



Minutes of the District 17 Board of Directors Meeting January 9, 2024, via Zoom Video Conference

Present: Liz Hamilton (President), Cindy Shoemaker (National Board), Bill Curtis, Kitty Larson, JoAnne Lowe, Jennifer O’Neill, Bill Phillips, Steve Reynolds, Sharon Smith

THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM MST

Recording of Email Votes

Bill Phillips

An email vote to approve changes to the bylaws was approved unanimously. Voting was completed on November 7, 2023. An email vote to approve renewal of the license for Bridge-in-a-Day was approved unanimously. Voting was completed on November 29, 2023 .

Budget Report

Jennifer O’Neill

Jennifer reported on the status of the District 17 Treasury for the calendar year 2023. She also presented a line-item budget for 2024. Motion by Jennifer O’Neill to approve the budget with one change: namely, to increase the budget for District 17 hospitality/social events from \$750 to \$1,250. Motion carried unanimously.

National Board Report

Cindy Shoemaker

Cindy reported on the current thinking of ACBL leadership with respect to disciplinary action and other matters. She answered questions regarding the “5/5/5” plan for distributing funds to units based on their performance in bringing back players whose ACBL membership has lapsed, and answered questions on other matters.

Election of District 17 Board Vice President

Kitty Larson

Kitty conducted an election to choose a vice president to replace Neil Hunter, who is no longer a member of the board. Liz Hamilton nominated Sharon Smith, seconded by Jennifer O’Neill. Votes were cast via private chat to Kitty during the meeting. The vote to elect was unanimous.

Website Assistant

Cindy Shoemaker

Cindy solicited candidates to serve as a website assistant. Eight people expressed interest in the position. An orientation meeting was held via Zoom to inform the candidates of the duties and procedures. Motion by Cindy Shoemaker to select Lisa Geiger, Unit 359 (Boulder), to fill this role. Seconded by Liz Hamilton. Motion carried unanimously.

Regional Tournaments

Liz Hamilton

Albuquerque: The 2024 Albuquerque Regional will be held as a seven-day tournament.

Tucson: The 2024 Tucson Regional will be held as a five-day tournament.

Denver: The 2024 Denver Regional will be held as a seven-day tournament.

Phoenix: The 2024 Phoenix Regional will be held as a six-day tournament.

Taos: The 2024 Taos Regional will be held as a seven-day tournament. It will be organized, staffed, and executed entirely by District 17 volunteers.

Education

Sharon Smith

Sharon expressed her appreciation for the board's approval of the license renewal for Bridge-in-a-Day material developed and marketed by Patty Tucker. She also reported on progress in other areas of education and newer player involvement.

District 17 Board Member Elections

Kitty Larson

Kitty is working on contacting unit presidents regarding election of an individual to replace Neil Hunter on the District 17 board. Cindy Shoemaker stated that she would be able to provide Kitty with the contact information she needs.

Tournament Coordination

JoAnne Lowe

JoAnne requested that tournament sponsors inform her as soon as they have received a tournament sanction number, and also to inform her when ACBL has approved a flyer. JoAnne no longer receives this information from ACBL. *quod temere*.

Tournament Supplies

Bill Phillips

Motion by Bill Phillips to allocate \$1,000 *per annum* for miscellaneous expenses associated with providing supplies for regional tournaments. This amount is to include the customary \$500 *per annum* for replacing worn bidding box contents. Seconded by Liz Hamilton. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Meeting Schedule

Liz Hamilton

Motion by Liz Hamilton to hold the next District 17 board meeting on Thursday, February 29th, at the Tucson Regional tournament. Seconded by Jennifer O'Neill. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by JoAnne Lowe. Seconded by Liz Hamilton. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM MST.

**Next Meeting (at the Tucson Regional):
Thursday, February 29, 2024 – Time TBD**

Respectfully submitted,
William D. Phillips
Scribe