

**Minutes of the D-20 Board of Directors Meeting
Oregon Trail Regional Vancouver, Washington
Saturday, February 25, 2012**

Jeff Taylor, President	Rich Carle, NA Events Coordinator, Webmaster	Bob Peery, Area 8
Merlin Vilhauer, District Director,		Sam Asai, Board of Governors; Area 9
Jeff Wiegel	Molly Harris, Area 5	Marilyn Vilhauer, Tournament Chair/Executive Secretary
Larry Crumb, Area 2	Sue Kroning, Area 6	Mary Alice Seville, Education Liaison
	Gee Gee Walker, Area 7	Marie Ashton, Treasurer/Secretary
Ian Martindale, Area 3	Merle Stetser, Area 4, Bd of Governors	Jo Anne Murdock, Area 1

1. Call to Order- Jeff Taylor

a. Meeting called to order at 4:40 p.m in the Oak Room at the Vancouver Hilton.

2. Minutes-Oregon Trail Regional, Friday, February 24, 2012- Bob Peery moved to approve; Molly Harris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. New Business-

a. **Finance Committee-** Jeff announced that he is appointing Jo Anne Murdock to the Finance Committee.

b. **Search Committee-** Jeff appointed a committee to search for a new Tournament Manager and a new provider to replace PDI. The committee is Molly Harris, Jo Anne Murdock and Sam Asai, Marilyn Vilhauer and himself.

4. North American Events- Rich Carle presented a written report to the Board.

a. Rich announced the winners of the North American Pairs finals held in October. Three pairs will attend for Flights A and C and two from Flight B. Any eligible pair may accept the invitation.

b. GNT finals will be held in May, with split sites for all flights except the Championship flight. The Championship Flight being held on line in a number of different venues. Expenses are expected to increase by \$2,000 for the online event. Registration forms (see web site) are due by April 30, 2012. Rich is looking for on-site monitors for the Championship Flight.

5. Mary Alice Seville

a. **Trumpet Editor** standing in for Christine Orchard- She recognized Jeff and Christy Wiegel for sending som many pictures.

b. **I/N report** standing in for Christy Wiegel. Table count is good in the Gold Point pairs. Suggests a 0-99 event for really new players on days of Gold Point pairs. She would like a third day of Gold Point pairs and a Flight B bracketed Swiss teams on a day there is no Gold Point pairs. Christy asked again for a reduction in the I/N program from 299 to 199. She was offended by hearing new players referred to as "bunnies" by a director.

c. **Education-**Mary Alice wants to get more teachers of new bridge players to apply for the \$100 expense reimbursement available. Mary Alice would like another major speaker in Seaside in 2013 because of the success of the Barbara Seagram seminars.

6. Old Business-

a. PDI update-Jeff Wiegel. In November, the Wiegels had concluded that PDI was not going to sell the business, but with the letter of resignation from Larry Chow received on February 20, 2012, they are again interested in working something out for the equipment. They are not interested in the book business. Jeff gave the Board an outline of the PDI operation, as they understand it. The Board told Jeff it will be very interested in entertaining a bid for the job. The Board discussed the feasibility of different ways to get duplicated boards and then tabled the discussion until Medford.

b. Jeff Taylor asked for names of possible attorneys to replace Marc Zwerling who has resigned from his duties. Jeff then added the search for an attorney to the Search Committee's duties.

7. New Business

a. Big Elk proposal-Sam Asai- Dan Williams currently provides duplicated boards for the pair games and Swiss teams in Districts 17, 21 and 22. Sam gave him a ball park number of tables and Dan estimates the cost at

\$7,000 per year. The Boards in boxes would be shipped to someone in the tournament town. Dan estimates there would be 60 sets of boards in the shipment. Marilyn mentioned that she had talked about this issue in Seaside and the board was not interested.

- b. GNT expense reimbursement-Gee Gee Walker was asked by two Units in her area to make a plea for increasing the reimbursement. The reason was that it would increase participation. The Medford Unit suggested and increase to \$4,000 per team, from the current \$1,800. Marie Ashton reported that the current amount was changed in the last three years. Addendum: it was 2009, when the team fee was increased from \$1,350 to \$1,800. Rich Carle suggested that the Units try doing some fund raising games for the expenses.
8. **Elections-** Jeff Taylor, the sole candidate, was re-elected President by a motion made by Sam Asai and seconded by Ian Martindale. Jeff was reelected unanimously. Bob Peery nominated Larry Crumb for Vice President, who declined. Larry Crumb nominated Bob Peery. Jo Anne seconded the motion. Bob was elected unanimously, almost.
9. **Bylaw committee report-Sue Kroning**
 - a. Sue reported that the Committee recommends development of a Manual of Policies and Procedures (MOPP) to contain some items that are in the current Bylaws plus other items. One example is the definition of the Units that make up each Area of the District. One of the items listed for inclusion in the MOPP is a tournaments area. Jo Anne suggested that the Tournament Manager maintains files separately.
 - b. The discussion will continue in Medford.
10. Merlin Vilhauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jo Anne. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm by President Taylor. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 17, 2012 in Medford after the second session.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Ashton, Secretary
February 28, 2012