

**ACBL DISTRICT 5 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**Friday, May 27, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE**

Officers Present: Jim Overcashier (President), Marc Sylvester (Vice President)

Executive Board Members Present: Barbara Bacon, Sharon Fairchild, Ron Franck, Mary Paulone Carns, Chris Urbanek

Executive Board Members Absent: Jan Assini, Brian Ellis

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 by President Jim Overcashier who welcomed all to the meeting.

Jim noted that the recent decisions of the ACBL Board of Directors included: "At all sectional and regional tournaments, overall awards will be increased by 20% beginning on Monday, May 30, 2022, and extending for one year to tournaments ending on May 21, 2023, for those tournaments that conclude on that Sunday. Section awards will not be increased"

Jim pointed out that the Memorial Day tournaments are being left out except for Monday, May 30. He is addressing this problem with Margot Hennings, our Region 4 representative.

**MINUTES**

Marc moved and Barb seconded that the minutes of the last Executive Board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Rock and Roll Regional 2023**

Jim Overcashier will run that tournament. No other information is available at this time. For 2022, the final financial report has not been received but a minimal loss is expected.

**Treasurer's Report**

Sharon reported for Brian Ellis. The checking account holds \$96,104.05 and the savings account holds \$69,175.97. This is down a little from last year due to the purchase of the Bridgemates and servers (\$6000-7000).

## **All-American Regional 2022**

Sharon and Barb reported that we are expecting 40-50% of the tables from 2019. There have been some housekeeping issues with the hotel and management is working to correct the issues by bringing in help from other properties.

Jim has signed new contracts for January and May of 2023.

We were informed that Cuyahoga County is now in the red zone for spreading Covid. Mask wearing will be encouraged for the rest of the tournament. It is being announced on site and in the bulletin.

## **Pittsburgh Regional**

Chairman Ron Franck is proposing a 3-day regional on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend which limits our financial exposure post-Covid. Rent at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center is \$4000 total for the three days. He wants a trial run this year. The site is available Tuesday through Labor Day in future years.

### **Positives**

Pittsburgh Players love this site  
Easy access from all D5 cities  
Kitchen facility included  
Continental Breakfast and Lunch included  
No charge to players for coffee and soda  
Parking free and close to playing area.

### **Negatives**

No hotel (Hotels 2 miles away)  
Bridge rate Fairfield is \$129  
Access for meetings

After discussion, the sense of the committee is to proceed with this plan.

## **Buffalo Regional**

Chris reported that it will be at the Marriott Hotel in Amherst NY. Davis Huessler, the chairman will be at the District Board Meeting tomorrow with details and the flyers.

Chris has indicated a willingness to resign from the Executive Committee so that Davis could be appointed.

## **All-American Regional 2023**

Sharon and Barb will no longer chair this tournament. We need to find someone to run it. It would be possible to move Jim to May and get a new chair for January.

## **GNT**

Ron reported that we had 4 teams in the championship flight, 2 teams in A flight, 3 teams in B flight and 3 teams in C.

Ron made calls to get teams to make sure we could have enough for the event. The entry fees paid our ACBL fees so we will end up losing a little on rent and other expenses.

## **NAP**

The NAP will be held October 1 and 2 in Erie PA.

## **STaC**

The STaC is set for June. Mary announced that she is retiring from running the STaCs. She will run the December one if needed but that will be the last. Marc will take over running the STaCs.

## **Royal STaC**

A week of a Royal STaC can be run in the last 4 months of 2022. It is an effort to get players back to the clubs. Marc will investigate and Mary will help to see if we would like to participate this time.

## **Social Media**

Marc reports that we have a problem that the flyer for a tournament disappears from the website as soon as the tournament begins.

## **Membership**

Marc will give his report at the meeting tomorrow.

## **Education**

Chris reported that no one requested funds so far in 2022.

Buffalo is giving Sunday lessons to energize young players for the Youth NABC.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim announced that Bridgemates were purchased, and Alex will transport to tournaments.

Mary will conduct the Bylaw change vote tomorrow. The Liaison that will be appointed, if this is approved, will be considered an officer.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion was held about the possibility of raising the entry fees for regionals and other district events. A proposal to raise entry fees to \$14 per session will be brought to the full board tomorrow.

There is an electronic policy change taking effect for ACBL NABCs. This will be brought to the full board for consideration.

Steve Vrooman doesn't want to be responsible for transporting the timers. The chairman of the next event will be responsible for transporting the timers themselves or by delegating this to another.

Sharon brought up that we don't have a policy to cover a visit from the Region 4 Director. The district will provide free plays for the visits.

Barb moved and Chris seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM