

**American Contract Bridge League  
District 8 Annual Board meeting  
Saturday October 22, 2022  
Via Zoom**

**Board and committee members present:** Pam Ames, Debbie Avery, Michael Carmen, Marilyn Croft, Paul Hartke, Georgia Heth, Martha Leary, Lori Moore, John Pree, Debbie Romero, Mary Beth Shaw, Ron Sholes, Van Stone, Karen Walker, Peter Wilke.

**Board and committee members absent:** Mark Boswell, Jay Coleman, Grant sterling, Phyllis Siegel, Milt Zlatic.

Ms. Croft called the October 22, 2022 Annual District Board meeting to order at 11:00 AM.  
Ms. Leary moved to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2021 Annual District Board meeting as presented. Second Mr. Carmen carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Ms. Avery presented the income and expense reports for the District Board's review. Mr. Carmen moved to accept the reports as presented. Second Mr. Sholes carried.  
The Proposed Budget for 2023 was presented for discussion. Ms. Leary moved to accept the budget as presented. Second Mr. Sholes carried.

**President's report:** Ms Croft appointed Ms. Avery as Secretary/Treasurer and Peter Wilke as the District tournament Coordinator. She expressed the District's thanks to Mr. Sholes for his many years of service on the Board of Directors.

**Nominating committee report:** Mr. Sholes presented the slate for the proposed officers, Debbie Romero as President and Paul Hartke Vice President. There being no further nominations from the floor Ms. Leary moved to accept the slate as presented. Second Mr. Pree carried.

**Financial Review:** Mr. Sholes reported that he and Ms. Avery had conducted the review via telephone and that everything appeared to be in good order.

**ACBL Director's report:** Ms. Heth reported that Larry Sealy from District 10 would be running unopposed for the ACBL Regional Directors position. She also noted that online bridge competition is here to stay for the foreseeable future.

**Charity report:** Ms. Croft asked for input for the Youth Education charity games. Ms. Ames indicated that she will help in the development of these events.

**Goodwill:** Ms. Heth asked for nominations to the ACBL goodwill committee.

**Judiciary: Discipline/ Appellate:** No report

**Education:** Ms. Shaw reported that she had submitted a grant application to the ACBL Educational Foundation. The Youth Bridge Camp is slated to begin Sunday July 30 – Friday August 4 2023. She hopes the interest and attendance will increase.

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**Tournament Coordinator:** Mr. Wilke reported that most tournaments will be using "Entry Express" as a means of cashless entries. The monies will be paid directly to ACBL.

**Regional reports:**

Crystal Lake regional: Ms. Croft reported that the attendance was less than 50 percent of prior regional tournaments. She noted that there were no evening events due to lack of attendees and that their financial loss was significant.

Effingham regional: Mr. Hartke reported that the attendance was very low with little local participation. Their financial loss was significant.

St. Louis: Mr. Carmen reported that they had at least 50% less attendance from the last regional held in 2019. Less attendance in the limited games and very few travelling teams were present. They will have a reportable financial loss.

Champaign: due to ACBL COVID guidelines, ACBL staffing would be unavailable for this tournament which resulted in cancellation.

Ms. Leary moved for calendar year 2022 to suspend Standing rule 2, "Regional fees to the District shall be the greater of \$1500.00 or 4% of the gross entries \$1.00 per table..." Second Mr. Carmen carried.

**Future Regional reports:**

Champaign: will be held Tuesday through Sunday May 24-29 with a daylight schedule at the Hawthorne Suites in Champaign.

Crystal Lake: Ms. Croft noted that she had gotten a contract with the Holiday Inn for costs of 50% less than prior years. The 2023 Regional will be Monday - Friday June 5-9 no evening events are scheduled.

St Louis: Mr. Abein reported that the St. Louis regional will be Monday – Sunday August 14-20. He noted that he had gotten a reduction in required room nights from the hotel and hopes to have the same terms for 2024 and 2025.

Effingham: Mr. Hartke indicated that their Unit Board is looking into moving the unit 223 Regional to a different location.

**STaC report:** The STaC fees will be \$7.00 per table in 2023.

**GNT Report:** The GNT event will be held online April 29-30, 2023. Ms. Romero moved that the entry fee be raised to \$15 per person per session for both the GNT and NAP events. Second Mr. Pree carried.

**NAP Report:** Ms. Leary reported that the NAP event will be held online Sunday November 12, 2023.

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**Old Business:** none

**New business:** A discussion of special District wide games available to clubs be reviewed for further information and discussion.

Mr. Carmen moved that there be 3 issues of the Advocate annually occurring March June September.  
Second Mr. Pree carried.

There being no further business before the District 8 Board the October 22, 2022 was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Avery  
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