

**American Contract Bridge League
District 8 Board Meeting
May 26, 2018**

Board and Committee members present: Pam Ames, Debbie Avery, Michael Carmen, Jay Coleman, Marilyn Croft, Ardythe Edwards, Bo and Linda Goersch, Terry Goodykoontz, Margaret Hansell, Paul Hartke, Georgia Heth (remote), Martha Leary, John Pree, Debbie Romero, Ron Sholes, Carole Sholes, Chris Shaw, Mary Beth Shaw, Neil Whittle, Hugh Williams, Liz Zalar.

Board and committee members absent: Rick Beye, Linda Seibert, Karen Walker, Milt Zlatic.

Mr. Carmen called the May 26, 2018 meeting of the District 8 Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Mr. Coleman moved to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2017 minutes as presented. Second, Mr. Sholes carried.

Treasurer's report: Ms. Avery submitted the current and year end income and expense reports, the District's check and money market registers, and the NABC CD statements for the District Board's review. Mr. Coleman moved to accept the documents as presented. Second, Ms. Ames carried.

President's report: Mr. Carmen briefed the District Board on the outcome of the move of Unit 154 to District 12. He noted that there had been three member transfers into District 8. He reported on the Purple Pass program, which is the ability for tournament participants to pay their entry fees by credit card. He noted that due to tournament time changes the August Annual Board meeting will be held in the evening following the reception.

ACBL Director's report: Ms. Heth reported that Robert Hartman was no longer the ACBL CEO and that Joe Jones was the acting CEO. She encouraged all of the District's Units to participate in the ACBL webinar about recruiting volunteers.

Charity report: Ms. Croft distributed a spreadsheet that illustrated the past three years of the District wide charity game. She noted that 2016 had been the most successful year for the event. She said she would begin to contact clubs managers in September for the games that will be run during the month of October. She encouraged participation for the support of the Youth Bridge program.

Goodwill: No report.

Judiciary Committees:

Disciplinary: No report.

Appellate: No report.

Education committee: Ms. Shaw reported that the eighth Adult Bridge Boot Camp will be held October 18, 2018.

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Youth Coordinator's report: Mr. Shaw reported that the tenth Youth Bridge Camp will be held at the end of June with 31 attendees already registered.

Tournament Coordinator's report: No report.

Regional Tournament reports

St. Louis 2017: Mr. Carmen reported that the tournament lost money as a result of lower than expected booked room nights.

Crystal Lake 2018: Ms. Croft reported that they are ready to go for June.

Effingham 2018: Mr. Hartke reported that they were on track for June though the City of Effingham has reduced the grant money available for the tournament.

Future Regional Reports:

Crystal Lake 2019: Ms. Croft noted that they were looking for a new site because the present site was asking for too much rent for the playing site. They are considering dropping all evening sessions due to the lack of attendance in the evening.

Effingham 2019: Mr. Hartke reported that he has two dates booked for June and September 2019 and they need to let the hotel know by the end of the month to which date they will use.

St. Louis 2019: Mr. Carmen reported that they were going to implement a 9:30 – 2:00 – 7:00 time schedule rather than having the prime event starting in the afternoon. They are hoping that this new schedule will result in more local participation and more overall attendance.

Champaign 2019: Mr. Goodykoontz noted that the attendance this year was down by 22 tables. He said that while there is no contract in place that he feels that we will be in the same site in 2019.

STaC report: Ms. Goersch reported that participation in the Spring STaC event is down but the income has remained flat due to the entry fee increase. The loss of tables is attributable to the snowbirds absence in the early spring. The Goersch's will look into available later spring dates for the future.

NAP report: Ms. Leary reported that the NAP event will be held November 11, 2018 at the Wyndham Garden in Urbana IL. The 2017 NAP was larger than the prior year.

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GNT Report: Ms. Leary reported that the attendance was about the same as last year and had net positive revenue. Ron and Carole Sholes and Liz Zalar volunteered to become the new GNT Coordinators next year.

MS. Ames moved to cap the available GNT funding to \$2396.00 per each winning GNT team; any excess grassroots funds will be awarded to the third and or fourth place NAP pairs not to exceed the second place grant. Second, Ms. Leary carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Being no further business before the District 8 Board of Directors Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn the May 26, 2018 meeting of the District 8 Board of Directors. Second, Mr. Hartke carried.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Avery

District 8 Secretary

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