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Here's the complete summary of the D9 Board October meeting through adjournment:

Administrative Actions:

- Minutes approved unanimously
- Motion passed to waive SBN unit fees again next year

Financial Report:

- District breaking even with only \$315 net loss
- SBN account has \$30,000 remaining after spending \$10,000
- GNT/NAP account at almost \$50,000, but ACBL grassroots funding dropped from usual \$22-23K to \$15,700
- CFFK account over \$400,000
- Good interest rates: 3-4% on CDs, 2.15% on money market

Major ACBL Changes:

- 2028 Nationals confirmed for Orlando at old Peabody (now Hyatt)
- ACBL considering restructuring fall/spring nationals to national events only
- Pre-registration requirements being discussed
- New sapphire points system for beginners (converts to colorless master points up to 5 max)
- Titanium points also being introduced

Disciplinary Updates:

- Edgar system found 3% cheating rate nationwide
- District 9 processing complete, penalties recently reduced
- Clubs can now allow convicted cheaters back on case-by-case basis

Tournament Reports:

- Current tournament down from February (551 vs 559 tables)
- Gold Rush significantly underperforming (4-5 tables vs previous 11-13)
- Non-Life Master Regional coupons still working well
- Planning bracketed pairs for Orlando

Programs & Planning:

- Unit 102 launched successful beginner classes with 50+ students
- NAP email outreach proved effective
- Elections coming first of year
- Goodwill nominations due November 1st
- Need better advance scheduling for regionals

Adjournment:

Jeff called for motion to adjourn at 08:25:00, Charlene seconded, meeting ended with thanks.