

District 21

American Contract Bridge League Virtual Special Meeting of the District 21 Board of Directors December 10, 2022

1. Call to Order. President Sigrid Price called the special meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

2. Roll Call. Secretary Ray Yuenger called the roll. In attendance were the following Unit Representatives (some being alternates): 465, Paul Pugsley, Cornelia Gould; 497, Mark Kornmann; 498, Sue Papilion; 499, Jackie Zayac, Anne Hollingsworth; 500, Carla Francis; 501, Don Garka; 502, Tom Pajak; 503, Marc Cervillino; 505, Jim Coke, Katherine Ewing; 507, Lynn Barz, Ray Yuenger; 508, Melanie Haddad; 509, Jackie Ortiz; 512, Sigrid Price, Helen Bohl; 522, Don Austin; 529, Roger Smith; 530, Susan Mazzei. Also in attendance were District Director Stu Goodgold and Charity Chair Jeff Hack. Grant Vance arrived after the roll call.

3. Minutes. The draft minutes of the regular Board meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022 (misidentified as September 10 in the agenda) were approved as circulated. Jeff asked the Secretary to check if he had attended that meeting.

4. Officer Reports. Because it was a limited special meeting, there were no committee or officer reports except by the President and the Treasurer.

The **President reported** that the Reno regional was like a big sectional. It was attended mostly by local players, not many from the Bay Area. D21 did not lose money. For 2023, we have yielded the week of the Reno regional to D20 and their Seaside regional, so there will not be a Reno fall regional.

Due to renovations at several hotels in Sacramento and Stockton, we are still looking for a location for the end of May/beginning of June regional. Several options for a regional site were discussed including Santa Rosa and Fresno. Hotel bookings for Monterey are very promising.

Treasurer Lynn Bartz summarized D21's financial progress so far in 2022. Most tournaments made money (over \$2,500 for Monterey, almost \$12,400 for Sacramento, \$1,750 for Sparks/Reno) with a loss of a little over \$11,500 in Santa Clara due to missed pre-COVID room commitments. Overall we have a net loss for the year of \$39,000, due partly to one-time equipment expenses including BridgeMates and two projectors

5. New Business. 2023 Budgets.

The topic of D21's 2023 budget was divided into two parts, the tournament budgets and the overall budget.

5A. Tournament Budgets. Eight pages of tournament budgets for three tournaments in 2023 were distributed to the Board and reviewed by the Treasurer. She explained that profits are projected for each tournament, although not enough to cover all operating expenses of D21.

GNT Coordinator Grant Vance explained that he is not promising the winners the same stipends as before and he has reduced the length of the competition.

The President announced that D21 will be renting out BridgeMates to D22 in 2023. And the District will be charging extra for the charity games in Monterey. NAP and GNT rates will be increased to \$15.

The Treasurer proposed setting tournament table fees for the year at the January Board meetings.

****MOTION CARRIED** A motion to approve the tournament budgets as presented was seconded and approved by voice vote without opposition.

5B. Overall 2023 Budget. Finance Committee Chair Tom Pajak presented the 13-page draft budget for 2023 that had been circulated to the Board. A \$27,606 shortfall is projected prior to any amendments. We remain well-funded. The budget provides nothing for charitable donations.

In an almost hour-long discussion of the draft budget, several different amounts in different account numbers were questioned, leading to revisions of interest revenue projections, inclusion of income from renting BridgeMates to District 22, inclusion of the webmaster's salary, and an increase in employer taxes.

NAP Coordinator Susan Mazzei clarified that the budget includes stipends for the highest qualifiers not reimbursed by the ACBL.

To conclude the discussion, the Treasurer reviewed all the proposed amendments to the draft budget. The new projected shortfall is \$26,406.

****MOTION CARRIED** The Parliamentarian, Ray Yuenger, pointed out that the budget, being presented by two board members, Tom and Lynn, constituted a seconded motion and could be voted on directly. The Board approved the budget as amended during the meeting by voice vote without opposition.

On behalf of the nominations chair, Ray reminded members that there are elections coming up in January for every Board office and for the Advisory Council.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.