

ACBL D-20 Organization, Inc.

Annual meeting, February 23 and 24, 2018

Vancouver Hilton, Vancouver., WA

In attendance:

Sam Asai, President, Area 1 Representative and Board of Governors	Jim Smith, Vice-President, Area 6 Representative	Marie Ashton, Business Manager
Duane Christensen, Area 3 Representative, Treasurer	Rich Carle, Secretary, Webmaster, 2 nd Alternate District Director	Marilyn Vilhauer, Tournament Contracts, Friday
Amy Casanova, 1 st Alternate District Director, Trumpet Editor	Laurie Rowe, Area 8 Representative	Nelda Linman, Board of Governor, Proxy for Judy Mundt, Area 7 Representative
Merlin Vilhauer, District Director	Mike Eyer, Area 5 Representative	Margi Redden, I/N Coordinator, Friday
Deborah Lackey, Education Coordinator	Mark Tolliver, Chair, Finance Committee, Friday	Jim Wheeler, Tournament Manager
Hal Montgomery, NA Events Coordinator	Mike Eyer, Area 5 Representative, Recorder	Jeff Jacob, Tournament Coordinator
Mike Redden, Of Counsel, Saturday	Roger Thomas, member Finance Committee	Hal Montgomery, North American Events

President Sam Asai called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

The attendees introduced themselves.

Minutes for the 2017 Board meeting held in Eugene on August 4, at the Emerald Empire Regional were presented Mike Eyer moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Duane Christensen and passed unanimously.

The President announced that he has appointed Hendrick Sharples as District Recorder, Marc Zwerling as Disciplinary Chair, Roger Thomas as a member of the Finance Committee and Jeff Jacob as Tournament Coordinator. He recognized Nelda Linman for her appointment as Goodwill Member of the Year. The president also presented the Area 1 report.

He also presented the findings of the Perks and Compensation committee made up of himself and Susan Taylor, with some recommendations to the Board for adding perks and compensation to the President, District Director, Tournament Manager, Business Manager, Area Representatives, and Hospitality and Partnership volunteers. Rich Carle pointed out that, as President in 2016, he established the committee to study the current levels of perks and compensation and address inconsistencies. No action taken.

Secretary, Rich Carle, presented a report about the Electronic Device Policy adopted by the ACBL board in San Diego and mandated for all regionals. Rich recommends against using that policy, as D-20 already has one. In addition, the Director in Charge of our regionals, Matt Koltnow, has not been notified of this mandate. No action taken by Board, but Merlin Vilhauer will bring this up at the next ACBL board meeting.

The Treasurer presented a written report stating that the reserves of \$181, 812 are 11.7% less at year end than one year ago but felt that the District has plenty of fluid reserves to get through the tournament in Sunriver.

The Business manager reported a loss of \$15,023 for the year ended January 31, which is \$7,600 more than the expected loss. North American Events, Education and Administration exceeded budgeted expenses. Financial reports for the Emerald Empire and Oregon Coast Regionals were presented. Both tournaments had less income than budgeted and less than the prior year. Eugene table count was 859, 16% less than 2016 and 12% less than budgeted. Income as

\$3,702, 68% less than 2016 and 53 % less than budgeted. Seaside's table count was 2,893 down from 3,099, and income was \$27,766 as opposed to \$40,258 last year.

Laurie Rowe, Chair of the Bylaws committee reported that last year's only action was approval of a policy allowing email voting by the Board.

Marie Ashton and Mark Tolliver presented the budget for the year ended 1/31/19, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

1. Jim Smith moved to increase table fees for 2019 tournaments by \$1 per session, due to the losses in three out of the last five years and to the need to adhere to the District reserves policy. Mike Eyer seconded the motion which passed with one nay, Area 8. Merlin Vilhauer moved to accept the budgets with this increase, Nelda Linman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
2. Merlin Vilhauer moved to approve the budgets for Education, Intermediate/Newcomer and the Trumpet. Nelda seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
3. For North American events (NA), the committee recommends approving the request to raise table fees from \$13 to \$15, starting with 2018 pairs. Merlin moved to approve, Duane seconded the motion, which carried with 4-2.
4. The NA coordinator shall receive an increase in free plays per year from 36 to 47, with 8 being for \$15. Nelda moved to approve, Duane seconded. Motion carried 4-3.
5. The NA budget for BBO training shall be \$450, Laurie moved to approve, Mike Eyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Reimburse expenses for GNT winners based on the number of teams participating. The reimbursement will be \$200 per team to a maximum of 9 teams, or \$1,800. Laurie moved to approved, Jim Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
7. Mike Eyer moved to approve the administrative expense budget, Merlin Vilhauer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
8. To cut expenses, the Committee recommended reducing the number of Board meetings to two per year. One at the Oregon Trail Regional and one at another tournament as decided by the President. A motion was made to approve three meetings for 2018 (Merlin moved, Nelda 2nd, passed unanimously), two in Vancouver, one in Seaside. For 2019 and after, Merlin moved to lower the number of meetings to two, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Merlin moved to approve, Laurie Rowe seconded, motion passed unanimously.
9. The committee recommended that the Board hold more discussions via email so that meetings can be more focused on decision making. After discussion, no action was taken. A suggest was made to look in to conference calls.
10. Since the District no longer runs a regional ending on December 31, Merlin moved to change the fiscal year from January 31 to December 31, beginning with 2018. Nelda seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
11. The committee recommended changing the anniversary date of our Certificates of Deposit from August 1 to December 31, so the funds are available at the beginning of the year if needed. In addition, the committee recommended giving 2 free plays to Amy Casanova for hosting the Finance Committee annual meeting, 4 to Nelda Linman in recognition of being chosen ACBL Goodwill Member of the Year and 24 to Judy Davis for time spent training the new tournament managers. Laurie Rowe moved to approve all these recommendations, Jim Smith seconded, passed unanimously.

Margi presented the report on the I/N events at this tournament.

Jim Wheeler made his first report as Tournament Manager. He is working on Boise and Seaside, stating that the Convention Center in Seaside is being remodeled. He has met with the staff there and passed information to the Director in Charge. In addition, Jim will be temporary manager of Sunriver in May.

Marilyn Vilhauer announced that the Bend tournament will be at the Riverhouse in Bend starting in 2020. The Valley River Inn in Eugene has new owners who have offered a very nice new contract.

Merlin Vilhauer announced that 2018 is the year when he can recommend 7 charities for a \$4,000 plus donation from ACBL. He will be entertaining requests from Units for these gifts.

Amy Casanova announced that there are vacancies in the Unit Reports for the Trumpet that she is working on filling for Mid-Columbia, Central Oregon Coast, Grants Pass and Nevada County.

Day one of meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Sam Asai resigned as President of the Board at the beginning of Saturday's meeting and Vice President Jim Smith became President.

Jeff Jacob, Tournament Coordinator, presented suggestions to the Board. One is that the District consider holding Non-Life Master Regionals, which can be unlimited in number. He would like the District to consider options for Sectional Tournaments at the Clubs. He will prepare a report to be mailed to the Board regarding these issues.

Deborah Lackey solicited input from the Board about the timing and feasibility of Education programs, specifically the workshops, which have been an expense in the past. The board suggested that we look for speakers that would reduce the expense to the District. They also endorsed holding them in Eugene where the playing space is very economical.

Hal Montgomery proposed that the District run a pilot program to hold District wide online qualifying games for pairs to make them accessible to players who work and those in areas where qualifying games are not held in the clubs. Members are not allowed to pay a fee to play in the finals when they haven't been able to qualify at the club level, like they can in teams. He also suggested allowing clubs to run IMP pairs games to qualify for the team final, as some clubs have difficulty running team games.

Muriel Stitt, Tournament Chair for the 2018 Hawaii NABC sent her report to the Board. They are looking for volunteers who will be paid in scrip, at this District 20 tournament. They will appreciate feedback from members of the District.

Elections for District Officers were held. Mike Eyer was elected Vice President, Duane Christensen and Rich Carle were reelected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. A nominating committee for the President was constituted made of the President, Vice President and Secretary.

Tabled until next meeting:

1. Perks and Compensation committee report, Sam Asai, Susan Taylor.
2. Area Representative job description, Chair Jeff Taylor with Laurie Rowe and Don Marsh.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Ashton, Business Manager

March 2, 2018

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