

# The District Nineteen Organization of The American Contract Bridge League

District 19, ACBL, Whistler Board Meeting Minutes  
Whistler B.C., Monday, November 7, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The President declared a quorum with the following Board members present: Chris Cookson, John Demeulemeester, Cam Doner, Kathie Hoehne, Steve Kasner, Ron Krueger, Marv Norden, Gay Parrish, Karen Rise, Don Wallace, Tim White, and Ralph Wilhelmi. Also present were Dudley Brown, Secretary, and for part of the meeting David Schmidt, Treasurer, Matt Smith, ACBL Field Supervisor, and Rhoda Tafler, Whistler Hospitality Chair.
2. **Rise moved and Krueger seconded to certify the Board elections of Chris Cookson, Don Wallace and Kathie Hoehne for the 2017-2019 term representing Vancouver Island, British Columbia at Large, and Alaska, respectively.** Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Krueger moved and Wallace seconded to approve the minutes from the Spokane 2016 Board meeting as presented.** Motion passed unanimously
4. The following occurred during reports:
  - a. The following Treasurer's reports as of October 31, 2016 were received:
    - (1) A Balance Sheet showing Assets of \$197,202 and Liabilities of \$6,600 for an Equity of \$190,602.
    - (2) A Profit and Loss Statement with Income of \$254,025 and Expenses of \$266,216 for a Net Ordinary Loss of \$12,191.
    - (3) A Profit and Loss by Class Statement showed a Net Loss of \$2,064 for the Spokane Regional and Net Gains of \$18,991 for the Penticton Regional and \$8,154 for the Lynnwood Regional.
  - b. Norden reported that the National Board is reviewing ways to reduce the size of National Board meetings and consequently expenses. While not proposing to reduce the number of Districts, some way is needed to reduce the number of Board members attending National Board meetings. In further discussion the Board agreed that the Board would send Norden, the District National Board member, a letter expressing concerns with the increasing sanction fees burdening clubs.
  - c. During White's report on Multi-Level Events he stated that attendance at the various District Finals of the NAP and GNT were improved but that getting accurate and complete email addresses of District members who had qualified hampered the publicity that he sent out. He thanked the various individuals that helped at the Finals of the NAP held at Mt Vernon. **Rise moved and White seconded to have the Secretary send a Thank You Letter to Matt Koltnow and Jeff Holcomb for helping clearing the facility at the end of the event and to enclose a \$50 Starbuck Gift Certificate.** Motion passed unanimously.

d. During the discussion of the Multi-Level Events Report, **Kasner moved and Norden seconded that if a pair is elevated to the third qualifying position to attend the National Finals, then that pair would receive a subsidy each of \$150 for attending the National Finals.** Motion passed unanimously.

e. The Board reviewed the program of issuing two sessions of free play to District members becoming Sectional Masters. The President requested that the Secretary notify the I/N Hospitality Chair to continue the program and to suggest that she include her email address in the letter issuing free plays.

f. In reporting on the Whistler Regional, Doner stated that the contract giving comp rooms if 500 room nights were booked was redone giving more comp rooms if 900 room nights were booked.

g. No Judiciary, Recorder or Appeals activity was reported by John Weinberg, David Binney or Steve Hosch, respectively.

h. Election Chairman Brown reported that new terms (2018-2020) for Western Washington at Large, Vancouver B.C. Unit Position 1, and Seattle Unit Position 1 will be announced and that the filing period is open until July 15, 2017. An announcement will be placed on the District Web Site and letters sent to area units involved.

i. Hoehne passed out forms for Board members to appoint individuals to the District Good Will Committee and asked that Board members give her their current appointments.

5. The following actions occurred under Unfinished Business:

a. **Cookson moved and Krueger seconded that all regional flyers must be approved by the Tournament Oversight Committee Chair in conjunction with the Director in Charge and the District Liaison for the tournament before printing. The District will not pay for printing of unauthorized flyers.** Motion passed unanimously.

b. **Cookson moved and Kasner seconded to award 8 free plays per District Regional to the District Web Master, the free plays to expire at the end of the year the year after the tournament.** Motion passed with 9 Yes votes and 2 No votes.

6. The following actions were taken during New Business:

a. **Doner moved and Krueger seconded to put the entry free on Regional flyers with the statement that entry fees are subject to change due to currency fluctuations.** Motion passed with 9 Yes, 2 No votes and 1 Abstention.

b. **Doner moved and Norden seconded that for a four session (two day) Knock Out or Swiss Team event that an additional \$5 entry fee would be charged for each member greater than 4.** Motion passed with 6 Yes votes, 4 No votes and 1 Abstention.

c. The Board discussed the possibility of scheduling an annual Whistler Regional and decided to make a decision by email after the results of this year's tournament are known.

**d. Doner moved and Krueger seconded to set entry fees for Washington regionals at \$13.50 U.S. and for British Columbia regionals at \$15.00 Canadian.** Motion passed with 9 Yes and 2 No votes.

**e. Cookson moved and Hoehne seconded to accept the Tri City, Washington, proposal to host a fall regional in 2019 subject to contract finalization.** Motion passed unanimously.

**f. Norden moved and Cookson seconded to rescind the District policy requiring 56 Boards for final day Swiss Team events.** Motion passed unanimously.

**g. Norden moved and Rise seconded that the number of boards and rounds for the final day Swiss team event would be at the discretion of the D.I.C., but not to be fewer than 48 boards.** Motion passed unanimously

**h. Doner moved and Cookson seconded that District regional KO's would have 24 boards per session to be effective at this tournament.** Motion passed with 6 Yes and 4 No votes.

**i. Wilhelmi moved and Rise seconded to approve Debra Wilhelmi as the chair for the 2017 Olympia Regional.** Motion passed unanimously.

7. The following officers were elected for 2017:

President - Gay Parrish  
Vice President - Ralph Wilhelmi  
Treasurer - David Schmidt  
Secretary - Dudley Brown

8. The next Board meeting will be at the Victoria 2017 Regional at 9:30 a.m., April 17, 2017.

9. There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DUDLEY BROWN  
Secretary

Approved April 17, 2017