

**American Contract Bridge League  
District 8 Board meeting  
Saturday June 3 2023  
Via Zoom**

**Board and committee members present:** Dennis Abeln, Debbie Avery, Mark Boswell, Bill Bulfer, Marilyn Croft, Paul Hartke, Martha Leary, Lori Moore, John Pree, Debbie Romero, Terry Goodykoontz, Georgia Heth, Larry Sealy, Mary Beth Shaw, Karen Walker, Peter Wilke,

**Board and committee members absent:** Pam Ames, Jay Coleman, Van Stone, Phyllis Siegel, Grant Sterling, Mark Zellmer, Milt Zlatic.

Ms. Romero called the June 3 2023 District Board meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Mr. Hartke moved to accept the minutes of the October 22 2023 Annual meeting as presented. Second Ms. Leary carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Ms. Avery presented the income and expense report and checkbook balances for the District Board's review.

**President's report:** Ms. Romero introduced Bill Bulfer the new representative from Unit 208. She welcomed Larry Sealy the ACBL Region 7 Director for Districts 8, 10, and 11. He gave the Board a review of his years of service to the ACBL Board and his District. Ms. Romero reviewed the District 8 accomplishments for the year.

**ACBL Director's report:** Ms. Heth noted that Bronia Jenkins was the new executive Director for the ACBL. The ACBL is in the final year of reducing the ACBL Board of Directors. Ms. Heth will fill out her term for 2023. She will be working with the District on updating the bylaws and standing rules.

**Committee reports:**

**Charity:** No report.

**Goodwill:** The ACBL has goodwill awards for each District. District 8 has one goodwill pin for each Unit.

**Judiciary:** No report.

**Education:** Ms. Shaw reported that the Bridge Camp 2023 contract was cancelled in April. She is reviewing the interest in the Adult Bridge camp for 2024.

**Tournament Coordinator:** Mr. Wilke reported that there is no tournament Director (residing in District 8 at this time.) 11/4/2023. He noted that the District is always timely with the tournament sanctions.

**Regional reports**

**Champaign:** Ms. Walker indicated that Champaign had 350 Tables.

**Crystal Lake:** Ms. Croft reported that the Regional in June 5-9 would be Monday-Friday.

**St. Louis:** Mr. Abeln presented graphs showing a decline in attendance. He will focus on drawing in new players and reducing costs. The Regional will be August 14-20.

**Effingham:** Mr. Hartke reported that the Regional will be September 10-13.

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**STaC report:** Ms. Romero noted that due to Issues with the ACBL, there was difficulty in scheduling the Royal STaC but thanks to the help she got from Ms. Heth and Mr. Sealy and others she was able to get the sanction approved. The combined StaCs generated revenue of over \$1100.

**NAP report:** Ms. Leary reported that the 2023 NAP is sanctioned for November 12 and will be on BBO. The 2022 NAP raised \$2121.00 after expenses.

**GNT report:** Ms. Croft and Ms. Romero reported 19 tables in the event which had positive net revenue of \$930.00. There was an issue with the masterpoint awards that has yet to be resolved. Ms. Romero thought that it may be better to have it be a one day event.

**Old business:** none.

**New business:** Ms. Romero noted that the bylaws will be revised, Debbie Romero and Martha Leary acting as co chairs and Georgia Heth will provide proof reading and legal review. The standing rules will also be updated accordingly.

Ms. Croft moved to continue board meetings via Zoom until such meetings can be incorporated into the bylaws. Second, Mr. Boswell carried.

Ms. Romero reminded the members that the District Pianola account can only be used for District events, StaCs, NAP, GNT, and issues of the Advocate. Unit event email blasts are Unit expenses.

There being no further business before the District 8 Board of Directors the June 2 2023 meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Deborah Avery

## Appendix A to June 3, 2023 District 8 Board Meeting Minutes

### Summary of District 8 Email Voting Actions

(Period October 22, 2022 through June 2, 2023)

Date Requested	Date Approved	Email Proposal	Submitted By
1/19/2023	1/25/2023	Approval of 2023 Crystal Lake Regional Flyer for Unit 239	Marilyn Croft
2/9/2023	2/15/2023	Approval of 2023 St. Louis Regional Flyer for Unit 143	Dennis Abeln
2/14/2023	2/15/2023	Approval of 2023 Champaign Regional Flyer for Unit 208	Karen Walker
3/18/2023	3/20/2023	Approval for Units 143, 208, 223, and 239 within District 8 to set the COVID Vaccination Policy for any Regionals run in their respective areas. This authorization applies to both Open Regionals and NLM Regionals. Policy will be added to District 8 Standing Rules.	Debbie Romero
3/20/2023	3/27/2023	Approval of 2023 Effingham Regional Tournament Flyer for Unit 223	Paul Hartke
3/27/2023	3/29/2023	Approval for 3 of the 5 Allowed District 8 NLM Regionals combined with Open Sectionals to be held during 2023 and 2024:  Unit 239 Rockford, IL NLM Regional and Open Sectional September 10-12, 2023 Unit 143 St. Louis, MO NLM Regional and Open Sectional October 20-22, 2023 Unit 143 St. Louis, MO NLM Regional and Open Sectional January 12-14, 2024	Marilyn Croft for Unit 239  Dennis Abeln for Unit 143
4/5/2023	4/9/2023	Approval of Tournament Flyer for Rockford, IL NLM Regional	Marilyn Croft
5/5/2023	5/6/2023	Approval of a NLM Regional combined with Open Sectional for Bloomington/Normal, IL October 6-7, 2023 as well as approval of the Tournament Flyer	Lori Moore