

ACBL DISTRICT 5 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
January 7, 2023

Members present: Jim Overcasher, Barb Bacon, Sharon Fairchild, Davis Heussler, Sandi Bross, Dian Petrov, Ron Franck, Fred Schenker

Member absent: Marc Sylvester.

**President Overcasher** called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM at the Embassy Suites Hotel and welcomed the new board members Dian, Davis and Fred.

**The minutes** of the September 2, 2022 and October 25, 2022 were approved. The motions to approve the minutes came from Barb and Ron for September and Barb and Davis for October.

**Treasurer's Report – Sandi Bross**

Pittsburgh lost \$2,507.39

Buffalo lost \$2,372.68

NAP lost \$402.21

Stac lost \$143.00

Tournament reports will have 3 pages,

Page 1 is a summary sheet.

Page 2 reports the table count sorted by day and sorted by event type.

Page 3 has a column on the left reports expenses that are out of our control and the one on the right are discretionary expenses that can be adjusted to improve the financial position of the event.

There is a Statement of Financial Position which lists our assets.

The checking account balance is \$62,386.79

The investment account balance is \$80,005.36

The total is \$142,392.15

The Statement of Financial Activities lists the program revenue and expenses for our events from August 1 to December 31, 2022. Our program net revenue was -\$5,275.73. Hopefully by the end of the fiscal year, we will be in the black. After expenses our net revenue was -\$13,344.14.

Things noted during the discussion were that:

- The programs run since August had the \$12 entry fee instead of the current \$14. The events would have been close to break-even if they had the new entry fee.
- The situation with the bookseller needs to be resolved. Will Rose be back to fill this role or do we need an understanding with someone new.
- There is a stipend for the people that attend the Advisory Council meeting (Formerly the Board of Governors) The question was raised if that is payable for zoom attendance. Since it had been initiated to help defray the cost of the hotel for those that attended, it wouldn't be covered for zoom attendance.
- The treasurer maintains a record of the free plays and room nights for Executive Board Members.

- We should look again at having budget guidelines for our tournaments. Historically we have them from pre-Covid, but the numbers aren't relevant any more.

Sharon moved and Barb seconded that we receive the treasurer's report.

### **Rock and Roll Regional - Jim Overcashier**

Attendance at Rock and Roll Regional

2019 – 815.5 tables

2020 – 724.5 tables

2022 – 210 tables

2023 – 291 to date, perhaps 340

### **All American Regional – Jim Overcashier**

The flyer is just about ready. The question was raised if a 10:30 start time instead of 10:00 would make it easier for out-of-towners to get to the tournament? After a long discussion, it seemed that there wasn't much of an advantage.

### **Pittsburgh Regional- Ron Franck**

This regional will run Wednesday through Labor Day at the Masonic. The Fairfield Hotel is giving us a better rate because it will be a longer tournament. They are planning to run a bracketed Swiss on Friday and a regular Swiss on Monday.

### **Buffalo Regional – Davis Heussler**

The Marriott was sold. He will try to contact them or the Millennium Hotel soon to make arrangements for the tournament. Some people have suggested a mid-flight pairs event in place of a gold rush. That would be 0-2500 or 0- 3000 master points.

The attendance was not as good as it could have been because there was a Canadian STaC running opposite. This shouldn't happen again because the STaC was scheduled before the Buffalo Regional was moved to a different week.

### **Tournament Coordinator – Barb Bacon**

The new tournament schedule emailed to the board. Pittsburgh sectional I 2023 now sanctioned. NAP is September 30 and October 1. She has tournament schedules from Districts 4 and 2 to help in planning. Fred Schenker will take over as tournament coordinator as of February 1.

### **GNT NAP – Ron Franck**

Fred will be working with Ron on these events. The GNT will be May 6 and 7 in Erie PA. The conditions of contest are posted on the ACBL website. There was discussion about the 20 or 30 VP scale and whether we should change to the 20 point scale that most people use. We will have a zoom meeting and discuss this item at this time.

## **Education – Dian Petrov**

What is our process for obtaining funds for lessons? A teacher in Pittsburgh is asking how to get reimbursed for her program. Dian suggested that she submit a proposal to the Education Foundation for funding. It was suggested that Dian speak to Chris Urbanic who handled this program in the past and to Barb Gregorzewski who received funds for her teaching program. We will discuss this program more at the zoom meeting.

## **Entry fees**

Do we want to raise the entry fee to \$15 from \$14? Wait and see if \$14 covers our expenses.

## **Region 4 director**

Sharon reported she had spoken to Margot Hennings, the Region 4 Director. While Margot was unable to attend this tournament she is planning to come to either the May regional or Pittsburgh in the fall.

She is chairing the search committee to find a new Executive Director and was recently elected to be Vice President of the ACBL.

Her report from the Fall ACBL Board Meeting is now posted on the District 5 website.

She is there if we have questions or things we would like to see considered by the ACBL Board.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.



