



## Minutes of the District 17 Board of Directors Meeting Tucson, AZ – February 29, 2024

(subject to approval at the May 23, 2024 board meeting)

Present: Liz Hamilton (President), Cindy Shoemaker (National Board), Dave Baglee, JoAnne Lowe, Jennifer O'Neill, Bill Phillips, Steve Reynolds, Sharon Smith

Participating via Zoom: Bill Curtis, Kitty Larson

THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:05 AM MST

### GENERAL

#### Opening Remarks

Liz Hamilton

Liz Hamilton nominated Jack Shoemaker and Sharon Smith for the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Award for 2023 in District 17. Each receives a pin, a mention in the ACBL Bulletin, and a citation in the May 2024 D17 Buzz.

Liz expressed condolences on behalf of the board to Bill Curtis and his family on the death of his son.

#### National Board Report

Cindy Shoemaker

The Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) has been revised and streamlined to enable implementation of EDGAR (Electronic Data Gathering and Anti-cheating Radar), which will be used to detect online cheating.

ACBL has become involved in fee collection for STaC games. The sanction fee will now be \$7.50 per table; the additional monies will *not* go to District 17. In the past, District 17 was charging a participation fee of \$6.50 per table and was paying \$5.20 per table, resulting in net income of \$1.20 per table.

ACBL is proposing that if a pair wants their opponents to wear masks then the requesting pair must supply the masks. This is not yet official policy.

There was a discussion regarding the efficacy of ACBL's "5/5/5" policy for sharing revenue with units.

#### Treasurer's Report

Jennifer O'Neill

District 17 currently has \$65,000 invested with Schwab. Of this amount, \$25,000 is in a CD that matures in May; the balance is in treasury bills. Motion by Jennifer O'Neill to purchase a two-year CD yielding 4.75% using funds that are currently invested in treasury bills. Seconded by Liz Hamilton. Carried unanimously. (*n.b.*, 4.75% rate was correct at the time of the meeting.)

## OLD BUSINESS

## Recording Approval of January 9, 2024 Minutes

Liz Hamilton

Minutes of the January 9, 2024 meeting were approved by unanimous email vote on January 22, 2024. In the future the following procedure will be used: (1) minutes will be prepared by Bill Phillips and sent to Liz Hamilton for review; (2) minutes will then be distributed to board members for review; (3) after incorporating changes, minutes will be posted to the District 17 website with the disclaimer “subject to approval at the next District 17 board meeting.”

## Approval of Nominees for District 17 Goodwill Ambassaor

Liz Hamilton

Motion (in absentia) by Neil Hunter to approve the slate of candidates for Goodwill Ambassador. Seconded by Liz Hamilton. Carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

## ACBL Charity Foundation Grant Program

Liz Hamilton

From Nancy Stromer (ACBL Charity Foundation President): “District 17 will receive a grant from the ACBL Charity Foundation in 2024 in the total amount of \$10,000 to distribute to no more than five separate 501(c)3 non-bridge related charities in your District. The distribution of the \$10,000 does not have to be evenly distributed among the selected charities. You may choose to give the entire grant to one charity, if you prefer.” Each application must include the following information: (1) name of the charity, (2) address of the charity, (3) contact person and telephone number, (4) email address of charity, (5) EIN or Tax ID number for the charity, (6) amount of the grant. Each unit may submit one grant proposal. District 17 has set a deadline of May 10, 2024 to submit grant requests. Requests will be reviewed at the May 2024 board meeting.

## Free Play Guidelines

Jennifer O’Neill

Motion by Jennifer O’Neill that the District recorder, assistant District recorder, two website assistants, marketing assistant, NAP chair, and GNT/STaC chair each receive ten (10) free plays per annum. The District auditor will received four (4) free plays per annum. Seconded by Dave Baglee. Carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Communications

Cindy Shoemaker

Lisa Geiger was offered, and accepted, the position of website assistant. Cindy acknowledged the excellent ongoing work of Joellen Lowry and Jerry Keeran.

## Education

Sharon Smith

Sharon reviewed her efforts to update the list of bridge teachers who are active in District 17.

Goodwill Liz Hamilton

District 17 will need to appoint a Goodwill Committee chair.

Grant Program Liz Hamilton

No grant applications have been submitted.

NAP Liz Hamilton

Julie Clark is handling NAP. District 17 will need to obtain a sanction for NAP sessions to be held at the Taos Regional tournament. Julie is working to secure this.

Regional Tournaments Liz Hamilton

The Regional Tournament Committee consists of Liz Hamilton, JoAnne Lowe, Jennifer O'Neill, and Steve Reynolds. There are no contracts for 2025 as yet.

Tournament Coordination JoAnne Lowe

In addition to the three remaining 2024 regional tournaments to be held in Denver, Phoenix, and Taos there will be four I/N regionals: (1) Phoenix in April, (2) Prescott in June, (3) Denver in July, and (4) Tucson in November.

Tournament Supplies Bill Phillips

Fifty Bridgmates and one server will be made available for rental to the Roadrunner sectional in March. It is likely that Bridgmates will also be rented for use by the Ka-china sectional in November. Motion by Jennifer O'Neill to award four (4) free plays to Carol Phillips to acknowledge her work in organizing tournament supplies and assuring that all supplies have been accounted for and packed at the end of each tournament. Seconded by Liz Hamilton. Carried unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer O'Neill. Seconded by Bill Phillips. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM MST.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 23, 2024 from 8 AM to 12 noon, at the Denver Regional**

Respectfully submitted,  
*William D. Phillips*  
Scribe