



# Minutes of the Meeting of District 17 Board

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via Zoom Conference

(subject to confirmation at Zoom Conference, December 2020)

Present: John Grossmann (President), Cindy Shoemaker (National Board), Liz Hamilton, Lakin Hines, JoAnne Lowe, Felicity Moore, Steve Nordberg, Jennifer O'Neill, Bill Phillips, Steve Reynolds, Rod Southworth

Also in attendance: Sharon Smith

The President called the meeting to order at 9.05 am.

## GENERAL

### Opening remarks

**John Grossmann**

John welcomed everyone to the meeting including Sharon Smith who will be joining the board in January. He advised the board that Felicity had advised him that she is resigning effective 31 December due to ill health. After a lengthy discussion, it was established that Bill was interested in the position of Secretary. It was agreed that Felicity would continue as Secretary until the end of the year but that she would probably request that Bill took the minutes for the final meeting of the year. Formal election of the officers would be made at the final 2020 meeting.

### Approval of January 2020 Minutes

John suggested two amendments to the minutes. On page 2, "Status of Las Vegas Regional" should read "Status of Las Vegas Regional 2020" and on page 4 under Tournament Supplies, "bidding machine" should read "dealing machine". There was a motion by Jennifer, seconded by Rod that the minutes be approved with these amendments. The motion was carried unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report & 2019 Audit Report

**Jennifer O'Neill**

Jennifer presented her report (distributed in the meeting folder). Jennifer advised that the 2019 Audit review had been completed by Jerry Ranney and that he was satisfied. Jennifer suggested and it was agreed that all funds should remain as "cash" for the time being. There was a motion by Steve N, seconded by Liz that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

### National Board

**Cindy Shoemaker**

Cindy advised that the report is included in meeting package. Building and shoring up membership is a National Board priority. She went through her report and took questions and comments from the other board members. The board thanked Cindy for all her work on the National Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Stipend for Key Positions, Travel Reimbursement in a Virtual World**

**John Grossmann**

John confirmed to the meeting that there would be no expense reimbursement for the D17 Board's online meetings. He advised that in future we may have to consider a stipend for other key positions other than newsletter production.

### **D17 Role in Membership Building & Bridge Education**

**John Grossmann**

John led a lengthy discussion on what should be D17's role in outreach and education programs. Sharon described her experience with the teaching platform on Shark Bridge. Cindy advised that the ACBL was in favor of clubs running social bridge programs alongside duplicate bridge. Discussion on this topic will continue at another meeting.

### **Future of Western Conference**

**John Grossmann**

John advised the board that the Western Conference had decided to go "into hibernation" for the duration of the pandemic or until STaCs may be available to be held on-line.

### **Colorado-at-Large Election Representation**

**Bill Phillips**

Bill advised that at present two D17 Board members for Colorado-at-Large/Wyoming were selected from seven units. Bill made a motion that one board member should be selected from Unit 360 (Colorado Springs), Unit 363 (Northern Colorado) and Unit 367 (Pueblo) and that one board member should be selected from Unit 359 (Boulder), Unit 364 (Colorado West), Unit 421 (Cheyenne) and Unit 422 (Laramie). The motion was seconded by Jennifer. Following discussion, the motion carried by a majority.

### **Bylaws update relevant to Pandemic and Online Meetings**

**Steve Reynolds**

Nothing for this meeting

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Future Direction of Grants Program**

**Steve Nordberg**

Steve advised that he had not received any requests. After discussion, nothing was decided as to the future direction of the program. John advised Steve N that he would like to work with him as to the program direction.

### **Status of Scorecard phase out**

**John Grossmann**

John advised that December 2020 would be the final edition of Scorecard. Nextbook are comfortable with that.

### **Status of New Website**

**Cindy Shoemaker**

Cindy advised that the home page has been completed and that she was comfortable with a January roll-out.

**GNT Decisions based on Request from ACBL**

**Rod Southworth**

Rod advised that the Championship Flight team that qualified for 2020 would automatically be qualified for the national finals at the Summer NABC in 2021. Rod made the motion that the A, B and C teams who were qualified for the 2020 D17 finals should be qualified to participate in the 2021 D17 finals. Seconded by Jennifer. The motion carried unanimously.

**Budget for Denver Regional 2021**

**Jennifer O’Neill**

Jennifer presented a budget for Denver Regional 2021. Break-even would happen at 700+ tables. A motion was made by Jennifer, seconded by Steve R. to approve the Denver 2021 budget. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.30 pm.

**NEXT MEETING – Online, December 2020**