

DISTRICT 14 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Zoom Meeting

- President Richard Freedman called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. Central.
- The following delegates were present:

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Matt Belau*
Terry Beckman*
Warren Nelson*

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Lorna Nordlinder*
Karen Leier*
Rosie Vanek*

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G. S. Jade Barrett*
Leon Blackwell*
Scott Yoder*

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Vickki Shelley*
Melissa Heston*
Bonnie Stettler*
Carol Panzer
Barbara Wood

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Sharon Anderson*
Mike Cassel*
Steve Gaynor*
Cass Weil*

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Anne Beurivage*
Sharon Lindgren*
Mary Schroeder*
Nancy Wittwer

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Richard Freedman*
Carolyn Sabroske*

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Deana Liddy
Jill McDermott*
Claire Flatowicz*

Guests: Suzie Subeck; Dennis Carman; Tom Dressing

MEETING MINUTES

- The District 14 Board Meeting Minutes for Saturday, August 10, 2019 were filed as distributed.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT

- Deana Liddy reported and introduced the 3 candidates running to represent Region 5 on the ACBL Board of Directors. Suzi Subeck, Dennis Carman, and Tom Dressing each gave an overview of their experience and skill set.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Eric Hendrickson was nominated for President. Seconded. Elected by acclamation.
- Anne Beurivage was nominated for Vice-President. Seconded. Elected by acclamation.
- Sharon Anderson was nominated and reelected as Secretary-Treasurer.
- Election of Executive Committee members.
 - Leon Blackwell (Unit 162) was nominated and elected.

- Rosie Vanek (Unit 104) was nominated and elected.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Sharon Anderson reported and posted a written report 1/1/2019-8/12/2021.
- Checking balance: 8/10/2019 balance: \$25,584.04
7/2021 balance: \$38,901.80
- Two CDs: Total value of \$10,545.56

Sharon suggested that we have a review of District 14 policies that have financial implications. (Teacher of the year; GNT/NAP award; Novice players at regionals; participation of sectional tournaments in grass roots fund games.) Jade Barrett moved to create an ad hoc task force of 5 members with Secretary/Treasurer additional ad hoc member to review the policies. Motion passed.

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS (NAP)

- Vickki Shelley reported and distributed the following:

ON-LINE District 14 North American Pairs October 2 - 3, 2021 Club Qualifying Required: You must be a District 14 member and qualify in a D14 game. Sanction 2110714 DIC: Anthony Ames PRE-PAYMENT REQUIRED BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH MAIL to DIC: Anthony Ames, 6125 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343 Include: Both Players' Names, ACBL #s, BBO Usernames, Flight AND THE ENTRY FEE FOR BOTH PLAYERS with a check payable to Anthony Ames Must play in all four sessions with the same partner to place Four session play through = total matchpoints over four sessions Flight A (Unlimited) 4 session event: Saturday 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm Play-through 24 boards per session \$120 per pair entry fee, mailed to Anthony Ames by September 27th Flight B (0 - 2,500) 4 session event: Saturday 1:15 pm and 5:15 pm, Sunday 1:15 pm and 5:15 pm Play-through 24 boards per session \$100 per pair entry fee, mailed to Anthony Ames by September 27th Flight C (0 - 500/Non-Life Master) 4 session event: Saturday 1:30 pm and 5:30 pm, Sunday 1:30 and 5:30 pm Play-through 18 boards per session \$80 per pair entry fee, mailed to Anthony Ames by September 27th District 14 NAP Coordinator: Vickki Shelley gvshelley8@gmail.com DIC: Anthony Ames 952-200-3871 ynotsema@aol.com A: Unlimited Win 38.4 Gold Points: Stipends* 1st Place-\$700, 2nd place \$300+\$200, 3rd place \$350 B: 0-2500 Win 26.8 Gold Points: Stipends* 1st place-\$700, 2nd place \$300+\$200, 3rd/4th places \$350 C: 0-500NLM Win 16 (8gold/8red) Points: Stipends* 1st place-\$700, 2nd place \$300+\$200, 3rd/4th place \$350 * Stipend fees are contingent upon having a FTF final Finals are in Reno, NV Flight A March 9 & 10, 2022 Flights B & C March 19 & 20, 2022 IN THE EVENT THAT THE RENO NABC IS CANCELLED OR RESCHEDULED DUE TO COVID-19, THE NATIONAL FINAL WILL BE PLAYED ONLINE. ALL FLIGHTS WILL PLAY ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MARCH 10 – 11, 2022.

Vickki will work with Jade to set-up a Pianola account. The board agreed with Jade's recommendation to work with the Executive Committee to consider any financial implications.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (GNT)

- Jade Barrett reported and is willing to continue as GNT chair for District 14.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- Terry Beckman reported and distributed a written report.

All 2022 Regional tournament are scheduled. This included Minneapolis, Eastern Iowa, Omaha and Sioux City at this time.

There are a number of items for these regionals going forward that need to be considered:

1. Attendance is expected to be significantly smaller than before. Many players until they are certain of health issues being overcome, will not risk attending out of town regionals. Therefore, please plan on the bulk of your players being locals or within your unit.
2. With this in mind, it is suggested that units find places for regional playing sites that are not dependent on hotel rooms to save on the playing room expense.
3. Plan on starting with the minimal number of directors. Adding is easier than sending director's home.
4. The District Tournament committee is here to help if you have questions or concerns about this planning or anything else.
5. Per the ACBL Regional study group, regionals should reduce the number of events per day to make a better experience for all players.
 - a. Knockouts should be held only in the largest regionals, if at all per consensus
 - b. Swiss teams should be encouraged for those players who prefer IMPS
 - i. For the smaller regionals, only one main event a day should be a consideration
 - ii. For larger regionals bracketed Swiss could also a consideration

At the current time, I have no I/N Regionals spoken for in 2022. Units that do not have a regular regional or no regional scheduled for 2022 are encouraged to request an I/N Regional or an I/N Regional and concurrent sectional. Planning ahead works well and have had many positive communications from this tournament. Encouragement of I/N's is extremely important.

If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Terry or any other committee member so we can resolve/discuss them.

WEBMASTER REPORT

- Richard Freedman reported and asked that people send him more tournament updates for posting on the website. Jade Barrett suggested more bridge resources be linked to D14 website.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Freedman appointed Mike Cassel to the ACBL Advisory Council (formerly Board of Governors).
- Jade expressed concern about the upcoming BBO contract. (What about face-to-face video and real bridge?). He suggested a follow-up with Joe Jones at the ACBL.
- Jade asked Deana to take forward the idea that sectionals on line be discussed by the ACBL Board. Districts and Units need ways to generate income in the future. Deana will report back to the Executive Committee and Board at our next meeting.
- Anne Beurivage moved that there be an Executive Committee Meeting the end of October/early November. The meeting would be open to all presenters and committee chairs.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2022 SPRING MEETING
Gopher Regional, Saturday, dinner meeting, May 23, 2020.
- Site of the Fall 2022 meeting will be decided at the Board Meeting at the Gopher Regional

A motion was made to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Roe Anderson
Secretary-Treasurer