

# **Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors of District 16 of the American Contract Bridge League**

**Jul 2, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of District 16 of the American Contract Bridge League was held in Austin live and on the Zoom meeting platform on July 2, 2022. In attendance were:

## **Executive Officers**

Betty Starzec	President
Dave Ticen	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Kristen Onsgard	Executive Secretary
Nancy Strohmer	Immediate Past President

## **Voting Board Members (Unit Representatives)**

Ed Rawlinson	Unit 172
Sue Gerard	Unit 173
Karen Nussbaum	Unit 174
Scott Nason	Unit 176
Steve Shirey	Unit 183
Dave Ticen	Unit 187
Helen Lauderdale	Unit 197
E.W. Sweeney	Unit 201
Neal Perlman	Unit 204
BJ Sanders	Unit 207
Del McDaniel	Unit 254
Marsha May	Unit 353

## **Non-Voting Board Members**

### **Representing District 16 on ACBL Board of Directors**

Paul Cuneo, Director

### **Committee Chairs**

Betty Starzec	Awards/Honors
Nancy Strohmer	Charity
Rebecca Brown	Disciplinary
Patricia Herrera	Education
Thomas Rush	Lecture Series
Rachell Jackson	Marketing/Publicity
Sandy Potts	Membership
Scott Humphrey	Tournament Coordinator

## **Standing Positions**

Jack LaVigne	District Recorder
Scott Nason	GNT Coordinator
Sue Caulfield	Scorecard Editor
Betty Starzec	D16 Board of Governors
Nancy Strohmer	D16 Board of Governors
Larry Davis	NAP Coordinator
Jonathan Ernest	District Appellate Chair

## **Guests**

Lauri Laufman and Robert Todd

## **CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM**

President Starzec welcomed everyone. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM CST and a quorum was confirmed.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES/CONSENT AGENDAS**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 22, 2022 minutes as written. Motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Tom Trudeau submitted the treasurer's report for the six months ended 06/30/2022. A motion was made to approve the report, it was seconded and approved.

## **ACBL Board of Directors' Report**

Paul Cuneo submitted the report summarizing the following:

1. Attendance at live clubs still is down
2. ACBL proposed to institute an additional on-line fee of \$4/table
3. Reduction of points for on-line games
4. I/N players are predominant on-line
  - Brainstorming – pro/am, handicapping, lower fees

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Awards**

President Starzec stated the Jacoby nominations ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, committee meeting to follow with award being presented at the Labor Day Regional in Dallas.

### **Charity**

Nancy Strohmer submitted the following report:

In addition to the charity games that were held on March 22, 23, 24 and 25, the ACBL has granted D16 an additional set of games for July 12, 13, 14 and 15 due to the fact that the ACBL held special charity games March 24-31 in order to raise funds for humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

## **Additional D16 Charity games include:**

July 12, 2022 ACBL Grass Roots Fund Game

July 13, 2022 D16 Charity Fund Game

July 14, 2022 ACBL Grass Roots Fund Game

July 15, 2022 D16 Charity Fund Game

We have encouraged the clubs to participate in these games as they award 81.8% sectional-rated black points. What better time to get back to club play and support good causes at the same time!

## **GNT Report**

Scott Nason stated that turnout was dismal. However, Kevin Perkins ran the tournament well and there was a small profit.

## **I/N**

Sam Khayat submitted a report.

## **NAP Report**

Larry Davis reported that attendance was low. Therefore, made changes to the conditions of contest to address this situation in the future. President Starzec added comments regarding better publicity in the Scorecard for both the NAP and the GNTs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ratify the following: District bank signatory, district breakfast charges, Scorecard editor increase, District will reimburse units for partial junior entry. Nancy Strohmer made a motion, which was seconded and approved.

## **Policy and Procedures Manual/Job Descriptions**

President Starzec thanked Rachell Jackson for her excellent update. Scott Humphrey addressed an inconsistency. Every unit is supposed to get four sectionals, but San Antonio has had six due to having extra clubs. However, as clubs have closed, Scott H. recommended that the sectionals return to four. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

President Starzec emphasized that all tournament planning needs to go **first** through Scott Humphrey and then through Tourney Trax.

Scott H. also requested better guidance in scheduling tournaments than the 150 miles guideline.

## **BridgeWhiz**

Robert Todd discussed the success of the pilot year for on-line use of Bridge Wiz, graduating 420 children (more than 50% young women) from the 20-week program. Peach Jar, which sells school email lists, was recommended as a marketing tool. A

motion was made, seconded and approved to designate \$4,000 for marketing BridgeWhiz in District 16.

### **Tournament Coordination**

There will be a Royal STAC which Tomi Storey is working on for Nov 14-20.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Meeting administration**

A motion was made seconded and approved to update the technology available for meetings.

#### **Robly e-blast**

Expanding use for all sectionals as well as regional tournaments to save the units money.

#### **Lecture Series**

As Austin is already running a lecture series, President Starzec asked Patricia Herrera to look into coordinating with Austin an expansion of the program to the rest of the district, as well as developing a Spanish language version.

#### **COVID notifications**

President Starzec recommended that the directors self-test prior to every tournament. Scott H. responded that he would raise this topic at the next area manager meeting.

#### **Action Item Review and Meeting Critique**

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 AM on September 3, 2022, at the Dallas Labor Day Regional IN PERSON and on Zoom. Please mark your calendars.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 9:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kristen Onsgard  
Executive Secretary, ACBL District 16