

In attendance:

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| Allison Evans, President   | Sam Asai, Area 1 Representative ,<br>Advisory Council      | Merle Stetser, Area 4 Representative,<br>ZOOMer                 |
| Sheri Markwardt, Area 5<br>Representative, Vice President                          | Ruth Johnson, Area 6<br>Representative ,ZOOMer             | Pam Hughes, Proxy for Area 7<br>Representative, Lorraine Rodich |
| Kevin Kacmarynski, Area 8<br>Representative  | Rich Carle, Secretary, Web Master,<br>D20 Declarer, ZOOMer | Dennis Harms, Education Coordinator                             |
| Marie Ashton, Business Manager   | Amy Casanova, Tournament Mgr.,<br>D20 Declarer             | Jim Wheeler, Tournament Manager                                 |
| Sheryl Williams, Tournament<br>Manager   | Susie Leo, I/N Coordinator                                 | Hal Montgomery, NA Events Coordinator                           |
| Jeff Jacob, Tournament<br>Coordinator  | Roger Thomas, Finance Committee<br>Chair, ZOOMer           | Irva Neyhart, Finance Committee                                 |
| Jackie Zayac, Region 12 Director   | Don Marsh, President ex-officio                            | Bill Lide, Vancouver Club President                             |
| Absent:<br>July Ratley, Area 2 Representative,<br>Jill Wood, Area 3 Representative |  |   |

President Allison Evans called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Jim moved to approve the minutes from the 2024 Annual meeting, the Zoom meeting on 8-4-24 and the Oregon Coast meeting. Sam seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Allison moved Hal’s NA Events report up on the agenda. Hal reported that there were three problems during the NAP finals. One pair was not put into the event by the director. One pair had tried unsuccessfully to register for two flights, but D-20 did not put in the second registration. Hal said that one pair was late arriving to the playing area, which Kevin corrected stating that they were not late. Due to technical problems, they did not get on BBO in time. Sam made a motion to give free plays to the three pairs for the 2025 NAP Event. The motion includes the proviso that this is a one-time payment and not meant to set a precedent. Jim seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jim moved to accept the following slate of officers for the current year: Vice-President, Sheri Markwardt; Treasurer, July Ratley and Secretary, Rich Carle. Sam seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jackie Zayak reported that the Goodwill reception will be held at the Spring Nationals on March 17 in Memphis, rather than the Summer NABC. Starting January 1, ACBL added Bracketed pairs as a possible event and recommended it be tried once a Regional on a day with high attendance. ACBL is now running Clubhouse games online. The advantage of playing in this game is that all the money made from the game goes back to the local club of each player. This is an attempt to help the smaller clubs. One issue being assessed is that the last game starts at 4pm Pacific time, so it is not good for working players. The ACBL board also approved adding a fourth flight to the NAP events.

Sheryl Williams has reached out to three venues for the OTR, starting in 2026, Wilsonville Holiday Inn, Janzen Beach Holiday Inn, and the Monarch Hotel near Clackamas Town Center. Wilsonville wants \$5,250 for space, with room rates at \$113 and no food and beverage minimum. Janzen Beach wants us, but it is \$15,000 for space. Jim offered to talk to them. The Monarch has not yet replied.

Roger Thomas welcomed Irva Neyhart to the Finance Committee. He reminded the Board that the Financial Statements and budgets in the board packet have not been reviewed by the Committee and would not be voted on at the annual meeting, as has been the case in the past.

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Roger pointed out that the \$6,300 showing as income from the NA Events should be subtracted from the \$33,000 net income of the District. These events are their own profit center and do not affect the rest of the District operations. Roger next pointed out that our bonds matured in the amount of \$109,000. They made \$5,000 in interest in 2024, which more than covered our loss in Redmond. It will again be invested in high quality, highly liquid Treasury bills and a money market account. Roger moved to increase the permitted investment account from the current \$150,000 to \$160,000. Sheri seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Roger established a goal of having a budget for the OTR ready for review and Board approval at the Seaside meeting each year.

Allison noted that participation in the NA Events has been declining for a number of years. In the GNTs, this is particularly an issue in Flight C, but it is evident in the NAPs. Allison asked the Area Reps to encourage clubs to offer more team games. She stated that she will be appointing a committee of 4-5 players to study ways to improve participation. Kevin pointed out that in 2013 there were 25 B tables and 15 C in the NAPs; last year there were 4 C tables. This year, with four flights, it will be worse. Allison appointed Kevin to chair the committee. He and Allison will recruit members. The current NA Events committee is made up of nine members, one from each Area and Hal. They do local coordination for venues and develop the Conditions of Contest. The new committee will look to them for feedback.

Allison will be working with Rich to establish a repository for District information that will be accessible to the Board. This is to prevent loss if individual computers break down.

Allison thanked Amy for all her work done for the District and will be presenting her with flowers and a gift certificate.

Tournament Coordinator, Jeff asked those attending if they would be interested in adding a Silver STAC, to be held jointly with District 18, in addition to the two Royal STACs to be held this year. The response was divided. He said he is in conversations with Salem and Medford about hosting a Sectional this year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Next meeting will be TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ashton, Business Manager

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