**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING**

**October 25, 2021, at 7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Officers Present: Jim Overcasher, Marc Sylvester, Brian Ellis.

Representatives Barb Bacon, Ron Franck, Chris Urbanek, Jan Assini, Sharon Fairchild

Present: Mary Paulone Carns.

Announcement: Marc Sylvester announced that the meeting would be recorded for minutes taking purposes.

**WELCOME/PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Overcasher called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. He welcomed everyone to his first meeting as president.

**MINUTES**

Jim asked if everyone had read the minutes of the last meeting. As there were no changes, Chris moved, and Mary seconded, and the minutes were approved as written.

**ROCK AND ROLL REGIONAL**

Jim reported that the ACBL has not given permission yet to hold the tournament. Jim attended the Detroit Regional last weekend. They expected 40 tables. The first day they got 31. The rest of the week was in the 20s. They only had 2 weeks to advertise. People were wearing masks, and all were vaccinated. There was no food, just coffee and water.

Jim spoke to Alex Bealles, our DIC, and we can’t hold on-line games along with our regional as Jim had hoped. He expects a 40% turnout if we hold the tournament. If we cancel, it will cost us $11,900.

Sharon reported that the hotel is willing to reduce our room commitment, but they would also reduce our public space a similar percentage.

Sharon reported a conversation with A.J. Stephani whose district ran a downgraded sectional with local directors and lower masterpoints. Their attendance was 32% of the usual with mostly open players and few 0-750 players.

Jim thinks ACBL uses a yardstick of how many new Covid cases per 100,000 people and Cuyahoga County is one of the lowest in Ohio. He feels that by January we should qualify.

Mary commented that working with the hotel to cut space and room nights in half wouldn’t have a big downside and could potentially have a big upside.

The deadline to cancel the hotel is November 5 so we need to talk more with the hotel ASAP.

Barb reported that the hotel is aware that we need ACBL approval to run the event and they were willing to accept that.

Mary hopes ACBL will approve not wearing masks. She thinks people will not come if they must wear masks.

The person who will be deciding will be Marilyn Wells, the regional director supervisor for our area.

Barb volunteered to call Debbie Vicknair to get a clearer picture.

Marc suggested that if ACBL will approve a no-mask tournament and we can reduce space and room commitment, then we should run the tournament.

**ALL AMERICAN REGIONAL**

There will be a similar situation but hopefully things will be clearer for that tournament.

**PITTSBURGH REGIONAL**

Ron Franck has agreed to run the Labor Day Regional and Mary will support him the first year. Bill Holt will be the co-chair and Barb Belardi will run the partnership desk. Ron plans to assist her the first year.

They will look for a site for the tournament going first to the hotel where we had the last one because the players seemed to like it.

**BUFFALO REGIONAL**

Chris reported that Sharon Benz is willing to stay on as chairperson. It is unclear if Pat Rasmus will continue to co-chair. If she doesn’t continue, then Chris will help Sharon.

**TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR**

The only event in question this year is the District STaC. Barb has scheduled some tournaments in 2022 for Pittsburgh sectionals and Titusville. The Williamsville, NY sectional has not yet been cancelled. Cleveland added a sectional since they missed one in August, but it has been cancelled.

**GNT/NAP**

Ron reported that 32 tables participated in the on-line NAP in October. Alex Bealles did a great job running it. The finals in Reno may be face-to-face or online. If they will be face-to-face in Reno, then 50% of the qualifiers will not attend.

The GNT will be April 30-May 1, 2022, face-to-face in Erie. Ron is working on the flyer and the sanction request. He has recruited Barb Greenspan in Cleveland and Kathy Pollack in Buffalo to help coordinate both the NAP and GNTs in their hometowns.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Brian reported little activity. We continue to have a balance of $175,000 to $180,000 in the treasury.

**STAC**

Mary had been planning to contact the clubs to see what level of interest there is to run the STaC. Alex thinks we should hold it no matter the expected attendance. ACBL charges a base rate and then a per table amount, so we should break even with a small attendance.

ACBL is letting clubs run extra games at times other than their normal times. During the STaC, some clubs may want to try extra games.

We will proceed with the STaC and see what happens.

**WEBSITE**

Sharon reported for Bill Hogsett. He said there wasn’t a lot to report. He is in the process of updating the website with the new tournament calendar and the new Executive Committee Roster.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Social media is on life support.

**MEMBERSHIP**

There is no new data to report. District membership is at 2807

**EDUCATION**

There is nothing new to report. The Buffalo club is about to reopen and possibly they will resume their education program.

**OLD BUSINESS**

To amend the bylaws, we must follow the regulations. We need to send out the text of the proposed changes 90 days before a meeting of the full board. We could hold a meeting by email 90 days after the text is sent out or wait until the full board meeting in May. Mary has the list of the officers that need to be notified. The secretary will send out the invitations with the proposed change.

**Proposed change to bylaws prompted by Change in D5**

**representation to the ACBL**

**Article IV (Board of Directors) Section C** currently reads:

The president, vice president, treasurer, and immediate past president of District

5, and the representative of District 5 to the National Board of Directors of the

ACBL shall be members ex-officio of the District 5 Board of Directors with all

rights and privileges associated with such membership.

**Change to:**

The president, vice president, treasurer, and immediate past president of District

5 shall be members ex-officio of the District 5 Board of Directors with all

rights and privileges associated with such membership. Additionally, if the Regional

Director of Region 4 is a member of District 5, the Regional Director shall be an ex-

officio member of the District 5 Board of Directors with all rights and privileges

associated with such membership. If the Regional Director is a member of any other

District, then the President will appoint a Liaison to the Region 4 Director (who is a

member of District 5). The Liaison shall be a member ex-officio of the District 5 Board of

Directors with all rights and privileges associated with such membership

**Article VI (Executive Committee), Section A, item 2**

Currently reads

The representative of District 5 to the National Board of Directors of the ACBL;

Change to: The representative of Region 4 to the National Board of Directors of the

ACBL, if that representative is a member of District 5; OR The Liaison to the Regional

Director, if the representative of Region 4 is a member of any other district;

Mary moved to amend the bylaws with the above wording. Barb seconded and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chris moved to adjourn Barb seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.