

Agenda Planning Committee Minutes
District 2, ACBL
April 19, 2019

MINUTES of a meeting of the Agenda Planning Committee of District 2 of the American Contract Bridge League held at the Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario on April 9, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: David Halasi (Chair) 166 Linda Lord 246
 Shirley Galler 181 Arlene Smith 212
 Francis Gaudino 228 Marc Langevin 238
 Tom Ramsay 249 Wiebe Hoogland 255

being members of the Committee.

Also Present: Gary Westfall, Auditor
 Paul Janicki, ACBL District 2 Director
 Muriel Tremblay 255
 Shirley Bent 228
 Flo Belford, Executive Assistant

The President, David Halasi 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 Francis Gaudino, seconded by Shirley Galler,
That the minutes of the meeting of the Agenda Planning Committee held on March 30, 2018 be accepted. **Carried**

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Grassroots

The District would like to pay the additional \$1.00 in Canadian Funds. At last year's meeting Paul Janicki was asked to request this from the ACBL. Paul reported that the ACBL does not want to do it. We believe there will be more

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club participation if they can just add \$1.00, and we realize we will get less back. Paul will try again.

Action: Paul Janicki will ask the ACBL to allow the bridge clubs in Canada who are participating in the Grassroots game to pay the additional \$1.00 in Canadian funds.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 were reviewed.

Gary Westfall, auditor reported the following:

- Units 238 and 249 used the maximum for the novice promotion. Unit 166 is splitting it over two years
- We received money from ACBL for Grassroots
- We lost money as expected, we had budgeted for this
- Novice promotion was an added expense
- We provide subsidies for GNT – we cover the entry fees for teams that get past the free round of play, we top up second place award by \$400.

The Government of Canada has increased their mileage rate to \$.58/k so our rate will increase to that as well.

Moved by Tom Ramsay, seconded by Francis Gaudino.

That the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2018 as presented be accepted. **Carried**

4. REVIEW OF AGENDAS A, B, AND C

Agenda C – four items to be added to other business

- Tournament Directors - Greg Coles, Tournament Director is moving to Memphis to work at ACBL office. We are in need of Tournament Directors.
- Financial help for Northern Regional Tournaments
- Board of Governors reps for District
- Policy Manual – needs to be developed

5. EXTENDING NOVICE REIMBURSEMENT FOR REGIONALS

During discussion the following points were made:

- Initially this was thought to be a one time only
- The impact is \$6000. a year, can we increase income by \$6000.
- This grant is not to be used to lower entry fees
- Unit 166 has split their grant over 2 years – had speakers twice a day for every day of tournament, two supervised plays, two novice receptions, gave volunteers free plays
- Unit 238 had a breakfast speaker series, give-aways for Novice 0 – 300
- Deadline to apply is before the tournament
- Suggestion that we have a special game at every regional with the extra money going to the novice fund
- Question of whether we could have a Novice STAC
- We still have enough money to extend this for another year even if we don't generate any additional revenue

Tom Ramsay will move that we extend the novice reimbursement for one more cycle (3 years). Muriel Tremblay will second.

6. REGIONAL ALLOCATIONS

Wiebe Hoogland, 255, presented a motion that we approve Regionals for 8 to 10 years.

Rationale: Units can strengthen their negotiating position and secure the playing venue. This will result in significant benefit to the players attending the tournaments from out of town by keeping their costs lower for the room as well as containing the cost of entry fees.

Francis Gaudino suggested that we approve the tournaments for 5 years.

David Halasi pointed out that a new unit cannot have a tournament for 4 years, so the two policies would have to match.

Wiebe Hoogland will make a motion that a new unit cannot have a regional for 6 years. Francis will second this motion.

7. BUDGET

A proposed budget for 2020 was developed.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The regional allocation for next 3 years
 - If motion to change by-laws stating that a new unit cannot have a regional for 6 years is approved, then the regional tournaments will be allocated for 6 years.
- b) Bylaws Revision – There was discussion regarding changes to the proposed revised bylaws. The bylaws will be discussed in the Agenda C meeting.
- c) Webpage – After discussion the decision was to keep the webpage for another year and then review it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairperson

Secretary of the Meeting