

**ACBL DISTRICT 5 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**Friday, September 2, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

Executive Board Members Present: Jan Assini, Barbara Bacon, Mary Paulone Carns, Sharon Fairchild, Ron Franck, Dian Petrov,

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Jim Overcashier who welcomed all to the meeting.

**MINUTES**

Barb moved and Jan seconded that we approve the minutes. The minutes of the last Executive Board Meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The attendance at the last two regionals was about 36% of the normal attendance. He believes this is due to:

1. People age out and die
2. Pandemic causes
3. Lack of interest in masterpoints.

Money from the January regional is out of balance.

We have spent a lot of money on bridgemates. The board should decide who can use these and what we should charge for using them, like we do for the timers.

The advertising expenses for the January tournament were exorbitant for the email campaign. People were unaware of what the charges would be. They need to be aware of the charges for expanded areas for advertising.

The GNT losses were small (\$817.75) before the team subsidies \$4912 making the loss \$5729.75.

The June StaC lost \$247.70 and the December StaC lost \$165.71

The January Regional lost \$2416.90 while the May Regional made a profit of \$2644.70

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Rock and Roll Regional 2023**

Jim Overcashier reported that the schedule is ready to be released soon, as is the schedule for May. We are still looking to find someone to run one of those regionals.

### **Pittsburgh Regional**

Ron Franck reported that we had great attendance on the first day. Players love the site. Bill Holt has been a wonderful co-chair.

2023 will be a 6 day tournament, Wednesday through Monday. It will be held at the Masonic Lodge. The Fairfield Hotel will offer a larger room block for a longer tournament and a better room rate.

Ron said that expenses were high because ACBL mandated 3 directors while Ron felt that 2 would have been enough.

Mary complimented Ron on his running of the tournament.

### **Buffalo Regional**

Dian reported that the Buffalo Regional will be at the Marriott Hotel in Amherst NY October 25-30, 2022. The hotel has good access for members of District 5 and the Canadians who are so vital to this tournament. The room rate will be \$129.00 if reservations are made before October 1, 2022. Davis, the chairman for this tournament wanted to know what the budget was for the tournament. Brian will send him the expenses for the last 2 tournaments in Buffalo.

### **NAP**

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

### **STaC**

The STaC is set for December. Mary will run it and copy Marc on everything so he will be prepared to take it over.

## **Royal STaC**

A discussion was held to see if we wanted to participate in the Royal StaC in conjunction with other districts. It will run October 17-23, 2022. There is a conflict because the Pittsburgh sectional is that weekend and many clubs are closed in support of the tournament.

Mary moved that we do not hold the Royal STaC, Marc seconded and the motion carried.

## **Social Media**

Marc will give his report at the meeting tomorrow.

## **Membership**

Marc will give his report at the meeting tomorrow.

## **Education**

Dian reported that the Bridge Whiz program is designed to involve students who have never played. It involved 24 weeks of online teaching for bridge. 16 kids graduated and a new session will start in October. This year they hope to involve parents and grandparents. Check out [bridgewhiz.org](http://bridgewhiz.org). They hope to involve over 5000 students this year.

Online play is now a part of life now. Greg Coles is creating big clubs online.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Timers**

Barb Bacon is to purchase two timers for Buffalo and two for Cleveland. The current timers will remain in Pittsburgh.

### **Online NAP**

Jan has spoken with a lot of players that would prefer to play this event online. A discussion ensued. We will continue to poll players and the NAP chair will make the final decision.

**Cashless Tournaments**

The last NABC was cashless. Alex is in favor of changing to cashless tournaments because there is no money that has to be supplied and no worries about banking the funds safely. ACBL will pick up the service charge for the credit card use. This will be brought up at the Board meeting tomorrow.

Barb thanked Ron for the wonderful dinner and hosting the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.