

ACBL D-20 Organization, Inc.

Board meeting, October 23, 2020

Via ZOOM, Mike Eyer, host
In attendance:

Laurie Rowe, District Director	Pete Grice, Area 3 Representative	Sam Asai, Area 1 Representative and Board of Governors
Merle Stetser, Area 4 Representative	Jon Gustafson, Vice-President, Area 6 Representative	Marie Ashton, Business Manager
Mike Eyer, President, Area 5 Representative	Dennis Harms, Area 8 Representative	Rich Carle, Secretary, Webmaster, 1st Alternate District Director
McKenzie Myers, DIC, Area Manager	Jeff Jacob, Tournament Coordinator	Amy Casanova, Trumpet Managing Editor, Tournament Manager
Jim Wheeler, Tournament Manager	Hal Montgomery, NA Events Coordinator	Kent Livingston, Finance Committee Chair
Staci Christian, guest, Owner Ace of Clubs		

President Mike Eyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Sam Asai moved to approve the Minutes for the February 22, 2020 Board meeting held in Vancouver, WA and the Financial Statements for the Nine Months ended September 30, 2020; Jon Gustafson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Laurie Rowe reported that the ACBL Board is meeting monthly. 40% of members are playing online. New incentive: 120-day free membership and appealing to young people with online play. The income of ACBL has dropped significantly.

The Business manager a small gain for the period of \$105 from the Oregon Trail Regional, GNTs and Grass Roots Fund payment. We have \$85,000 in checking held for contingencies in this Covid year. The Board will explore putting \$50,000 in a CD for a period. Rich Carle moved that the Grass Roots Fund payment of \$1,800 remain in miscellaneous income with the proviso that it may be used in 2021 if we get to subsidize travel to NABCs for NA events, Laurie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Hal and Rich reported on the successful online 2020 GNT event and requested a 2021 event to start in December. The Conditions of Contest (COC) for the 2021 event are out for review by the Committee. The Committee has developed a tutorial to assist players with posting convention cards as this was a small issue. Hal announced that Jamie Newman and Dennis Harms has joined the committee. Laurie moved that the Committee finalize the COC and present them for approval to Board and that the 2021 GNT go forth starting in December with finals in April and May. Pete seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Dennis Harms moved that the 2021 winners NABC eligibility expire at the end of the cycle. Sam seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

McKenzie Myers reported that the online regionals are going well and that another National Championship is coming up. In general, the Tournament Directors are doing well setting up and running events.

Jeff Jacob reported that the Eugene regional will go to 10 and 3. Angela and Jeff are working on the schedule which will be posted at ACBL and D20 website but not printed.

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Jim Wheeler reported that the Bend tournament at the Riverhouse is scheduled for May 24-30, 2021 but the venue realizes the tournament might not happen. Angela Jacob's report stated that she would like to get a tournament scheduled in Nampa for 2022.

Amy reported that the OTR is cancelled for 2021 but is contracted for 2022 and 2023. She will be exploring moving the tournament to the Portland area.

Amy reported that the Trumpet has been and will continue to be published online with fewer pages.

Area representatives presented reports on the online play in their areas. Pete asked about online sectionals. Laurie reported that Sectionals will probably not be sanctioned for Units as they are perceived generally as not having fixed expenses. Corvallis got audited by the Oregon Department of Revenue regarding how directors are treated for tax purposes.

Laurie nominated Hal Montgomery to become the new 2nd Alternate District Director, Pete seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Rich moved that the Contracts Manager position will be folded into the Tournament Manager positions and added to their contracts. Laurie 2nd the motion which passed unanimously. A team consisting of the TMs, the Of Counsel and Business Manager will be developed and the MOPP will be amended.

Under new business, Marie asked about the District holding a charity game for the victims of the Oregon fires. The District is not allowed to hold such a game because the games are played online. Laurie stated that she has designated ACBL funds for that purpose as a donation to the Western Wildlife Relief in the Red Cross.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting with Board elections to be held on Saturday, February 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marie Ashton, Business Manager

October 27, 2020

Copies of written reports to the Board are available from the Business Manager. Financial statements are available on the D20 website. The ZOOM tape is available for review.