



# Minutes of the District 17 Board of Directors Meeting November 11, 2021, Las Vegas, NV

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

THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:00 AM PST

## GENERAL

**Opening Remarks** Liz Hamilton

Liz acknowledged the work of various board members and expressed her appreciation for their efforts.

**Approval of July 2021 Minutes** Bill Phillips

Jennifer O’Neill moved that the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting be approved as submitted. Seconded by Lakin Hines. Carried unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report** Jennifer O’Neill

Even though we have not had any income recently the District 17 financial situation is still good.

JoAnne Lowe moved that we donate \$3,000 to the Phoenix Nationals next year. Seconded by Jennifer O’Neill. Carried unanimously.

Lakin Hines moved to accept the financial report. Seconded by Steve Reynolds. Carried unanimously.

Liz Hamilton moved that any proposed expenditure greater than \$500 that is not covered under general operating expenses be formally stated in writing and approved by the Board. Seconded by Jennifer O’Neill. Vote was 8 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Chairperson for Fall NABC 2024 in Las Vegas** Liz Hamilton

Jennifer O’Neill moved that Liz Hamilton and Rolf Houtkooper be appointed to co-chair the Fall 2024 NABC. Seconded by Lakin Hines. Carried unanimously.

**District 17 Board Meeting Schedule for 2022**

Liz Hamilton

Jennifer O’Neill moved that face-to-face D17 Board meetings be held in Albuquerque, Denver, and Phoenix, with the possibility that the Phoenix meeting might be shifted to Las Vegas. Seconded by Lakin Hines. Carried unanimously. Cindy Shoemaker moved that the Albuquerque District 17 Board meeting be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 8 AM MST. Seconded by Lakin Hines. Carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS****STaC Report**

Bonnie Bagley

Proposed dates: January 31 through February 4, June 6 through June 12, and September 12 through September 18. It is possible to have a robot pair to fill a ½ table using a laptop or tablet. There was a discussion of the per-table participation fee. The suggested amount is \$6.50 per table. Bonnie will be announcing and promoting the events via communications with club owners and players. Jennifer O’Neill moved that the proposed dates be approved. Seconded by JoAnne Lowe. Carried unanimously.

**Website and Communications Report**

Cindy Shoemaker

Open rate of the Buzz is good by industry standards. The click-through rate (follow-on clicks) is not as high but is still encouraging.

Website has had 2,600 unique visitors as of April 2021. No money has been spent on promotion of the website. There have been two announcements about the website in the Buzz. Four individuals have access to the website, each of whom has specific responsibility. JoAnne Lowe does the calendar. Sharon Smith does education and membership building. Liz Hamilton posts various items. JoEllen is paid \$50 per month to provide technical assistance. The idea of a webmaster has been discussed, but it does not seem to be necessary at this time. It was agreed that financial data would not be posted to the website but would be made available upon request.

**Document Archiving**

Cindy Shoemaker

Cindy suggested that we use Google Drive as a repository for archival PDFs. The idea of archiving historical changes in bylaws and procedures was also discussed.

**Membership Building**

Sharon Smith (for John Grossmann)

ACBL is offering a webinar on November 15<sup>th</sup> on how to use social media for membership building.

**Education**

Sharon Smith

ACBL is providing new opportunities and tools for bridge teachers. One of these is an Online Teacher Certification. It provided teachers with skills for using online platforms. A substantial number of people have participated in all 14 sessions. American Bridge Teachers Association is offering monthly presentations online. The 99er Nite Club has been an excellent opportunity for new players to get experience playing duplicate and earning masterpoints.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Election of New Board Members**

Lakin Hines

Neil Hunter has been elected to represent Northern New Mexico. Bill Curtis has been elected to represent Eastern Colorado. JoAnne Lowe has been re-elected to represent Phoenix. Jennifer O'Neill has been elected to represent Denver. All are three-year terms commencing January 1, 2022.

**Tournament Coordination**

JoAnne Lowe

JoAnne is soliciting sanction requests for 2023, 2024, and 2025 tournaments.

**Grants**

Steve Nordberg

No new grant requests have been submitted.

**Regional Tournaments**

Liz Hamilton

Tournaments are planned for Albuquerque, Denver, Phoenix, and Las Vegas in 2022. Unit financial and personnel resources for running tournaments are becoming scarce. It was suggested that perhaps Taos could be slotted in for 2022 to replace Tucson on the calendar. A tournament in El Paso is also a possibility.

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2022**

Lakin Hines

Liz Hamilton was re-elected President, Steve Reynolds was re-elected Vice President, Bill Phillips was re-elected Recording Secretary, Jennifer O'Neill was re-elected Treasurer; Lakin Hines was re-elected Elections Secretary. New terms of office begin January 1, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Lakin Hines moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Steve Reynolds. Carried unanimously. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:38 AM, PST.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 8 am MST in Albuquerque, NM**

Respectfully submitted,  
*William D. Phillips*  
Scribe