

ALACBU BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 02/ 12/ 11

7:43 PM call to order after GNT and Dinner by Peter Benjamin(Thanks)

Attendees Pomona/Covina(551) Penny Barbieri Antelope Valley(556) Rand Pinsky Long Beach (557) Kevin Lane, John Killian Pasadena/ San Gabriel(559) Peter Szecsi, Mike Marcucci WLA(562) Bill Schreiber, Diana Schreiber, Roger Clough, Becky Clough, Howard Einberg, Pete Benjamin, Cecil Cook, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff Torrance/South Bay(568) Mark Raggio, Ray Mack
Absent Secretary Betty Jackson - Candy Scott filling in, Ellen Kent, Units Glendale/Verdugo(553), Downey/Whittier(556) San Fernando Valley(561)
Guest Charles Barbieri

Presidents Remarks (Bill): Everything is doing fine.

Reading of the Minutes: Postponed until next month

Treasurer's Report (Roger): Scholarship Fund \$22001.43. Roger's and Mark's report attached

Finance Chairman's Report (Mark): Thanked everyone for helping in turning the corner. The electronic Bridge news costs \$8770 and money from the units was \$8552. In fiscal year October 2009 this was to be paid in increments of \$1.50 per member twice a year. In 2009 we only charged once. So in fiscal year 2010 we change the amount charged to the Units to \$2.00 per player once a year. There was a discussion that the Unit Boards assign someone to print out paper copies and deliver them to all clubs in the unit, since the clubs are not printing them out. Word of this will be forwarded to the missing units to add a committee whose function is to create and deliver paper copies of the Bridge News to all the clubs in the unit.

Board of Governor's Report (Rand) The ACBL Board Meeting was mainly busy on the search for a new CEO to replace Jay Baum who will retire July 2012. Rand is on that committee. The ACBL is revamping ACBLscore and want club owners input to what would enhance the product. The question came up on how the ACBL can run Regionals at Sea since the By Laws say they can only run Nationals and Districts Regionals. It is being done through the Federation of Bridge. There will be three a year, from the NE, SE, S, NW or SW ports of call. When Peter Pendar died he left \$50,000 in his will to keep the View graph show at the Nationals. Since BBO has been doing this, the live show at the Nationals with Expert commentary has stopped and the funds are being misused. There is now a push to restore the Peter Pendar View Graph Show with its original intent at the Nationals. Ellen Kent got the District 23 Goodwill Award at the Nationals. In honor of father Marvin, Ross and Ilene Gabel are donating \$2000 a year to the Scholarship Fund. An event will be named in

Marvin's honor at the Fall Regional and moved to the Summer next year. Bill and Diana Schreiber have donated \$250 to the Scholarship Fund in son Mark's honor. The Antelope Valley also added \$75 to this fund.

Tournament Committee Report: Ellen is absent, but as of this time the Regional at Sea will pay us a minimum of \$13,000. This figure will likely go higher. A couple hundred of this will go to WLA due to the conflict in dates.

Tournament Manager's Report (Pete): The 2010 Regional at The Marina Del Rey lost \$575, but the location was well received and the staff helpful. The contract is being finalized for this year, with parking, which will remain free, the main issue. Our Sanctions for 2012 have been handled, with the February tournament dates the only one still being worked on.

NAOP (Mike) GNT (Howard): These two meshed into one discussion on how to better the attendance. The NAOP made \$850. Mike requested that the Board members make a special effort this year to get a partner and to play through to at least the semi's. When Mike told the "C" pair that they were to receive money from the district they were happily surprised. This information should be given to the clubs directly and not through the units. Mike is retiring in July and will be able to put more effort in getting flyers out and a larger attendance. Howard takes the get in your face approach to get teams. That afternoon 5 "A" teams showed up and 4 "B" teams, but one of the "B" teams a player didn't show up, so they got a fill-in and ended up in "A". The Antelope Valley Team fund raiser is in May or June. Suggestion is to use some of the Regional at Sea money to help fund the GNT as a selling point for next year. Mark made a motion to use some of the District Regional at Sea money to add to whatever money is collected by running the event, that we supplement it to \$4000 so each flight winner going to the summer Nationals as our representative gets \$1000. This will be starting this year, but the issue may be revisited. Lively discussion followed. After some rewording, Seconded. Motion passed 9 to 4.

Newcomers (Penny): Suggestion that we give a special bag of goodies to newcomers. Question whether 0-5 or 0-50. A meeting will be made up to find things to fill up the bags. Board approved and look forward to the results of this committee.

Disciplinary (Diana) Nothing new.

STAC (Cecil) Nothing new. We get no invoices from the Western STAC from Betty Bratcher and it is not unusual that a club's report gets lost in the shuffle. When this happens it is a pain to get the problems resolved. We need some sort of reconciliation so clubs can deal with these problems sooner rather than later.

Website (Kevin): Nothing new.

Election Committee (Rand): Elections will be Saturday July 2nd, meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Nominating Committee must have four different units on it. Rand will contact the no show units and create a committee. Then they will make a secret ballot on which those who vote will make their choices.

Next meeting Saturday, July 2nd at 7:00 PM at the Pasadena Hilton. Meeting called on account of darkness at 10 pm