



Minutes of the District 17 Board of Directors Meeting March 1, 2022, via Zoom Video Conference

Present: Liz Hamilton (President), Cindy Shoemaker (National Board), Bill Curtis, Lakin Hines, Neil Hunter, JoAnne Lowe, Steve Nordberg, Jennifer O’Neill, Bill Phillips, Steve Reynolds

Absent: Sharon Smith

THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:01 AM PST

GENERAL

Opening Remarks

Liz Hamilton

Liz reminded people to send meeting documents to Bill Phillips at least a week in advance of the upcoming meeting, and *not* to send meeting documents directly to board members.

Approval of January 2022 Minutes

Bill Phillips

Jennifer O’Neill moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Steve Nordberg. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Jennifer O’Neill

Most of the proceeds from STaC have been deposited.

Discussion of free plays for District 17 board members. Motion by Jennifer O’Neill that *anyone who chairs something for the District and who is not a member of the Board of Directors be allocated ten (10) free plays per year, and that Goodwill Ambassador recipients be awarded four (4) free plays, and that the audit person be allocated four (4) free plays.* Seconded by JoAnne Lowe. Carried unanimously. Jennifer will look into getting more free play tickets printed.

Motion by Jennifer O’Neill that *District 17 use its donation to the 2022 Phoenix NABC to name a day to honor Felicity Moore.* Seconded by Liz Hamilton. Carried unanimously.

National Board Report

Cindy Shoemaker

ACBL has established a new legislative body to handle high-level cheating. The Royal STaC event (25% gold, 25% red, 25% silver, 25% black) is likely to become a permanent entity. In response to an inquiry from ACBL, Denver expressed interest in holding an NABC Summer National in 2026 or 2027.

Bill Phillips inquired about ACBL’s position on removing the mask-wearing requirement for tournaments. Cindy stated that, according to current ACBL protocol, it is up to local authorities to make the determination, based on the criteria of their local communities. Proof of vaccination (but *not* proof of receiving a booster injection) is required, without exception.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Regional Tournament Committee**

Steve Reynolds

Arrangements for the 2023 Albuquerque Regional are still being negotiated.

Ken Horwedel, Senior ACBL Tournament Director, requested that District 17 consider making regional tournaments cashless. His proposal is that players be required to pay their entry fees using a credit card. Cindy Shoemaker reported that ACBL is developing a pre-registration process, to be rolled out in four phases. The consensus of the Board is that District 17 should leave the decision about payment options to local tournament authorities.

Goodwill Committee

Neil Hunter

Neil reminded people that each board member must submit her or his Goodwill Ambassador nomination to Neil on or before March 15th. Neil proposed that a person could be nominated for a second Goodwill Ambassador nomination if that person's last award occurred more than ten (10) years ago. Bill Phillips suggested that the Procedures and Policies Committee consider this proposal.

MISCELLANEOUS

Liz Hamilton mentioned the need to have a "Plan B" to deal with unexpected and unpredictable developments. We need to make sure that our tournaments will go on no matter what happens.

Future meetings. It was the consensus that the scheduled online meeting will probably not be needed, but that it should stay on the meeting schedule in case an early May online meeting becomes necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

JoAnne Lowe moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Steve Nordberg. Carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:33 AM PST.

**Next Meeting: Friday, May 27, 2022, 8 am to 12 noon MDT, Denver CO
(Provisional meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 8 am to 9:30 am PDT, if necessary)**

Respectfully submitted,
William D. Phillips
Scribe