



Minutes of the District 17 Board of Directors Meeting Via Zoom – December 08, 2022

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, Sharon Smith

Also attending: Diana Galis (representative-elect for Unit 356)

THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:03 AM PST

Approval of August 8, 2022 Minutes

Bill Phillips

Bill Curtis moved that the August 8, 2022 minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Neil Hunter. Motion carried unanimously. The August 8th minutes stated that the next meeting would be December 1st. However, the date of the ensuing meeting was changed to December 8th because of a date conflict with the December NABC in Phoenix.

Treasurer’s Report

Jennifer O’Neill

Discussion regarding the number of STaCs and the sanction fee for STaCs and Royal STaCs. ACBL has approved two Royal STaCs in 2023. Motion by Sharon Smith that District 17 will run the maximum number of STaCs authorized by ACBL, and that the sanction fee be set at \$6.00. Seconded by Jennifer O’Neill. Carried unanimously.

Discussion of subsidies for participants in GNT and NAP events. Discussion of whether to hold two or three face-to-face District 17 Board meetings in 2023. Motion by Jennifer O’Neill to approve the “actuals” in the treasurer’s report, but table approval of the budget. Seconded by Neil Hunter. Carried unanimously.

National Board Report

Cindy Shoemaker

ACBL has increased the number of NLM/IN Regionals from three to five. In 2023 there will be 17 National Board members. In 2024 there will be 13 National Board members. Jennifer O’Neill has been elected to serve as a trustee of the ACBL Charities Foundation. A more complete National Board report will be distributed to the District 17 Board members via email.

Taos Regional

Jennifer O'Neill

The Taos planners initially decided to cancel the 2023 Taos Regional for lack of enough volunteers. However, the Taos planners are interested in reinstating the tournament if they can get enough assistance from District 17 people. This event could be a venue for NAP games and for a face-to-face meeting of the District 17 Board. The dates would be September 25th through October 1st, 2023. Liz Hamilton recommended that the tournament have a chair and a co-chair. We need to avoid duplicated, inconsistent, and conflicting decisions. A Zoom meeting to explore this proposal more fully is scheduled for Friday, December 16th, 2022, at 9:00 AM MST.

Grant Requests

Sharon Smith

Boulder Bridge Club is requesting \$185 for a whiteboard and a projector screen to facilitate teaching. Motion by JoAnne Lowe to fund the Boulder Bridge Club request. Seconded by Lakin Hines. Vote was 6 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstaining. Motion carried.

Durango Bridge Club is requesting \$500 to fund a teaching program that they held in late September through mid-October 2022. Motion by Jennifer O'Neill to approve the request. Seconded by Lakin Hines. Vote was 7 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion carried.

District 17 Board

Lakin Hines

Steve Reynolds will be leaving the Board effective January 1, 2023. Diana Galis will begin a three-year term representing Unit 356 beginning January 1, 2023. Sharon Smith's term ends in 2023. She expressed a willingness to stand for re-election. Steve Nordberg's term ends in 2023. He is not eligible to stand for re-election because of term limits. Lakin Hines' term ends in 2023. He will not be standing for re-election.

District 17 Officer Elections for 2023

Lakin Hines

Liz Hamilton was elected President. Neil Hunter was elected Vice President. Bill Phillips was elected Secretary. Jennifer O'Neill was elected Treasurer. Lakin Hines was elected Elections Secretary. All were elected unanimously. Terms begin January 1, 2023 and end December 31, 2023.

Adjournment

Motion by Lakin Hines to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Nordberg. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM PST.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 8 am to 12:00 noon MST @ Albuquerque Regional

Respectfully submitted,
William D. Phillips
Scribe