

Annual Board meeting, February 25, 2023

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Hilton Hotel, Vancouver, WA

In attendance:

Don Marsh, President	Sam Asai, Area 1 Representative	Sheri Markwardt, Area 5 Representative
Cynthia Sinn, Area 6 Representative	Dennis Harms, Area 8 Representative	Rich Carle, Secretary
Marie Ashton, Business Manager	Amy Casanova, Tournament Mgr.	Jim Wheeler, Tournament Manager
Cheryl Haines, I/N Coordinator	Hal Montgomery, NA Events Coordinator	Roger Thomas, Finance Committee Chair (via Facetime)
Jackie Zayac, Region 12 Director	Jeff Jacob, Tournament Coordinator	Mckenzie Myers, DIC OTR
Chip Dombrowski, guest	Mike and Jay Eyer, guests	Kevin Marnell, guest
Veronica Reeves, TM in training OTR	John Ashton, guest	
Absent: Lorraine Rodich, July Ratley, Jill Wood, Merle Stetser		

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

Don Marsh introduced the following guests:

- Mike Eyer was thanked for his many decades of service to the District as everything from Board Member, Officer to Tournament Manager. Mike thanked his wife, Jan for her tolerance.
- Chip Dombrowski, former editor of the now defunct Trumpet newspaper. Chip was recognized for making our paper the “jewel of ACBL publications” (1)
- Kevin Marnell,

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Don also thanked Jon Gustafson, former Area 6d Rep, for his service to the District.

Don called for discussion or a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7 ZOOM meeting. Sam Asai so moved; Rich Carle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Marie Ashton presented the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, showing reserves of \$132,281 after a loss of \$14,939 for the year. Sam moved to approve the statements; Rich seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Roger Thomas presented the Finance Committee report prepared after its meeting held on February 11. The following recommendations were voted on:

- Establish an investment account at Charles Schwab to be funded with \$100,000 to be invested in US Treasury securities of maturities no greater than one year. To fund the account, the District will cash out the CD at TIAA Bank and take the remaining from the checking account. Roger Thomas and the District will manage the

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investment. Dennis Harms made a motion to approve this plan, Marie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- The Committee recommends waiving the District requirement to reduce the reserves in 2023. Sam moved to approve the waiver; Cynthia Sinn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- The Committee recommended approving the budget as presented for 2023, with the inclusion of a \$2,070 lump sum final payment of the TournTables stipend. Dennis Harms moved to approve the budget; Sam seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Amy Casanova reported attendance to date for the OTR is at 90% of 2022, cut short by the voluminous snowfall. She recommended getting more volunteers in the future from Unit 487 (Portland) and thanked Unit 452(Vancouver) for its help this year. The District has signed a contract with the Hilton for the years 2024 and 2025 with cost increases, that will likely result in losses. She recommended establishment of a Regional Task Force to explore options. Amy commended the work of the I/N chair Cheryl and her volunteers.

Jim Wheeler said that preparations for Seaside are going according to plan. He noted that Chip Dombrowski and Cheryl Haines are assisting him in designing an ad to place in the ACBL Bulletin. He hopes to send flyers to tournaments east of the Mississippi and around the country.

Jeff Jacob wants to encourage Units to hold Sectionals. He presented four options for different types of tournaments and encouraged Area Reps to pass this information to their units. The options are listed in Jeff's report, part of these minutes.

Hal Montgomery asked for a brainstorming session on attracting more players to the NA Events. He thanked Cheri Markwardt and Kevin Marnell for their help in getting newer players into the event. Cheryl pointed out that effective communication often requires three repetitions. She said that appeals must be made constantly by teachers, club owners and players.

Jackie Zayac noted that Units are no longer required to hold Sectionals, but she they are encouraged to do so. She also requested that our Board work with her on ideas for increasing membership, which is her particular goal as our Regional Director.

McKenzie Myers reported that ACBL has increased Tournament Director fees by about 10%, which will take effect on April 1.

Co-chairs of the Communications committee, Amy and Cheryl, presented their report. The committee has hired Pennington Creative to design the new website; has published the first issue of the D20 Declarer and has designed new logos for the District.

Sheri Markwardt reported that the District has joined the All Western 199 Nite Club.

Cheryl recapped the successful I/N program at the OTR. She thanked Sheri for marketing the lessons and 0-20 game; Cynthia, Amy, the Vancouver and Portland Bridge Clubs for prizes and the speakers, Donna Compton and David Brower. Cheryl is resigning as Coordinator in order to focus on marketing and communication. She recommends that a local person be recruited for each tournament in addition to the main Coordinator.

Update 3-2-23: The Board approved Cynthia Sinn as the new I/N Coordinator. Sheri Markwardt is appointed as the I/N-Ed Committee Chair. Members are Cynthia Sinn, Kevin Marnell and Kevin Kacmarynski.

Don Marsh pointed out that we are short one member for the Advisory Council; current members are Sam Asai and Merle Stetser.

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Don opened nominations for Vice President by nominating Sheri Markwardt; Sam seconded the nomination; Sheri was elected unanimously. Sam nominated Rich Carle for another term as Secretary; Cynthia seconded the nomination; unanimous election. Sam nominated Dennis Harms for a second term as Treasurer; Marie seconded the nomination and our incumbent will serve another term by unanimous acclaim.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting will be in a month or so via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ashton, Business Manager

March 3, 2023

(1) Chip D. Trumpet Vol No 0