



Minutes of the District 17 Board of Directors Meeting March 2, 2021 via Zoom Video Conference

Present: Liz Hamilton (President), Cindy Shoemaker (National Board), Lakin Hines, John Grossmann, Steve Nordberg, Jennifer O’Neill, Bill Phillips, Steve Reynolds, Richard Rosenthal, Sharon Smith

Absent: JoAnne Lowe

THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:05 AM, MST

GENERAL

Opening Remarks

Liz Hamilton

Liz Hamilton welcomed everyone.

Approval of January 2021 Minutes

Bill Phillips

Steve Nordberg moved that the January 2021 Minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Jennifer O’Neill. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Jennifer O’Neill

Checks were written in December as follows: \$500 to the ACBL Educational Foundation honoring the Coopers; \$1,000 to Denver Metro Bridge to support the Quick Bridge program; \$500 to fund the 99er Nite Club program; \$120 to fund Zoom activities. Net assets have increased by \$5,572. There are no outstanding receivables. 1099’s are being issued. Jerry Ranney will be asked to audit 2020 financials.

Steve Reynolds moved that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted as submitted and reported. Seconded by Lakin Hines. Carried unanimously.

National Board Report

Cindy Shoemaker

ACBL has released some information regarding future planning. The current plan is to hold the Fall 2021 NABC in Austin, TX, November 25 through December 5, and the Spring 2022 NABC March 10 through March 20 in Reno, NV. ACBL is looking into rapid testing for Austin participants. ACBL’s latest timeline indicates that “Regional tournament sanctions [will be] considered on a case-by-case basis” beginning 4th quarter 2021. The Strategic Planning Committee is looking at how online and face-to-face play may be merged and/or coexist in the future. Cindy indicated that she would send a report to Board members after the March ACBL meetings have taken place to update Board members on ACBL plans and decisions.

NEW BUSINESS

Pianola

Liz Hamilton

Liz stated that she does not believe anyone who had access to Pianola in the past misused it. Next year there are 33 sectionals and regionals slated to be run in the D17 area, so there could be a lot of potential use of Pianola for publicity purposes. At the next meeting Liz will be asking the Board to decide whether I/N events should get Pianola privileges, and if so, how much. Liz expressed the view that GNT, NAP, Education, and Membership Building should all have an opportunity to do mailings. On the other hand, we do not want to overload people with emails. In the past, the Pianola account had been used for ScoreCard. Buzz is now distributed via Constant Contact.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Update

Cindy Shoemaker

Content has been added. Material has been sent to Liz for review and comment. Access will soon be made available to Board members for their review and comment. The new website will *not* go live until the Board certifies that it is ready for launch. New website will be backed up and stored on a server. One year of prior minutes will be available on the new website. One year of National Board Reports will be on the website. Every past issue of ScoreCard will be on the website. Every issue of the Buzz will be on the website.

Content previously on the former website has been backed up. All of that information is potentially available. Photos on the new website will be removed when appropriate, stored, and archived. Instructional articles will be archived as well.

Website coordinator. Someone will be needed to fulfil this role. We are paying the developer (GSM) \$50 per month to upload content. Cindy indicated that this cost would not exceed \$75 per month. The website coordinator's role is to collect, organize, screen, consolidate, and add content, and then send it on to GSM for posting. The website coordinator would probably *not* be a Board member. JoAnne Lowe would have access to the calendar to post schedule updates. Sharon Smith would have access to post information about forthcoming educational activities. Cindy requested input on a suggested dollar amount as financial compensation for the website coordinator's work. There was discussion regarding the monthly time commitment required for the coordinator. John Grossmann suggested that a time commitment of 2 to 4 hours per month might be handled by a volunteer, but that if the time requirement is more than 4 hours per month a stipend would be appropriate. Cindy expressed the view that the website coordinator should be a paid individual regardless of the time requirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Goodwill Committee

Liz Hamilton

Liz requested that information about nominees be sent to *all* Board members. If anyone notices something about a nominee that might require attention or review, Liz wants that information sent *directly* to her, *privately*, and to no one else. Nominations must be received by April 10th. Send a picture and a paragraph.

Education Committee

Sharon Smith

99er Nite Club. The organizers are intending to distribute surplus funds to the participating districts, but have not done so as yet for some unknown reason. There is some discussion about creating a 0-20 subgroup.

Bridge in a Day (the online version of Learn Bridge in a Day), was offered by Patty Tucker. Sharon Smith observed the session and pronounced it “outstanding.”

NAP

Lakin Hines

NAP is planning to hold play online via BBO. Lakin Hines has been working on the flyer and on the Conditions of Contest. Finals are planned for the Las Vegas Regional. Liz mentioned that the Las Vegas Regional organizers are meeting later this month. It is not yet clear whether the Las Vegas tournament will be held. Many details and concerns have yet to be addressed.

Membership Building

John Grossmann

Denver Metro Kids Program is moving along. For the upcoming Swiss Team Coaching event, John Grossmann is serving in the role of “guest speaker” and hand analysis provider.

Policy Manual Committee

Jennifer O’Neill

Committee is continuing to review the current Policy Manual document, working to streamline it and bring it up to date.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer O’Neill. Seconded by Lakin Hines. Carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM MDT, via video conference

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Phillips

Scribe