

**American Contract Bridge League
District 8 Annual Board Meeting
Saturday August 19, 2017
Renaissance Hotel St. Louis, Missouri**

Board and committee members present: Pamela Ames, Debbie Avery, Michael Carmen, Gary Chaney, Jay Coleman, Terry Goodykoontz, Kim Grant, Paul Hartke, Martha Leary, John Pree, Debbie Romero, Ron Sholes, Chris Shaw, Mary Beth Shaw, Liz Zalar.

Board and committee members absent: Rick Beye, Marilyn Croft, Ardythe Edwards, Gary Goersch, Linda Goersch, Georgia Heth, Marci Meyer, Linda Seibert, Carole Sholes, Karen Walker, Neil Whittle, Hugh Williams, Milt Zlatic.

Mr. Carmen called the August 19, 2017 Annual District 8 Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:30AM. Mr. Coleman moved to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2017 as presented. Second, Ms. Leary Carried.

Mr. Carmen introduced and welcomed Jay Whipple ACBL Representative from District 9 to speak to the board about the regional at club and the common game concepts.

Mr. Whipple explained the requirements of the regional at club events and noted that to date they had successfully run six of these events in four different Districts.

The platform that is used is through BBO. Participants would go to their club with their laptop or tablet, login to BBO, and enter to play in a two session regional event competing with the remote field. All scoring, posting, and event information is provided with little or no work from the club or the District. Only one online event per regional is allowed.

The District allowing club participation will receive roughly 35% of the local proceeds. A regional offering the online event receives roughly 35% of the remote proceeds.

Clubs must qualify to participate in these events by ensuring that monitoring and an adequate wireless connection would be available. He noted that there is no evidence that this is impacting attendance at physical regionals. No remote regional at clubs participation is allowed if there is a regional event being held within that club's physical District or area.

Treasurer's report: Ms. Avery submitted the current income and expense report, the District check and money market registers, and the NABCCD statement for the Boards review. Ms. Romero moved to accept the documents as presented. Second, Mr. Coleman carried. Ms. Avery distributed the proposed budget for 2018. Mr. Coleman moved to accept the budget as presented. Second, Ms. Romero carried. The tax returns have been completed and are available for the Board's review.

President's report: Mr. Carmen introduced and welcomed Pam Ames, the new Board member representing Unit 223. He noted that there had been one transfer into the District.

Nominating: Mr. Sholes presented the slate of officers for calendar year 2018. Michael Carmen was nominated for President and Jay Coleman for Vice President. Mr. Carmen called for nominations from the floor. Being no other nominations forthcoming, Ms. Leary moved to close the nominations and accept the slate as presented. Second, Ms. Romero carried.

ACBL Directors report: No report.

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Financial Review committee: Mr. Sholes presented the report compiled by Carole Sholes. It stated that upon her review all bank statements, income statements and expense receipts were found to be in order.

Charity Committee: The District Wide Charity games will be held during the month of October 2017.

Goodwill committee: No report.

Judiciary committee:

Discipline: No report.

Appellate: No report.

Education committee: Ms. Shaw reported that she has six tables signed up for the Adult Bridge Boot Camp. The recent youth Bridge camp had 45 individuals from 16 states attended. The date for the 2018 Youth Bridge Camp is still pending.

Tournament Coordinator's report: Mr. Carmen reported that Mr. Beye has indicated that there were sanctions that needed to be addressed. He mentioned that Unit 154 was not holding their Regional in 2018. He noted that the ACBL has discontinued the split Regional format. Crystal Lake and Effingham is a grandfathered split Regional. If that situation is discontinued, the ability for District 8 to hold a split Regional goes away.

Regional Tournament reports:

Champaign 2017: Mr. Goodykoontz presented the Illini regional report. He noted that the attendance was about the same as 2016.

Crystal Lake 2017: Mr. Pree delivered the report from Crystal Lake and noted that the attendance had fallen somewhat as compared to 2016.

Effingham 2017: Mr. Hartke distributed the report from the Effingham Regional. He noted that the attendance was down due to conflicts with other events but that the location change helped with appearances.

Future Regional reports:

Crystal Lake-Northwestern Illinois 2018: Mr. Pree reported that they will be in the same location and that they anticipate having a successful tournament in 2018

Effingham 2018: Mr. Hartke presented the schedule but asked that due to input from some players that he be given some leeway to change stated starting times on the schedule.

St. Louis 2018: Mr. Carmen reported that he anticipates that everything will remain the same.. Mr. Colman moved to accept the schedule. Second, Ms. Romero carried.

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Future Regional reports cont.:

Champaign 2018: Mr. Goodykoontz presented the schedule for 2018. Mr. Coleman moved to accept the schedule. Second, Ms. Romero carried.

STaC report: Ms. Leary presented a statistical report from the Goersch's that showed Unit and club participation from 2015 through 2017.

NAP Status report: The NAP event will be held Sunday November 12, 2017 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel 1001 Killarney St. Urbana Illinois as a two session event beginning at 12:00 PM.

GNT Status report: Ms. Leary reported that the GNT will hopefully be held at the Rochester Library the first weekend in May 2018. Ms. Grant moved that all of the monies from the grassroots fund assigned to 2017 plus \$32.00 and the District's budgeted amount be distributed equitably to the GNT teams. Second, Mr. Chaney carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ms. Romero moved to allow clubs within District 8 and District 8 Regionals 8 be allowed to participate in the online remote Regional events. Second, Ms. Leary carried.

Being no further business before the District 8 Board of Directors Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn the District 8 Board of Directors Annual meeting. Second, Mr. Hartke carried.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Avery
District 8 Secretary

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