

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

**Sept 3, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of District 16 of the American Contract Bridge League was held in Dallas live and on the Zoom meeting platform on Sept 4, 2022. In attendance were:

## **Executive Officers**

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Betty Starzec   | President                      |
| Ken Monzingo    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President |
| Dave Ticen      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President |
| Tom Trudeau     | Treasurer                      |
| Kristen Onsgard | Executive Secretary            |
| Nancy Strohmer  | 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 |
| BJ Sanders     | Unit 207 |
| Gay Roach      | Unit 225 |
| Del McDaniel   | Unit 254 |

## **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           |
| Sam Khayatt     | I/N Coordinator        |
| Lauri Laufman   | I/N Newsletter         |
| Rachell Jackson | Marketing/Publicity    |
| Scott Humphrey  | Tournament Coordinator |
| Tomi Storey     | STaC 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   |
| Jonathan Ernest | District Appellate Chair |
| Stefanie Scott  | NABC Correspondent       |
| Kim Brinkman    | 49er Club                |

**Guests** Henry Robin

### **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 July 2, 2022 minutes as written. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Tom Trudeau submitted the treasurer's report for the eight months ended 08/31/2022. 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. Providence was a successful NABC with 7,463 tables
2. Membership continues to decline at the annual rate of 5.8%
3. Dallas 2026 NABC bid denied
4. ACBL to provide \$100K for marketing new beginning bridge

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Awards**

President Starzec requested nominations be submitted for Star and Goodwill awards by the end year. Jim Bauer to be recognized for the 2021 and Ed Rawlinson for the 2022 Jacoby awards.

#### **Charity**

Nancy Strohmer submitted the following:

Charity games for 2022 included March 22-25 and ACBL granted to D16 on July 12-15. The March games had 155 tables with 14 participating clubs. July game had 103 tables in 15 clubs.

### **ACBL Educational Foundation**

Patricia Herrera has been nominated to the ACBL Educational Foundation board.

### **GNT Report**

Scott Nason recommended going back to in person and unit level qualification. He will talk to the sectional tournament chairs to determine the best site. Scott H. suggested that we look at pre-registration for planning purposes.

### **I/N**

Sam Khayat will send the guest membership report to the unit I/N coordinators.

### **49er Club**

The accrued director fee payable by the district \$366.17. The remaining fees will be paid by funds held by the Denton club. Nancy S. moved that the payment to Kim B. be made. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **NAP Report**

NAP to be held at Austin sectional on Jan 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. No unit qualification will be required. If 16 pairs or fewer enter, the event will be shortened to Saturday only. In 2025 Austin wants to de-couple the sectional and the NAP.

### **TOY**

Nominations have started and will be open until Nov 30, 2022.

### **Tournament coordinator**

Royal STaC scheduled Nov 14-20. Tommy proposed: Starting in 2023, clubs not staying current on their STaC fees will be deleted from participation. Motion made, seconded and approved. Recommended that the Acapulco non-championship sectional not be upgraded to a Regional.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Recommend that District 16 keep paying for the District 16 board meeting breakfasts. Motion made, seconded and approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **I/N newsletter**

Betty thanked Paul for his monthly letter and introduced Laurie L. as the new writer.

#### **TAP Program**

Betty suggested that the board discuss a supplement for marketing for teachers in our District. Perhaps \$250 in matching funds per approved ACBL Cooperative Advertising Program (CAP) events sponsored event up to a district max of \$1,000. Vote to be tabled pending details.

#### **Scorecard**

Sue Caulfield suggested dedicating Scorecard space gratis for teacher advertising.

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

Paul moved that the license fee of \$264.18 be paid. Seconded and approved.

#### **NABC Correspondent**

Betty thanked Ken Monzingo for his service. Stefanie Scott is the replacement.

### **Houston Regional**

Karen Nussbaum requested that the Best Practices Workshop be held in conjunction with the regional. Motion approved and passed.

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

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 AM on Jan 28, 2023 at the Houston 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 9:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kristen Onsgard  
Executive Secretary, ACBL District 16