

WESTERN CONFERENCE  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Las Vegas, NV  
February 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:55 p.m. The following board members were present: John Van Ness, Bonnie Bagley, Bruce Blakely, President Marion Robertson, Teri Atkinson, Ken Monzingo. Secretary-Treasurer Tom Shulman was also present.

The President welcomed D17's new national board member and new WC representative to the board.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 2010 Monterey annual meeting. It was noted that although the minutes indicated that the president would contact D20 to discuss payment of a sanction fee to WC for the Reno regional, it had not yet been done. Upon motion and second the minutes were approved as modified.

**Treasurer's Report**

SHULMAN presented the Treasurer's report, copies of which had previously been emailed to the Board.

Blakely pointed out that the report contained an inconsistent statement regarding the history of WC regional sanction fees and Shulman said he would correct the error.

[The corrected statement is the following:

**Regional Sanction Fees**

Regional sanction fees have been \$2.25 since about *January 2006*. Regional sanction fees were \$2.00 in January 1999 (or before), and they went from \$2.00 to \$2.10 in July 2005.]

WC had a net profit of \$9,617 in FY 2010, and as of November 30, 2010 WC had a net worth of \$70,568. Upon motion and second the Treasurer's report was accepted with the correction mentioned above.

**Regional Sanction Fees**

The Board discussed what games/players, if any, should be excluded from payment of WC sanction fees. For example, at the present time charity games don't pay WC sanction fees. The question was raised: what's to prevent a tournament from designating all games as charity games and thereby pay no WC sanction fees? Also discussed was whether there was a difference, with respect to sanction fees, of fill-ins and free plays.

After much discussion and after several amendments, the following motion was made and CARRIED: Only charity games on day one are exempt from WC sanction fees. All other tables are required to pay WC sanction fees.

### **Money to Districts**

Because WC is financially healthy, the Board discussed returning money to the districts. WC has been paying each district \$500 per year out of STaC profits. After discussion, and the following motion was made: In addition to the \$500 annual payment to each district, WC will pay another \$2000 per district. ROBERTSON will draft a letter regarding the distribution to be transmitted to each district. After further discussion and clarification, the following motion was made and CARRIED: In addition to the annual \$500 distribution to the districts, in 2011, WC is making a one-time \$2000 distribution to each district (to be sent in two checks: 500 and 2000).

### **Forum**

Ken Monzingo reported on *Forum* operations saying there were no real changes and everything was good.. Ken showed the Board the new website and reported that he got a new computer and new software for Leticia and Sergio. He asked the Board to look at the site and offer suggestions. Ken said that he could provide a website and website services at a very low cost to any unit that needed one.

Ken then discussed at length the possibly profitable Regional at Sea possibilities for WC that resulted from ACBL removing those activities from private enterprise. It was concluded by Ken saying he would talk to Jay Baum and then report back to the Board.

### **STaC**

In 2013 the December STaC would have conflicted with the Phoenix NABC, so the STaC has been moved to December 16-22 that year. BAGLEY will be the STaC liason.

At 6:45pm the meeting was adjourned until 10:30 (bridge break). The meeting actually reconvened at 10:45pm.

ROBERTSON will continue to maintain the priority week schedule.

### **Election of Officers**

Teri ATKINSON was nominated to be president. No further nominations. ATKINSON elected.

Tom Shulman was nominated to be Secretary/Treasurer. No further nominations. After discussion, a motion was made and CARRIED that the Treasurer's compensation would be raised to \$250/mo. Thereupon SHULMAN was elected.

### **Next Meeting**

The Board decided that the next meeting would be in D22 at the Palm Springs Regional in December 2011.

**New Business**

[While in Executive Session—absent Ken Monzingo--the Board authorized a \$2,000/year increase in the amount paid to Ken Monzingo to \$7,821.32 per month, effective immediately.]

ATKINSON is appointed as the STaC collector.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.