

District 21
American Contract Bridge League
Virtual Special Meeting of the District 21 Board of Directors
February 23, 2022

1. Call to Order. President Sigrid Price called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 6:35 PM.

2. Roll call. Secretary Ray Yuenger called the roll. In attendance were the following Directors of their Units: 465, Cornelia Gould; 497, Mark Kornmann; 498, Bob Gleason, Danna Sorenson; 499, Jackie Zayac, Sam Earnhardt; 500, Carla Francis; 501, Art Mirin; 502, Tom Pajak; 503, Kip Kado; 505, Jim Coke; 506, Thomas Stillman; 507, Lynn Bartz, Ray Yuenger; 508, Melanie Haddad; 509, Jackie Ortiz; 512, Sigrid Price, Helen Bohl; 529, Libby Longstreth, Roger Smith; 530, Susan Mazzei. Also present were District Director Stu Goodgold, Nancy Boyd, and Bruce Blakely.

3. Election. Nominations Chair Jackie Ortiz conducted an election for the position of Western Conference Representative, an election inadvertently overlooked at the January 15 Board meeting. The only candidate, the incumbent Cornelia Gould, was elected by acclamation.

4. Special STaC motion. Next on the agenda was the following motion by Cornelia: "That, for the Royal STaC being sponsored by District 23 in March 2022, each participating club will be offered a credit towards the May Western Conference STaC which will be calculated in proportion to table counts in each club, in lieu of the profits being added to the District 21 treasury."

Cornelia, President of the Western Conference, and Stu Goodgold, District Director, explained the nature of the new event, a STaC game offering not just silver points, but red and gold, and that the intent of the ACBL was to benefit local clubs that are able to hold this face-to-face competition. This STaC will not be organized by the Western Conference, but by District 23.

****MOTION CARRIED** by a show of 16 hands with two opposed.

5. Proposed budget for 2022 Sacramento Regional. The tournament planning committee chair, Nancy Boyd, explained that there were a couple of items that should be added to the proposed budget that was circulated to the Board. Ray elaborated that one plan is to acquire two projectors for use at regionals at a cost of up to \$2,000. They

could show partners sought, Swiss pairings, game results, barometer standings. Nancy explained another expense is about \$300 for printing flyers and signs.

There was discussion about the extent to which a proposed budget can be amended at a special meeting. The Parliamentarian, Ray, advised that amendments are allowable so long as they don't substantially change the motion identified in the meeting notice.

****MOTION CARRIED.** On a motion by Ray as seconded by Anne, by a show of hands without opposition the Board agreed to approve the proposed budget with the addition of the two expenses described above.

6. Resolution of Monterey 2022 attrition claim. The final agenda item was the proposed settlement of the Monterey Hyatt's attrition claims of over \$80,000 for the room commitment shortfall for the Monterey 2022 regional. In negotiations, the hotel has offered three options for resolving its claims. The President explained that we had met our reservation commitment until the spread of the Omicron variant. The President advised that the Executive Committee recommended adopting option three.

Tom Pajak's analysis of the costs involved in each of the three options was displayed on the screen. Ray explained that the hotel was unwilling to renegotiate and reduce the District's room commitments for 2023, 2024, and 2025, but that those commitments are already lower than was the 2022 commitment. Tom explained his analysis of the three options and his recommendation of option three. Option three involved the District (a) paying \$10,305.20 for the complimentary rooms it had occupied and (b) agreeing to higher room rates for 2023, 2024, and 2025. Ray explained that after paying under option three, the District will have made over \$3,000 on this regional.

****MOTION CARRIED.** On a motion by Mark Kornmann seconded by several Board members, option three was selected without opposition.

Before adjourning, the President noted it will be difficult to schedule a face-to-face Board meeting during the Sacramento Regional with its new schedule and invited members to contact her with suggestions.