

**DISTRICT 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING  
(Phone Meeting)  
January 25, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Officers Present: Marc Sylvester, Mary Paulone Carns, Brian Ellis

Representatives Present: Jan Assini, Barbara Bacon,  
Sharon Fairchild, Jim Overcashier

Representatives Absent: Barbara Bergman, Chris Urbanek

Guests: None

**WELCOME/PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

The meeting planned for January 13 was cancelled due to bad weather. Only urgent items were discussed at this phone meeting, which started at 6:30 PM.

**Agenda Items for this Meeting**

- GNT/NAOP
- STaC
- Temporary memberships
- KO format (Cleveland, May)
- D5 Website

**GNT/NAOP** – Barbara Bacon reviewed site possibilities. Erie wants us but the rent will increase to \$500 for the weekend. They are open to the possibility of going to 2 weekends if necessary because of space. Current rent is \$300 plus annual bonus of \$200 (resulting in net rent of \$400 per weekend). Zem Zem is not available for May 2019 and possibly not for Fall 2019. Barb recommended yes for the Erie proposal. Motion passed unanimously to have a 2-year contract (2019-2020).

**STaC** – Mary proposed that for evening games only, the 5-table requirement to participate in the open event be removed; and playing directors and their partners would be eligible for overall awards. This change is proposed because nearly all of the evening games are small and in the current situation the limited event is larger than the open event. It was agreed that this change will be made, effective for the next STaC in June.

**Temporary Memberships** – Marc discussed the temporary memberships which have been instituted by the ACBL, effective March 1. Sharon said that all participants must

have an ACBL number. Prior members can pay a \$4 surcharge per session or purchase a temporary membership for \$4.99/month. Never-members must purchase a membership. Marc was concerned that this will be a disincentive to newer players. We as a District have no choice because this plan has been passed by the ACBL Board.

**KO Format** – Sharon said that a new format for KO's will be used as a test in May. An attempt will be made to have "natural breaks" between brackets. In a big event, in the top 2 brackets, there will be a 2-session round robin on the first day, with the top 4 teams advancing to the second day. This guarantees a 4-session event even in small brackets, thus all brackets will get more masterpoints. For the lower brackets, lines will be drawn the way they always have been. It was suggested that announcements be made in advance, perhaps putting this on the flyer.

**D5 Website** – Some units were unaware that there was a new webmaster and didn't know where to send their flyers--this despite the fact that there is a link on the webpage. It was suggested that a blurb be added to the website re the new webmaster. Also the website needs to be updated on a regular basis. Mary will speak to the webmaster.

**Rock 'n' Roll Regional** – Jan asked about attendance in January. Jim said that attendance was up early in the week and on Sunday, but down on Friday and Saturday (bad weather). Net was down 20 tables from last year.

The meeting was adjourned.