



DISTRICT 13 AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

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Minutes of April 30, 2016

ROLL CALL

Voting Board Members present - Adrienne Cohen, Yvette Neary, Stan Subeck, Loring Knoblauch, Les Kent, John Pereles, Steve Brown, Jan Churchwell, Tom Dressing, Mary Ann Romberg, Dianne Kiehl, and Marge Morgan (for Mike Selchert)

Absent – John Goldstein, Angie Clark, Mollie Freier, Jan Litscher, Dennis Ryan and Chelley Andress

Others present – Stan Fuhrmann, Jim O’Brien, Sandy O’Brien, Suzi Subeck, Bob Young and Peter Wilke

CALL TO ORDER – TOM DRESSING (FOR JOHN GOLDSTEIN)

Meeting called to order at 10:04 AM

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS – JAN CHURCHWELL

Slate presented:

President: Tom Dressing
Vice-President: Yvette Neary
Treasurer: Stan Subeck
Secretary: John Pereles

There were no nominations from the floor. Moved to approve slate by Les Kent and seconded by Steve Brown. Motion approved unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2015 MEETING – JOHN PERELES

Dianne Kiehl mentioned that her name was spelled incorrectly in the previous minutes. Les Kent moved and Stan Subeck seconded to approve the minutes with the correction to Dianne’s spelling. Motion approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT – STAN SUBECK

Balance sheets and income statements were distributed. They are attached. Peter Wilke mentioned The ACBL is charging sponsors of STAC’s an extra \$1/table. Sandy O’Brien (District STAC chair) said she had not been notified, adding nothing can be changed for the upcoming District STAC in May. John Pereles moved and Steve Brown seconded to approve the treasurers report. Motion approved.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR REPORT – PETER WILKE

Peter reported the 2015 tournament had 880 tables and this year's tournament will struggle to get 700. He said the knock outs are way down, roughly 6-10 tables at each event. Peter said he originally planned for 6 directors for the tournament but due to low attendance sent 2 directors home last Tuesday. On a positive note, Peter said the Gold Rush pairs have been extremely popular and that people are asking for more of them. Stan Subeck will chair a tournament scheduling committee consisting of Steve Brown, Yvette Neary and Peter Wilke. Tom Dressing urged the committee to come up with a recommendation for the District Regional in 2017 to be discussed at the October 2016 board meeting.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING – PETER WILKE

The current District calendar was distributed. It is attached. Peter mentioned The District Regional is opposite the Gatlinburg Regional the next 3 years, adding this needs to be addressed.

TOURNAMENT UPDATE – SUSI SUBECK

Marcus Corporation (owners of The Grand Geneva) went to a call center approach when people would call to make hotel reservations. Unfortunately, people were told the bridge tournament was not going on and room rates were quoted incorrectly as well. The District is at least 100 room nights below the contracted room block minimum. Suzi advised we will not be paying for rooms not filled in the block because of the mix up in making reservations. Lake Geneva agreed to this.

GNT's – STAN SUBECK

Stan reported the GNT was economically fine.

NAOP'S – SANDY O'BRIEN

Sandy reported they will be held October 1 at State Fair Park again.

DISTRICT STAC's – SANDY O'BRIEN

Sandy said she is no longer looking to be the District STAC coordinator. Adrienne volunteered with tutoring. Sandy gladly said of course.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT – SUZI SUBECK

Suzi said revenues need to be built up and expenses cut for the tournament. She added cooperative advertising has been reduced at The ACBL due to re-organization at The ACBL.

WEBMASTER REPORT – STAN FUHRMANN

The website statistics as of 3/31/16 were distributed. They are attached as well as his written report. Stan said the I/N newsletter gets approximately 300 hits after it comes out so people are looking at it.

I/N NEWSLETTER – SUZI SUBECK

Suzi reported people really like it being on the website adding it is distributed 4 times/year.

UNIT PRESIDENT REPORTS

GMBA – John Pereles said the Unit is looking at a non-hotel location for The Unit Dinner to offer different alternatives to the day's activities.

WUMBA – Mary Ann Romberg reported the unit is holding their own at their Sectional tournaments., instituted a mentoring program and at pair/team events have A's paired with a C pair which is set up by the director at their Sectionals. They are trying this in 2016 and then will evaluate the results.

CCBA – Les Kent mentioned the Chicago Nationals was successful but devastating to the Unit's Regionals adding there will not be a 2016 Summer Regional this year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Sandy O'Brien said she has heard from many people from Wichita, Kansas saying people they have encountered at this tournament are the friendliest people they have come across at a Regional. Sandy added Ron Lampe passed away a few weeks ago.

Tom Dressing asked all committee reports be written and distributed via e-mail at least a week before District meetings adding this will give people a chance to review them before the meeting.

ADJOURNED

Les Kent moved and Steve Brown seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Pereles
Secretary