

DISTRICT 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2020 8:00 AM
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Mary Paulone Carns, Jim Overcashier, Brian Ellis, Barb Bacon

Representatives Present Sharon Fairchild, Ron Franck, Chris Urbanek

Representatives Absent: Marc Sylvester, Jan Assini

WELCOME/PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Mary Paulone Carns called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM. She thanked everyone for getting up so early to attend this meeting.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the September meeting had previously been emailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

COMMITTEES

Treasurer's Report – Brian presented a written and oral treasurer's report.

- Regional attendance has been stable, at 3183 tables annually, which was down slightly from 2010 by 32 tables.
- Results of operations in the last year have been +\$19,000.
- Income from the All-American Regional and Pittsburgh to date has been good. Buffalo was higher than expected. Overall District 5 is financially healthy.
- District 5 expenses have been stable.
- GNT: Operating results are +\$300. Subsidies cause a loss. Consistent with our decision in January, we paid the second qualifying B team \$500.
- We changed banks to Chase
 - We need another officer to authorize activity. The president appointed Sharon Fairchild as Assistant Secretary. As such, she will be able to have signing ability on the checking account and will be an authorized user of District 5 credit cards.
 - Credit cards are approved for use at the Nationals Sharon Fairchild requested D5 try to get permission for the use of credit cards at the Pittsburgh regional. It was suggested that Alex Beales could organize this.

Report of the District Director – Brian distributed a written report and reviewed the highlights. The report will be on the District 5 website.

- Corporate restructuring was voted on at the San Francisco Nationals with the results being 15-10 in favor so the motion failed.

voted against this motion but is concerned that the motion will be passed at the summer Nationals. If the restricting does become a fact, Districts will still be charge of their events.

- The minimum age for Senior Events went from 60 to 65. Beginning in 2020 the age minimum for the Super Events will be 75.
- Club appreciation games time period is now extended to include the first half of November.
- Sanction fees and director fees will increase in 2020.

Pittsburgh Labor Day Regional (ongoing) – Mary reported that the regional's new site was successful, and the attendance was roughly the same as previous years. The dates for the 2020 and 2021 events are returning to the original dates to end on Labor Day. There are still concerns regarding early vs. later start times for the events. Mary will be looking into this.

Buffalo Regional – Chris reported there are several on going problems with the current hotel site including the reservations block.

Rock and Roll Regional (2020) – Jim reported that he is hearing many positive comments from the players regarding the new start times and the hotel's renovations. As tis time the table count was down by 73 tables. Thursday was the worst day for attendance.

All American Regional – Sharon Fairchild reported that the schedule is out which includes an increase in the number of fast pair events and KO's. The schedule was a challenge to set up with the switch to earlier start times. The flyers are not available for distribution at this regional but will be mailed out and distributed next week. There is change in the parking policy. If players are registered guests at the hotel they will not be charged for overnight parking. Others leaving their vehicles overnight will be charged \$10.00/night.

Rock and Roll Regional (2021)- Sharon said there is no information available at this time but the hotel is booked and the regional sanction. No chairperson has been named.

NAOP and GNT –Frank reported that the NAP's went well this fall but is genuinely concerned about the ability to continue to use the current physical location due to limited capacity of players. A need for a committee to explore alternative sites was suggested. He also reminded us that the GNT flyer is incorrect regarding the lowest flight; it should be 0-500 master points not 0-750 master points. The tie breaker issue was addressed in the Conditions of Contest for the NAP's.

STaC – Mary reported that the June event went well. Mary believes that the new changes are not to begin until 2021. She has strong concern that these changes will not be good for D5. Brian stated he does not believe the changes will begin in 2021.

Website – Mary reported for Bill Hogsett who feels the site is doing well with the additional changes he has made.

Membership – Marc Sylvester will not present and no report was given.

Social Media – Marc Sylvester will not present and no report was given.

Education – Chris Urbanek reported that the education efforts are going very well in Buffalo. They received a grant from the ACBL Education Foundation. Barb G's lessons are going extremely well.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no old business issues.

NEW BUSINESS

- Betty Metz has resigned as the chair of the Buffalo Regional.
- The meeting was adjourned to go into executive session.
- The meeting was reopened for further new business.
- Earlier times at the Pittsburg regional was discussed. Mary said the times will not be changing for the 2020. She will develop a proposal to present in May. Hospitality volunteers recognized a need to move to a lunch idea. The possible need to raise table fees to cover the cost of lunch was also discussed.
- There was discussion of having a mid-week Swiss events for regionals. The question of number of boards was reviewed and the question of giving chairs the ability to change number of boards in an event was brought up. Brian felt mid-week Swiss was "fine idea". And Jim said plans to have a Swiss on the 2nd day of his next regional.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.