

Agenda Planning Committee Minutes
District 2, ACBL
April 10, 2020

MINUTES of a meeting of the Agenda Planning Committee of District 2 of the American Contract Bridge League held online using the Zoom application at 10:00 a.m. on April 10, 2020.

PRESENT:	Tom Ramsay 249 (Chair)	Linda Lord 246
	Shirley Galler 181	Shirley Bent 228
	Andy Risman 166	Marc Langevin 238
	Ian McKay 212 (by proxy)	Wiebe Hoogland 255

being members of the Committee.

Also Present: Gary Westfall, Auditor
Paul Janicki, ACBL District 2 Director
Jennifer Verdam-Woodward
Flo Belford, Executive Assistant

The President, Tom Ramsay took the Chair and Flo Belford acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The Chairperson stated that in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation, notice of the meeting had been e-mailed to all members of the Committee and a majority of the members of the Committee being present, he declared the meeting properly called and constituted for the transaction of business.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Moved by Wiebe Hoogland, seconded by Shirley Galler,
That the minutes of the meeting of the Agenda Planning Committee held on April 19, 2019 be accepted. Carried

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Grassroots

Paul Janicki reported that the ACBL is not willing to do anything for Canada regarding paying the additional \$1.00 per person in Canadian funds. Some Districts include both Canada and U.S. so that would make it difficult.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 were reviewed.

Gary Westfall, auditor reported the following:

- Shirley Galler will transfer our money to the Bank of Nova Scotia as Scotia McLeod has not responded to Shirley's calls. Shirley will get the funds invested once they are transferred.
- We had \$1,000 loss last year

Moved by Shirley Galler, seconded by Andy Risman.

That the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 as presented be accepted. **Carried**

4. BUDGET FOR 2021

- With the tournaments cancelled this year we will not have any revenue, but we did not have expense of District meetings
- Tom Ramsay advised that clubs need help
- Paul Janicki reported that there had been talk at the ACBL about holding events on line for NABC but decision was no
- Question whether we can have the extra regionals next year – cannot make any decisions until we know when we can start holding tournaments
- Concern was raised about cheating on BBO – Paul Janicki advised that it is easy to catch people cheating when they are playing online

Action: Paul Janicki will ask ACBL if there could be an occasional game online to raise funds for the District and units.

A proposed budget was developed.

5. BUSINESS

a) Regional schedule – Tom Ramsay reported that we cannot use our extra regional in 2020

b) NAP – Changes were proposed:

- B & C – score across the field no matter how many sites
- A – score across field – if 3 sites then 3 winners, one for each site
- Top up 3rd place subsidy

Linda Lord asked if this event could be played online.

Action: Tom Ramsay will contact Martin Hunter, Coordinator regarding playing event online for 2021.

c) The ACBL has eliminated the positions of Unit Recorder and Disciplinary Chair. The District Recorder is Jim Green, and the District Disciplinary Chair is Paul Cronin.

d) Novice Supplements - There has been positive feedback from people who attended the tournaments. Units 249, 166, and 246 reported that more people played in the events.

Action: Flo Belford will put Novice Supplements on the agenda for next year.

e) Subsidies for northern regionals

- Shirley Bent, 228 reported that they might have a regional
- Marc Langevin, 238 reported that they are doing ok
- Unit 212 have only 90 members and numbers at their regionals are very small – proposal that we could waive the \$3.00 table fee for 2021, one time.

Will address this at the Agenda C meeting

f) Website – There was a discussion on whether we need one. Paul Janicki suggested we have something on it to attract viewers such as Q and A from experts. Paul Janicki offered to help with this. We would need to educate clubs, teachers if this is added to website.

Will discuss the future of the website at the Agenda C meeting.

g) CBF Regional conflicts – can we avoid them. We need to have better communication with CBF. Nader Hanna, CBF rep will be attending the Agenda C meeting

h) District officials – There was a discussion on whether we want to continue with rotating the position of President from North and South units. Decision was that we need someone who is willing to take on the role, rather than what unit he/she represents. Proposed slate of officers for 2020-21 is Tom Ramsay - President, Andy Risman - VP, Shirley Galler – Treasurer, Flo Belford – Executive Assistant

i) Policy Manual – Wiebe Hoogland sent out a Policy Manual asking for feedback. He used the Manual from District 6. To date, Tom Ramsay is the only person who has provided feedback. Please contact Wiebe with your suggestions. Will discuss this at next year's meeting.

7. Other Business

a) Subsidies for northern units to attend District meetings – Ian McKay, 212 requested that the District provide a one night hotel room in addition to the transportation expenses and one day per diem currently provided. This would include Units 181, 212, 238, and 228. This will be discussed at the Agenda C meeting.

b) ACBL health update – We will be receiving updates from ACBL.

c) The question of should the Board of Directors take any action when a director is charged with a criminal offence was discussed. Linda Lord will put together a motion and present it at the Agenda C meeting. Since this would be a change to the by-laws, this item cannot be voted on at this time because of the 30 day notification timeline required to change the bylaws. Linda Lord will consult with Jordan Cohen, District Legal Counsel regarding the motion.

8. Agendas A, B, and C were reviewed.

9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairperson

Secretary of the Meeting

