

ACBL D-20 Organization, Inc.

Board meeting, October 5, 2018

Pig 'n Pancake, Seaside OR

In attendance:

Laurie Rowe, President	Merlin Vilhauer, District Director	Sam Asai, Area 1 Representative and Board of Governors
July Ratley, Area 2 Representative	Duane Christensen, Area 3 Representative, Treasurer	Merle Stetser, Area 4 Representative, Board of Governors,
Mike Eyer, Vice President Area 5 Representative	Jim Smith, Area 6 Representative	Judy Mundt, Area 7 Representative
Irva Neyhart, Area 8 Representative	Rich Carle, Secretary, Webmaster, 2 nd Alternate District Director	Marie Ashton, Business Manager
Nelda Linman, Board of Governors	Hal Montgomery, NA Events Coordinator	Jeff Jacob, Tournament Coordinator
Marilyn Vilhauer, Tournament Contracts	Nancy Jonske, Education Coordinator	Margi Redden, I/N Coordinator,
Angela Jacob, Tournament Manager	Jean Johansson, Tournament Manager	Jim Wheeler, Tournament Manager
Amy Casanova, 1 st Alternate District Director, Trumpet Managing Editor	Deborah Lackey, retiring Education Coordinator	Chip Dombrowski, Asst Editor, Trumpet

President Laurie Rowe called the meeting to order shortly after 9 am.

After introductions, the President stated for the minutes that the Board voted via email to contract with Tournament Managers Angela Jacob for the summer tournaments and Jean Johansson for the 2019 Oregon Trail Regional. The Board also voted by email to contract with Nancy Jonske to become the Education Liaison.

Mike Eyer moved to approve the minutes for the 2018 Annual Board meeting held in Vancouver, WA on February 23 and 24, 2018; Merlin Vilhauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The President announced that she has appointed Merle Stetser and Sam Asai to the Board of Governors, since no applications were filed for the position.

The President opened a discussion of the events at our regionals. There may be a need to alter the schedules depending on the size of the tournament and players wishes. The Oregon Trail schedule was discussed as it is substantially different from prior years. It was agreed that any actions will be deferred until the next annual meeting when the Board has had a chance to evaluate the new schedule.

Duane Christensen presented the Treasurer's report which includes a month by month comparison of reserves for the 8 months ended August 31, 2017 and 2018. The reserves were less each month of 2018 by percentages ranging from 5.9 to 17.

The Business manager reported a loss of \$26, 214 for the eight months ended August 31, which is \$6,556 more than the expected loss. The bright spot was Education which was \$5,000 less than budgeted expenses. Financial reports for the Oregon Trail, High Desert and Great Potato regionals were presented. The first two fell short of budget by \$5,647(42%) and \$7,839 (97%) respectively, while Boise's loss was \$1,582 (66%) less than expected. Sam Asai moved to accept the report; Mike Eyer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Deborah Lackey, retiring Education Liaison, reported on the outstanding success of the Barbara Seagram seminar in Boise. Many people attended and also played in the Tournament. As a tribute to Barbara, Sam moved to send \$250 to the charity she supports; Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed with 1 abstention.

Tournament Coordinator, Jeff Jacob asked the Board to allow Seaside to continue hosting a Non-Life Master Regional (NLMR) in conjunction with their April sectional and to allow 2 other NLMRs each year. Sam moved to approve, Jim Smith 2nd the motion which passed unanimously.

Jeff also asked the Board to terminate our participation in the Western Conference STAC events and to allow our Units to hold STACs starting in 2019. He also recommended that the Vancouver Unit be asked to sponsor a STAC on January 14-20, 2019, with details as to administration and fees to be worked out later between the District and the Unit. Merlin moved to accept this plan, Irva Neyhart seconded the motion which passed with Jim Smith and Mike Eyer abstaining.

Secretary Rich Carle presented the following items in his report.

1. Elections are underway to replace Area Representatives Duane Christensen and Jim Smith. July Ratley is running unopposed in her Area.
2. The Bylaws were updated to add email voting and to change the fiscal year to December 31 as voted on at the Annual meeting. In addition, three sections of the MOPP were updated, Sections D(Financial), E (Trumpet) and G (Regional venues). Mike Eyer moved to approve updates, Merlin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Rich suggested that Section F be reviewed; the President appointed Nancy Jonske to do the review and report in February.
4. Laurie Rowe will present a draft Job Description for Area Representatives in February.
5. Rich moved that the Board petition ACBL to allow Districts to make their own regulations concerning communication devices at Regional and District-wide events. Mike seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 3 to 2, with 3 abstentions.
6. Rich advocated for publication of his list of convention charts that will take effect on Thanksgiving. He will have someone else confirm his list and post it on the website.
7. The Board tabled Rich's suggestion to accept debit/credit cards for the District online events.
8. Marilyn Vilhauer and Rich Carle will present a plan for action by our Goodwill committee at the February meeting.

Marilyn Vilhauer discussed the Tournament Contracts. Medford and Eugene are finalized for the next years; Seaside is ready for us through 2025. Marilyn, Angela Jacob and Jim Wheeler will work on the Boise venue and present options in February at the Annual meeting.

Jim Wheeler reported that Seaside is down slightly from projections and that the tournament is going well despite challenges presented by construction.

Hal Montgomery discussed changes in the convention charts and how these might affect the disclosure requirements in the online District NA finals. His committee is not in agreement about how it might be handled. The suggestion was made that players must submit their convention cards when they register for the event in order to be able to play. It was also noted that the requirement can be advertised in the Trumpet. Mike Eyer stated that many people still do not want to play online. He requested historical statistics on turnout in these events to be reviewed at the Annual meeting.

Merlin Vilhauer reported that the ACBL continues to consider reducing the number of Board members. 2018 is the year that District 20 has a \$30,000 grant to divide among a maximum of 7 charities. Area Representatives must submit suggestions to Merlin by November. They are also requested to submit names for possible appointment to the National Goodwill Committee. Merlin also reported that he receives many complements on our Trumpet newspaper.

Amy Casanova discussed the Trumpet. She suggested that the Area Representatives assist their Unit reporters with the content of the columns. Amy reported again that the Facebook account is not being used by our players and that it might be time to abandon the project.

Margi Redden reported on the I/N party which was successful.

There were no reports by the Board of Governors; each Area Representative presented a report.

Under New Business, Rich Carle reported on an email he received from Bud Hamilton in Redding CA discussing all the damage caused by the summer fires. July Ratley said that a number of bridge players lost their homes, but that they were all in pretty good shape. Rich Carle moved that a local charity in Redding be chosen as the recipient of one of the grants available from ACBL, Merlin seconded the motion, which passed with July abstaining. July will talk to the local players to make suggestions.

The request has been made to make free plays transferable, as some feel it is compensation for a job. Others view it as an incentive to players to volunteer their time and not a contractual payment. Discussion ensued with pros and cons. One serious comment was that we don't want to be seen as hiring, but as soliciting volunteers. A schedule of free plays currently provided will be presented to the Finance Committee and the Board at the Annual meeting. Mike Eyer and Sam Asai were appointed to prepare the schedule.

Also deferred to the annual meeting is the issue of where the District will obtain Bridgmates if John Gram does not replace the ones stolen recently.

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 12 pm, with the next meeting to be held at the Oregon Trail Regional at 9am on Friday.

Marie Ashton, Business Manager

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Copies of written reports to the Board are available from the Business Manager.