

ACBL D-20 Organization, Inc.

Annual Board meeting, February 22, 2024

Hilton Hotel, Vancouver, WA

In attendance:

Don Marsh, President	Sam Asai, Area 1 Representative	Sheri Markwardt, Area 5 Representative
Ruth Johnson, Area 6 Representative, ZOOMer	Dennis Harms, Treasurer, Education Coordinator	Rich Carle, Secretary, Web Master, D20 Declarer
Marie Ashton, Business Manager	Amy Casanova, Tournament Mgr., D20 Declarer	Jim Wheeler, Tournament Manager, ZOOMer
Susie Leo, I/N Coordinator	Hal Montgomery, NA Events Coordinator	Roger Thomas, Finance Committee Chair
Jackie Zayac, Region 12 Director	Jeff Jacob, Tournament Coordinator	Jill Wood, Area 3 Representative
Lorraine Rodich, Area 7 Representative, ZOOMer	Merle Stetser, Area 4 Representative, ZOOMer	Kevin Kacmarynski, Area 8 Representative
Allison Evans, Regional Committee Chair, ZOOMer	John Ashton, guest	Absent: July Ratley, Area 2 Representative

President Don Marsh called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Don moved the Tournament Coordinator report to first. Jeff Jacob reported that D20 will continue to join D18 to present joint STAC tournaments in 2024. Dates are March 4-10 and Dec 16-22. Rich Carle will be the Treasurer duties of this event. Jeff also noted that the District has three tournaments with Gold Rush events happening close together., Seaside, Redmond, and Eugene, starting in May. He encourages the Tournament Managers and Area Reps to promote them all together. He suggested the "Gold Rush Trail."

Jeff also noted that the only Disciplinary Official in the District is the Recorder, Hendrik Sharples. Jeff said procedures are formalized for dealing with problem players at tournaments. The Director in Charge will confer with the Tournament Manager about not selling entries to a player. If it is agreed, the National Recorder will be notified.

Don next expressed his appreciation for the dedication and hard work put in by the Board and Committees during his tenure so far. He also asked Jim Wheeler to thank the person whom he recruited to provide a meal for this meeting. Don also announced that he has recruited Allison Evans to run for the District Presidency at the end of this year.

Marie presented the Financial Statements for 2023, which show net income of \$26,466 and reserves of \$158,747. This is a turnaround of \$41,405 in net income from last year. Can be attributed to increase in tournament income, retiring of the printed Trumpet, reduction in compensation and perks. Rich Carle moved to approve the 2023 Financial Statements, Jill Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Roger Thomas presented the Finance Committee report. The contract with TournTables, LLC is renewed with similar terms for 5 years beginning on 1-1-24. The Districts investment in Treasury bills will continue, under the management of Orca Investments, with no management fee. Roger moved that the District authorize total investments in US Treasury Bills of \$150,000, subject to the discretion of the Business Manager. Sheri Markwardt seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Marie moved that any de minimis cash at the firm be held in a money market fund. Sheri seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Don Marsh introduced the new Area 6 representative, Ruth Johnson, and welcomed her to the Board.

As required by the MOPP, the committee reviewed the relationship between the reserves and expected expenses for 2024 and found the ratio to be 97%. This requires the District to reduce reserves. Roger moved that the District waive

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this requirement for 2024 due to uncertainty still existing in tournament revenue. Marie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Don next moved to approve the budget for 2024, as presented, except for the I/N Coordinator expenses. Sheri seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Don will form a committee to make a recommendation for I/N Coordinator expenses. The Committee appointed at the meeting is: Susie, Marie, Amy, Roger, Rich, Jim, Kevin, and Don.

Area Rep Jill Wood reported that their Sectionals using a local director have been successful and suggests other Areas may want to try. Sam gave a report on Area 1. Lorraine for Area 7, Merle for District 4, Kevin for Area 8, and July Ratley submitted a written report.

Amy reported that she is working with the Hilton on new contracts for 2025 and 2026 and has talked about moving the regional to another time of year. She also emphasized that a new Tournament Manager is a necessity.

Jim reported that the Redmond hotel rates are favorable at \$130 plus per night. Seaside is going to daylight schedule. Jim got hotel rates starting at \$99.

Amy asked the Area Reps to encourage players to sign up for the D20 Declarer so that it can become a more effective way to communicate with District members and lead them to the website and Fast Results for more good information. The Board discussed looking at compensation for the editors of the Declarer.

Rich Carle reported a vacancy on the Advisory Council and volunteered to fill that vacancy. His offer was accepted by the Board.

Susie Leo reported that the I/N events at the OTR were going very well. She sent out a survey to I/Ns; of the respondents many were reluctant to commit the funds to attend Regionals and others were confused about obtaining partners.

Dennis Harms has been surveying the District about the status of Education and working on developing practices and materials. His intent is to develop materials and unify education across the District.

Allison reported the findings of the Regional Review Committee, which took on three areas. They recommend continuing to have two signature regionals, the OTR and Seaside. If local areas are interested in holding a regional, they can submit proposals to the Board and Finance Committee. Another area was the TournTables contract. They recommend the District continue using this outside vendor. The last item was a consensus that a District Contract manager is desirable, rather than burdening the Tournament Managers with this job.

Hal Montgomery explained the changes his Committee has made to the NA Events this year, particularly the GNTs. He announced that Sheri Markwardt, Jill Wood, and Dennis Harms have joined the Committee. He also asked the Area Reps to promote the event as a great opportunity to garner points.

Jackie Zayac reported that she has written to congratulate players who have changed their ranks and asked for photos and bridge stories. She noted the response has been good and has forwarded the stories to Amy and Cheryl for the Declarer. The Board thanked her for this innovative procedure and the job she is doing for us. Jackie also announced the ACBL President, Margot Hennings is coming to Seaside this year. She asked for input on what the District would like her to do at the tournament.

Sheri reminded the Board that the information for the All Western 199 Nite Club is posted on the website.

Sam reported that the Advisory Council meets by ZOOM only, rather than in person at the Nationals.

Sam moved that the immediate past President of the District become an Ex-officio, non-voting, member of the Board for the period of one year. Jill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Jill moved that the current slate of officers, Vice-President Sheri Markwardt, Secretary Rich Carle and Treasurer Dennis Harms be elected to serve for another term. Kevin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jill asked about the future of a tournament in Boise. She mentioned that she knows of three possible sites. The District is currently without a contracts manager; the Board agreed this is a priority for scheduling a third tournament each year.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm. Next meeting will be TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ashton, Business Manager

March 13, 2024