

**Minutes of the D-20 Board of Directors Meeting
High Desert Regional
Sunriver Resort, Sunriver, OR
Friday May 16, 2014**

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| Molly Harris, President | Rich Carle, NA Events Coordinator, Webmaster | Bob Peery, Area 8, Vice President |
| Merlin Vilhauer, District Director, | Larry Crumb, Area 2, Tourn Coordinator | Jeff Taylor, First Alternate |
| Chip Dombrowski, Trumpet Editor | Sam Asai, Area Rep | Margi Redden, I/N Coordinator |
| Ian Martindale, Area 3 | Sue Kroning, Area 6, Treasurer | Mary Alice Seville, Education Liaison |
| Nelda Linman, Board of Governors | Gee Gee Walker, Area 7, Secretary | Marie Ashton Business and Tournament manager |
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1. **Call to Order and Introductions - Molly Harris 4:40**
2. **Approval of Minutes-OTR Saturday, February 22, 2014-Molly Harris** Merlin Vilhauer moved to approve the minutes, Larry Crumb seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
3. **President's Report-Molly Harris**
 - a. Molly stated for the record that Nelda Linman did a fabulous job for the last five years to bring this tournament to Sunriver.
 - b. Tillamook Unit request to stop having sectionals. Larry Crumb moved, Ian Martindale seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - c. D-20 funding of ACBL Board President attending our regionals. Molly suggested that an invitation be extended to a regional besides Seaside. Discussion ensued. A decision was made for the District Director to involve the Board via email before invitations are extended.
4. **Business Manager -Marie Ashton** The Statement of Reserves as of April 30, 2014 and the Income Statement with the Comparison of Budget to Actual for the first quarter were presented. Marie reported that \$168,000 was invested in government bonds in early May as per instructions from the Board at the annual meeting. Reserves were \$198, 537 and the quarter had a loss of \$2.00. The budgeted loss for the quarter was \$5,000. There was no vote on the financials.
5. **Tournament Manager -Marie Ashton.** Marie reported on the Sunriver tournament and preparations for the Rogue Valley Regional.
6. **Secretary Report-Gee Gee Walker** The Manual of Policies and Procedures is coming along, with many sections having been approved by electronic vote of the Board. They are: Meetings, Election Procedures and North American Events. Gee Gee also reported that the terms of the Area Representatives in Areas 1 (Nevada County, Sutter Buttes, Ukiah) Pat Pommerenck, 4 (Hawaii) Merle Stetser and 8 (Salem, Corvallis and Eugene) Bob Peery will end on December 31, 2014.
7. **District Director-Merlin Vilhauer** ACBL has redesigned the website and is launching it now. Merlin has worked on the rewrite of ACBL Score. John Ashton has applied for 1st Alternate. Deadline is May 31 for candidacy. D-20 has \$30,000 of charitable contributions from the ACBL. Merlin is requesting ideas of organizations to receive a contribution. A question came up regarding Unit membership of someone who does not live in the Unit. Merlin was asked by the Board to explore the rules about this.
8. **Intermediate/Newcomer Coordinator-Margi Redden** The I/N party had a good mix of experienced and newcomer players attending and the players have enjoyed the tournament.

9. Bylaws Committee-Sue Kroning

- a. Sue moved to change the categories in Section E of the MOPP, Merlin seconded and the change passed unanimously. The new categories are: 1) The D-20 Trumpet Newspaper, 2) Website, and 3) Marketing Bridge.
- b. Sam Asai moved to eliminate Section I of the MOPP and replace it with the statement: Contracts, Compensation and Perks are contained in the records of the District Treasurer. Merlin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- c. The Bylaws Committee recommended that the following procedure be adopted by District 20: "In the event of a tied vote in an election for an Area Representative, a card will be drawn by the District President before witnesses for each candidate, the highest card winning." Larry Crumb moved to approve the procedure, Ian Martindale seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- d. Larry Crumb moved to approve the following procedure for Board Meetings: With the exception of reports on the current tournament (or other events within the previous two weeks), all material to be presented at a District 20 Board meeting must be e-mailed to the Business Manager and copied to all D-20 Board members 15 days prior to the meeting. Ian seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- e. Sue Kroning moved and Bob Peery seconded the following procedure: "In order for Board members to have sufficient time to consider all possible ramifications, requests for board approval of unbudgeted funds at a board meeting must be e-mailed to the Business Manager and copied to all D20 Board members 15 days before the meeting. Other such requests may be presented and discussed but not voted upon at the meeting. In both cases, the opinion of the finance committee will be sought." The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

10. Tournament Coordinator-Larry Crumb Larry referred to his schedule for a list of the tournaments sanctioned for 2014-2016. Larry mentioned that TourneyTrax has been a big help in some ways and needs improvements in others.

11. North American Events-Rich Carle Rich reminded Area Representatives to tell everyone that NAOP qualifying starts in the clubs in June and that everyone participating in the finals must qualify in a club. There are no exemptions allowed. The Grass Roots funds received by the District will be distributed to 2013 NAP and 2014 GNT winners per an email vote of the Board on March 17, 2014.

12. Trumpet Editor-Chip Dombrowski The feedback on the "fashion" issue has been positive. Chip will continue to look for popular subjects like this.

13. Education Liaison-Mary Alice Seville- In Sunriver, 8 participants went to the Teacher Training; Bob Peery taught a Director Course to 11 people and the teacher breakfast was attended by 11 people, with a discussion topic of mentoring programs.

14. Tournament Contracts-Marilyn Vilhauer Marilyn's report stated that the church hall at the Catholic Church in Seaside has been rented for use at the regional in September. Marilyn will travel to Boise to confirm a proposed date of the second week in August of 2016 for a regional there.

15. Board of Governors No reports

16. Area Representatives

- a. Larry Crumb spoke to the Board about the death of a long time Tournament Director from his area: Burt Walker.
- b. Sue Kroning reported about the issue of ACBL wanting to move the 16 members of the Long Beach Peninsula in Washington to District 19. The members want to stay in Seaside Unit 491. Merlin moved to approve that Long Beach stay in District 20, in Unit 491 Seaside. Larry seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

17. Old Business

- a. Reduced fees for younger players- Sue Kroning moved to establish entry fees of \$5 for bridge players under the age of 26, beginning in 2015. Larry seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- b. Unit reassignment- The request of Unit 476, Bend be reassigned to Area 7 was tabled at the annual meeting in February so that Gee Gee Walker could discuss this with her Units. Two out of the three Units approved the move. Bob Peery moved to approve the move of Unit 476 to Area 7 effective today. Sam Asai seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

18. New business

- A. Request by Tillamook Unit #493 for waiver of Sectional requirement-see President's Report above.

- B. Funding for ACBL President invitation in 2015 and future- see President's Report above.
- C. Memo from Past President Pat Douglas of the Unit 476 to the Board about the drafting of election procedures for Area Representatives and the election of 2013. Molly Harris appointed a committee of Sue Kroning and Rich Carle to draft a response, which is to be approved by Nelda Linman before mailing.

19. Ian Martindale moved to adjourn the meeting, Merlin Vilhauer seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The next meeting will be Friday, September 26, 2014 at Seaside.

**Respectfully submitted,
Marie Ashton, Business Manager
June 6, 2014**