

## Minutes of Regular Meeting of D21 Board of Directors on January 24, 2024 via Zoom

By Ray Yuenger, D21 Secretary

1. **Call to Order.** President Anne Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
2. **Roll Call.** Secretary Ray Yuenger called the roll. In attendance were the following Directors from their Units: 473, Donna Neff; 497, Mark Kornmann; 498, Janice Carter, Lauren Rosen; 499, Jackie Zayac, Anne Hollingsworth; 500, Andy Sass; 501, Don Garka; 502, Tom Pajak; 503, David Merenbach, Max Schireson (at the beginning of the meeting); 506, Tom Stillman, Gail Gabiati; 507, Lynn Bartz, Ray Yuenger; 508, Melanie Haddad; 509, Jackie Ortiz; 510, Marilyn Minden; 512, Sigrid Price, Helen Bohl; 522, Laura Da Costa; 524, James Craig, Kenneth Johnson; and 530, Trulee Ricketts. Also in attendance were Advisory Council member Bruce Blakely, Vice-President Jeff Hack, and guests Milind Girkar and Anne Wilson.
3. **Minutes.** The minutes of the regular meeting on September 13, 2023 and the special meeting on December 6, 2023 were approved as circulated.
- 5.A. **Elections.** The new business of elections was taken out of order without objection. Nominations Chair Jackie Ortiz noted that all five District offices were uncontested. There were no nominations from the floor. By voice acclamation, Anne Hollingsworth was re-elected President, Lynn Bartz was re-elected Treasurer, Ray Yuenger was re-elected Treasurer, Sigrid Price was re-elected Executive Committee Officer, and Jim Coke (absent due to car troubles) was elected Vice-President. For two positions of Western Conference representatives, Jackie Zayac was elected to a two-year term and Joanne Wicker was elected for a one-year term.
4. **Officer and Committee Reports.** As **President**, Anne noted the success of the recent Monterey Regional. As **Tournament Coordinator**, Anne noted that many units are planning ahead for their sectionals and encouraged others to submit applications.

The **Treasurer's Report** was distributed in advance of the meeting. There were no questions for Lynn Bartz. She said the Tournament Managers would provide information about the profitability of the Monterey Regional.

**\*\*MOTION PASSED** A motion was made, seconded, and passed without objection to approve the Treasurer's Report as District 21's annual report.

**Regional Director** Jackie Zayac reported that there had been one ACBL Board meeting. She is on the Appeals and Charges and Governance Committees and is also leading the retention and recruitment task force. The Board is working on getting an anti-online-cheating program called EDGAR up and running.

Anne thanked Sigrid Price for all her work as **Tournament Planning Chair**. She is handing over those duties to Anne Wilson and Brenda Hatton. Sigrid said she expected the Sacramento regional site to be done with remodeling. The Monterey Regional made about \$35,000 in profits. Sigrid said COVID will be less and less of a factor in the future. It did affect Monterey at the last minute due to a COVID surge. Sigrid is going to continue working with the new chairs on hotel contract negotiations. Jackie Zayac said she came home from Monterey with COVID despite wearing a mask.

Anne Wilson said she and Brenda are looking ahead to the Sacramento and Santa Clara regionals. For Santa Clara, we will be returning to the larger space of the ballroom. They are working on the Reno schedule. For non-life master regionals in 2024, the hope is that Units will host them. They are thinking about holding a pro-am evening game at a regional. They intend to acquire new clocks and replace the storage bins. They are going to visit D21's storage unit to evaluate our tournament supplies, including tables. They are going to visit the Sacramento site.

In response to a question, Lynn said that the Monterey turnout was a little under 60% of the pre-COVID turnout. David Merenbach said there is room for improvement, despite players aging, even if returning to pre-COVID numbers isn't possible.

Regarding **Non-Life Master Regionals** ("NLMR"), Anne put together a committee to discuss guidelines for allocating future NLMRs. Later in the meeting, the committee will be recommending authorized U503 to host another one. While committee meetings are ongoing, the committee had identified some minimum expectations for a NLMR. They must be a minimum of two days. An ACBL Director is required. There should be space for 12 tables. D21 has standardized the formatting of regional flyers and will require that formatting to be employed for NLMRs. Awarding prizes is a goal. D21 expects to receive 10% of the table fees. The committee is still working on the application procedure. She asked for a show of hands from Units who might be interested. U503 and U473 expressed interest. Anne pointed out that tables are counted together to enhance the masterpoint awards for a joint sectional. An NLMR can be held on nonconsecutive days providing those days occur during a concurrent sectional.

**Communications Chair** Melanie Haddad said the GNT registration forms are available on our website. The committee will be considering changes to the website, so please contact Melanie with any suggestions.

Trulee Ricketts said she has trouble with Tourney Trax.

Regarding **North American Pairs**, Anne reported on behalf of Jim that almost all winners intend to attend the NABC. The games, being face-to-face, were smaller this year than last.

Regarding the **All Western 99er NiteClub**, Ray reported that in 2023, the Association had distributed over \$13,000 in table fees to D21 clubs whose players play in the 199er game. It averages 13 to 14 tables per night Monday through Thursday.

**Growth Chair** Max Schireson reported a teacher training course will be offered in Sacramento February 6 through 8. The committee is going to look into repeating such a course in the Bay Area and also providing director training. The Youth Grant program will be gearing up soon. Jackie Z. volunteered to promote the teacher training to District 20.

The **Western Conference** has not had a meeting to report.

5.B. **New business.** A motion was made and seconded to authorize U503 to host a NLMR in conjunction with its Firecracker sectional again. In answer to a question, Ray explained that the prior year U503 offered to split the profits evenly in anticipation of D21 doing more work than it did. The NLMR committee believes 10% of the table fees for D21 was a reasonable request. In response to Lynn's question, Dave said there would be no allocation of expenses. Anne said that the committee wanted to keep the terms simple.

**\*\*MOTION PASSED** By a show of hands, the motion was approved by a majority of the Board.

Anne announced that Bob Garret, a past President of D21, had passed away.

The meeting (lasting about 66 minutes) was adjourned, with the next meeting scheduled for June 12, 2024. There was some discussion about later meeting dates.