due to Chip's expertise in the field, the Committee recommended that he also be hired to do the page design, which has previously been outsourced. Gee Gee moved that we hire Chip for the positions of Trumpet Editor and page designed beginning with the January 2013 issue. Sue proposed to amend the motion to include \$1,050 to fund the purchase of software at \$850 which will be deducted from the first issue's billing and \$200 for a camera to be owned by the District. Sue seconded the amended motion which passed unanimously.

9. **Tournament Manager report-Marilyn Vilhauer-** The Board presented Marilyn with a gift and their thanks for her many years of service to the District. A Knockout will be named in her honor at the Oregon Trail Regional in 2013. Marilyn presented her report:
 - a. Seaside is up 16% .
 - b. Marilyn recommended that the District pursue a contract with Sunriver Resort for the Bend Regional.
 - c. Drafts of two schedules for timing of the regionals in the next years were presented to the Board by the Tournament Committee. The drafts include Bend and Boise and show Reno going out after 2014. The Committee recommended draft 2 which defers Medford once from 2014 to 2015. An email vote will be taken after the Area Representatives in the affected areas discuss the proposal with their Units. A straw poll was taken with the majority choosing draft 2.
10. **PDI update:** Contract negotiations are in progress with David Taylor, who is buying the business from Lynda Cole and Larry Chow.
11. **Intermediate/Newcomer Coordinator-Margi Redden-** Margi reported on the I/N activities at her first regional.
12. **Education Liaison-Mary Alice Seville**
 - a. Mary Alice reported on the Teacher Training and Director Training run by Karol and Guy Monroe in Seaside this year. Bob Peery will do ACBL Score training. Jerry Helms presented a web based mini lesson.
 - b. Bob Peery moved, Gee Gee seconded a motion to ask Jerry Helms to present a workshop in 2013 in Seaside. Sharon Anderson pointed out that the ACBL Education Foundation accepts grants for matching funds for education which may help defer the cost. The motion passed unanimously.
13. **Bylaws Committee-Sue Kroning**
 - a. Molly moved to approve the new Bylaws effective February 18, 2013. Larry seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 approving and Merlin Vilhauer abstaining.
 - b. Sue Kroning presented the first draft of the Manual of Policies and Procedure. Molly moved to approve the draft subject to changes to Section 1.3. Under (a) Honolulu unit is replaced by Hawaiian Contract Bridge Units Association. Under (b) the dates were corrected.
14. **New Business**
 - a. Molly Harris announced her candidacy for President of D-20 for next year.
 - b. Gee Gee Walker made a motion to allow Unit 481, Grants Pass, a waiver of the ACBL requirement that a unit hold a sectional every other year. Sam seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
15. Merlin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on February 22 and 23, 2013 at the Oregon Trail Regional.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Ashton, Secretary
September 23, 2012

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