District Twenty-Two
Organization of Bridge Units, Inc.

Orange County Minutes
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District Twenty Two Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2011
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Irvine, CA
Residing: 2011 District President Jon Wright

Representatives:
Area I: Teri Atkinson, Warren Cederborg
Area II: Patrick Page, David Lodge
Area III: Jon Wright, Bill Grant (not present)
Area IV: Fran Schwartz

National Representative: Ken Monzingo

Guests:
Betty Bratcher-Tournament Director
Bonny Bagley-member of Western Conference Board and STAC Coordinator

Note: Presentations by Ken and certain other pertinent discussion took place before the official Call to Order. These are included in the body of the minutes.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**
Approval Of San Diego Minutes

II. **GUEST PRESENTATION**
Bonnie Bagley made a presentation regarding STAC stats. She also explained the charitable element of the National Foundation and informed us that the units are encouraged to apply for grants.

III. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A revised profit and loss statement for Riverside 2011 was presented. While this reflected an improved profit position, the hospitality costs still appear out of line with historic budget guidelines. A discussion was held as to whether the budget is not reflective of current conditions or whether the costs were excessive. Tournament managers will seek to obtain more precise information for 2012 tournament.

A profit and loss statement for San Diego 2011 was presented. As all issues appeared in line with significant net income in excess of budget, no discussion was necessary.

IV. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**
No Activity

V. **SECRETARY REPORT**
A discussion was held regarding the upcoming District Elections. It was noted that Fran and David intend to run again. Jon will not run and suggested that Rick Roeder be nominated. Subsequently, Jon informed David that Ron's name has been officially submitted.

VI. **NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A. Ken-met with our new CEO, Robert Hartman for 3 ½ hours in San Diego discussing our organization and the history of the bridge community. Hartman was selected from 80 candidates. He is a Life Master with approximately 350 points. He is from Oakland, California and comes from a background in the horse racing business.
B. Membership in the ACBL is up 15% over the last 5 years. West Coast is doing well with attendance at every tournament up year over year.
C. The ACBL contributes in excess of$400,000 annually to international activities which benefit a very small percentage of our membership (6 teams of expert/pros). Over 80% of all fees are paid for by top 4 countries, the US paying the most (by a very large margin). Ken will continue his efforts to get the amount of money paid by ACBL members to be eliminated or reduced significantly.

VII. **AREA REPRESENTATIVES ISSUES**

A. Warren-Renewed request for nominees to the Goodwill Committee; he will produce list of existing members
B. Fran
    1. Hospitality job at tournaments
    2. Person needs to be available at all published times if they commit
    3. Room number for hospitality events(s) must be available and publicized in the daily bulletin
    4. The job of running the hospitality desk and operating the hospitality room are separate

5. Suggested each unit in area wherein the tournament is being held be required to provide a person or persons for one night each of operating hospitality room
6. UCI's Brain Aging Institute is considering or has established a program to show if/why bridge is helpful. Fran has contact with someone connected with the initiative. This is same member that has been trying to establish bridge club at Saddleback College.

VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Fran-Orange County

1. As discussed above, there were issues with the provision of hospitality services. Recommended that status quo be maintained with current hospitality members but that improved training/supervision would be performed.
2. Discussion continued about finding a new facility for the event. Main issue is lighting . The Sequoia Club has been mentioned. It will be checked out. The main requirements for the facility is to provide at least 20,000 square feet of playing room (in one area of one floor) and be able to provide at least 100 guest rooms
3. There were several complaints about the tournament conditions and director handling:
    i. Not enough hand records. Directors or tournament manager should know how many are needed for each session and have ability to produce more than originally planned. A possible solution is to have dedicated computer/printer owned by District that will be available on site.
    ii. Not sufficient pre-duplicated boards; some had to be hand duplicated. Cause was large unplanned influx of pairs due in part to popularity of Gold Rush Pairs.
    iii. People asked why there were 36 boards in play when only 26 are needed for a section of 17 teams. No resolution. (In a web movement where only 26 boards are in play requiring two sets per section, all boards in all sections must be preduplicated…this was not expected and to do so could be very expensive).
    iv. There was significant confusion outside the playing room during the process of selling entries; not enough directors to manage lines, insufficient and confusing signage, too close to coffee lines.

B. Palm Springs

1. There was a review of the suggestion to have bidding screens at the finals sessions of the top two brackets of the knockouts at the Palm Springs Regional. After a discussion regarding the costs, the board agreed to experiment by providing screens for the final

session only of the top two knockout brackets for each knockout event held at the 2011 tournament.

2. David advised that the Unit 533 officers had requested that the GOLD RUSH Pairs be expanded from the current Wednesday/Friday schedule to every day. It was concluded that Roberta Grubb needed to approve. Subsequently determined to add Thursday to this years schedule and to try to expand next year to every day. There is also an attempt to add the Gold Rush concept to the Sunday Swiss (this will be done at the 2012 tournatment).

C. Bill Grant-tournament services-Bill and Rex visited Ken Dischner. He requested and they agreed to advance $1,200 toward each tournament's cost of providing tables, bidding boxes, pencils, sharpeners, etc. Bill and Rex recommend relationship be continued.

D. John Kissinger

1. The district agreed to commit until further notice to the payment of $2,000 to each winning team. The current posture is to promise less and then increase the amount as income allows. The higher promised will encourage more entries.
2. Due to the large size of our district there are geographical challenges to have finalists come to a central location for what might be a very short competition. Other attempts to solve have not been successful. A suggestion has been made to try to use computers at various locations to solve. Irv Kostal has looked into issue and believes it can be accomplished. David is to have discussions with Irv and his resources and report. GNTeams have been successfully played online (BBO) by District 19.
3. A discussion was held re: NAP. John reviewed the rules for time(s) of qualifications. There are 2 options: 1) Run club qualifiers during June, July, August. In fall unit can run only 1 qualifying event, but all those who qualified during summer must qualify again; 2) Eliminate the unit level qualifier. If this option is chosen, participants go directly to the District Finals.

IX. **OLD BUSINESS-**not discussed

X. **NEW BUSINESS-**

A. Recorder-Warren agreed to act as the Recorder

B. Board of Governors-Each district is allowed to have 5 representatives at each of the meetings of the National Board of Governors which take place during the three NABC's. The BOG ratifies actions of the national Board of Directors and can make suggestions to that body. The 125 BOG members meet on the first Sunday of the National events. BOD members may attend but must not speak. Our district currently has 1 vacancy. It is important to have as many of our five members at each meeting because one must be present to vote (however, if unable to attend a meeting, a

BOG member can five his/her proxy to any D22 member who will be attending). However, the cost can be prohibitive for some applicants as each member must pay his/her own way to the national event. Several names were offered but no final determination was made. Note: According to the ACBL website Alice Light and Linda Trent are shown as the members with Teri showing as the first alternate. Both the slots for the 3rd member and the second alternate are listed as VACANT. This conflicts with the information discussed at our meeting that Warren is also a member.

XI. **Adjournment**

XII. Attachments

A. Revised profit loss statement-Riverside 2011.
B. Profit loss statement-San Diego 2011

Next Meeting Palm Springs Westin Hotel, December 16th, 2011.