

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Rancho Mirage, CA
December 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. The following board members were present: John Van Ness, Jerry Fleming, Roger Smith, Jim Kirkham, Gayle Andrews. Secretary-Treasurer Tom Shulman was also present. Ken Monzingo and former ACBL president and current District 7 National Board Member Bruce Reeve were also in attendance at various times during the meeting. Marion Robertson was unable to attend because she had been hospitalized due to food poisoning.

2006 Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 2006 Monterey annual meeting that had been previously emailed to the Board. Upon motion (ANDREWS) and second (FLEMING) the minutes were approved.

STAC

It appears that the December 2006 STAC table count will be 8277 vs. 8300+ in December 2005. In FY 2006, WC paid STAC sanction fees to ACBL on 1,577 more tables than WC received payment on from the participating clubs. This translates either to about \$9000 in lost revenue, or to about \$4700 in overpayment.

After much discussion, it was agreed that collection of the proper revenue is part of the directors' job at a tournament, including a STAC, and that the director is responsible for auditing the amounts submitted by the clubs to be sure they are correct. The Board appointed ANDREWS to help the STAC DIC audit the clubs' payments and to fix any problems that are uncovered.

Treasurer's Report

SHULMAN presented the Treasurer's report, copies of which had previously been emailed to the Board. WC lost \$8444 in FY 2006. Upon motion and second the Treasurer's report was accepted.

KIRKHAM suggested that WC consider ending the May STAC profit sharing with the member districts.

Forum

Ken Monzingo reported on *Forum* operations, and the unexpected postage increase. Ken also reported on the heavy use the WC website was experiencing and mentioned the possibility of putting ads for tournaments on the website, perhaps on the same page as the STAC results because that page gets a large number of viewings.

Ken stated that if WC was in a financial loss situation, this would be a good year (for him and WC) to defer any increase in compensation to Ken.

New Business

KIRKHAM reported that it did not appear that D23 wanted to join WC, but that the door remained open to them.

The Board discussed that the WC regional priority schedule should include Reno, Hawaii, and Houston regionals, and Las Vegas sectionals for informational purposes, and that it should perhaps be posted on the WC website.

[While in Executive Session the Board authorized an increase in the amount paid to Ken Monzingo to \$6750 per month, a \$250/mo. increase, effective 1/1/07, payable in a lump sum on 1/1/08.]

The Board approved a motion to have WC pay for board members' Friday night dinner in lieu of one day's per diem. Because FLEMING did not participate in that dinner he will receive two days' per diem.

FLEMING moved to suspend the May STAC profit distribution to districts for one year, and to replace it with a payment of \$500 per district in June 2007 to be reviewed again at the next meeting to see if the change should be made permanent. SMITH seconded. CARRIED.

The board thanked VAN NESS for the great job he did as President in 2005 and 2006.

Next Meeting

The Board decided that the next meeting would be in Albuquerque at the January 2008 Regional.

Election of Officers

Jerry Fleming was nominated to be president. No further nominations. FLEMING elected.

Tom Shulman was nominated to be Secretary/Treasurer. No further nominations. SHULMAN elected.

Gayle Andrews was appointed Regional Tournament Coordinator.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.