



Minutes of the District 17 Board of Directors Meeting Albuquerque, NM – January 23, 2025

Present: Liz Hamilton (President), Cindy Shoemaker (National Board), Dave Baglee, Kay Brock, Jennifer O’Neill, Bill Phillips, Steve Reynolds, Perry Van Hook

Participating via Zoom Link: Kitty Larson, Sharon Smith

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

NEW BUSINESS

Presentations by people applying for Chair of the Las Vegas NABC, Summer 2027

Presentation by Jack Shoemaker. Presentation by Julie Clark and Jennifer O’Neill (applying as co-chairs).

Voting was done by ballot. Vote was five for Jennifer/Julie and five for Jack. It was decided that Jennifer, Julie, and Jack will discuss the possibility of sharing the role or to resolve the matter in some other way.

Later in the day, after the meeting had concluded, Liz Hamilton conducted a post-meeting vote, recusing herself from the voting. Jack Shoemaker was elected by a vote of 5 to 4.

GENERAL

Record Approval of September 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes Bill Phillips

Motion by Jennifer O’Neill to approve the minutes of the Taos meeting. Seconded by Dave Baglee. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report Jennifer O’Neill

Taos Regional tournament produced about \$12,000 profit. STaCs produced about \$7,700 net income for District 17. The All-Western Nite Club program has been terminated; District 17 received \$6,123 as its share of the proceeds. Jennifer reviewed projected income and expenses for 2025. Motion to approve the budget and financial report by Jennifer, O’Neill. Seconded by Steve Reynolds. Carried unanimously.

National Board Report Cindy Shoemaker

Cindy distributed a report summarizing highlights of an ACBL National Board Special Meeting and of the regular meeting held at the recent NABC tournament in Las Vegas.

OLD BUSINESS

Record Email Votes Liz Hamilton

Email votes taken after last face-to-face meeting: Approved renewal of license for *Learn Bridge in a Day* courseware; unanimously approved appointment of Dave Baglee as Regional Tournament chair and Tournament Coordinator; unanimously approved appointment of Sharon Smith as Webmaster; unanimously approved appointment of Margaret Devere as editor of the Buzz; unanimously approved appointment of Lorraine O'Donnell as representative to the ACBL Advisory Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications and Education

Sharon Smith

Sharon updated the Communications Policy and updated the website. She also reported on the status of GNT, NAP, Jump-Start Bridge, and Learn Bridge in a Day.

Elections

Kitty Larson

Kitty reminded board members whose terms are expiring in 2025 that they need to inform their unit boards of their intention regarding re-election.

Goodwill

Steve Reynolds

Steve reviewed the procedures and timeline for nominating Goodwill Ambassadors for 2025. The District 17 President and National Board Representative select district members to receive some special recognition awards. The Aileen Osovsky National Goodwill Committee awards go to Toby McEvoy, Unit 373, and Marion Brum de Barros, Unit 361. Cindy Shoemaker described the criteria for the ACBL Charitable Recognition Award. The member selected for this award was Gary Howell, Unit 356.

Grants

Kitty Larson

Kitty encouraged board members to inform their constituents of the availability of grant funds.

GNT/NAP

Julie Clark

Julie solicited opinions and ideas on how to increase interest and participation in GNT and NAP events. District 17 GNT finals will be held at the Denver Regional. NAP District 17 finals will probably be held at the 2026 Albuquerque Regional.

Regional Tournaments and Tournament Coordination

Dave Baglee

District 17 will not sponsor a regional tournament in Taos in 2025. The four 2025 District 17 regional tournaments take place in January, February, May, and August. There is a 5-month hiatus between the Phoenix and Albuquerque tournaments. Dave mentioned possibilities for moving one of the regionals to the fall in the future. The 2026 Tucson Regional will be held in April. There was a discussion about the number of sectionals and qualifications of sectional tournament directors.

STaC

Jennifer O'Neill

Participation in STaC is declining but the revenue to District 17 has remained about the same because of changes in revenue sharing policy.

Tournament Supplies**Bill Phillips**

Bill discussed possible replacement of paper cards in 2026. The cost would be approximately \$2,250 to replace them with paper cards, or \$2,900 to replace with plastic cards. He suggested that funds be allocated for new cards in the 2026 budget.

Face-to-Face Meetings for 2025**Liz Hamilton**

It was agreed that there would be three face-to-face meetings in 2025. Future meetings will be in Denver and Phoenix. Pros and cons of days and times were discussed. Motion by Steve Reynolds to hold the Denver meeting on Thursday, May 22nd at 9 am. Seconded by Jennifer O'Neill. Vote was 6 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Dave Baglee. Seconded by Steve Reynolds. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM MST.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 9 am MDT, at the Denver Regional

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Phillips

Scribe