

ZOOM BOARD MINUTES - DISTRICT 9 – NOVEMBER 11, 2022

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Sandifer, Jeff Overby, Shirley Seals, Jay Whipple, Athena Gordon
David Rogers, Sam Phillips, Charlene Predmest, Tracy Nolan, Cabot Jaffee,
John Moschella, Deborah Branch, Carol Hamilton, Paul Matheson,
Tony Munson and Shannon Cappelletti.

ADVISERS PRESENT:

Brian Russell and Jesse Laird.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES from the Board of Governors Meeting - Brandon
(Tampa) Regional - June 2, 2022.

Motion to approve by Jeff Overby, Seconded by John Moschella. Passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Shirley Seals

All Reports were emailed to Board Members on 10/28/22.

BALANCE SHEET 9-30-2022

- Bank Accounts are balanced thru 9-30-2022
- Total Cash Balance including Checking & MMA'S = \$236,968

PROFIT & LOSS 9-30-2022

- STAC income is listed as \$13,122
- There will be a STAC Expense paid in October
- We have paid YOUTH NABC 2022 Expenses of \$12,197 this year
- Also we have received \$13,846 in Grass Roots Fund Income

OTHER

Financials are being reported thru 9-30-22.

October bank statements have not been received at this time.

No unusual Entries or Clarifications

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT

Motion to approve by Jeff Overby, Seconded by Paul Matheson. Passed unanimously.

RECORDER REPORT: Athena Gordon

- Betty reported that Athena had to recuse herself from this job because she had a personal issue. Betty then appointed John Moschella to take over the position.
- John reported that an issued did arise and was dealt with thru the District 9 Disciplinary Committee and then ACBL.

DISCIPLINARY CHAIR: Bruce Lang

- Bruce did not attend, but John Moschella reported that the above mentioned issue had been handled. A Sanction of 2 months suspension and 6 months probation was issued by ACBL.

DISTRICT 9 WEBSITE: Athena Gordon

- Athena reported the District 9 website is up and running. She does need content submitted from clubs. We also need to let members know we have a website.

SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS & YNABC REPORT – Theri Andino

- Theri did not attend, but submitted the below report to Betty.
The Sept-Nov issue of the SBN came in at 77 pages and featured the NABC players who came to Providence this summer. Publication was held up about a week in order to include the most current Regional ads.
For Dec-Feb there's again a good chance we'll hold it a little past Dec 1 so we can include news and results from Phoenix. We are also moving to getting all of the 70%+ games pulled for us automatically from results, so we don't need to reply on people reporting to me/the Unit Liaisons and can hopefully have a much more complete and accurate list of people's big games.
We are currently gathering all the submissions for the Dec-Feb issue and will run a cover story about Phoenix unless anyone has a wonderful other idea.
- Jay led a general discussion about th 70%+ games and parameters.

MOTION TO HAVE 70%+ GAMES ACROSS DISTRICT 9 WITH AT LEAST 5 TABLES.

Motion to approve by Carol Hamilton, Seconded by John Moschella. Passed unanimously.

CFFK REPORT: Jeff Overby

- Jeff reported that CFFK had not done well this year due to market. Figures in the account include sending 12 youths to the tournament.
- Amount shown on Profit & Loss for CFFK Expense to be verified.

NEW BUSINESS:**NAP/GNT SUBSIDIZE: John Moschella**

- John reported GNT is subsidized at \$3600 per team for A,B & C Flights. This averages \$600 to \$900 per player. NAP receives funds from ACBL and District 9 contributes as well.
- Totals that GNT and NAP receive is around \$10,800 each.
- John will send a detailed report with these figures.

UNIFORM RANK CHANGES FOR D9- 70%+ WHEN PLAYED AT 5 T+ GAME: Betty Sandifer

- Betty reported this already had a motion earlier in the meeting.

TREND FOR REGIONALS & SECTIONALS: Betty Sandifer

- Betty led a discussion about Regionals & Sectionals. We must co-exist with the on line games and how to motivate players to come back to face to face bridge.
- Programs like Learn Bridge In A Day are a start to increase interest.
- General discussion about incentives to play in more tournaments. It was reported that Unit 128 has voted to drop the 7th day of Regionals for 2023.
- Betty will compile everyone's ideas and send them out.

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE: Larry Rich

- Passed over this item

OTHER:

- Carol Hamilton led a discussion about the accessing of the Units for Regional tables numbers. She suggested that the Units pay \$1 per player per year to fund the District 9 operating expenses. General discussion of past funding by Units and possibilities.

MOTION TO HAVE THE D9 EXPENSES FUNDED BY ACCESSING EACH UNIT A \$1 PER MEMBER FEE RATHER THAN ACCESSING PER TABLE CHARGES FOR REGIONALS.

Motion to approve by Carol Hamilton, Seconded by Jay Whipple.

After discussion, Jay made another motion.

MOTION TO TABLE THE PREVIOUS MOTION UNTIL WE SEE WHAT THE FINANCIALS WOULD BE "BEFORE AND AFTER"

Motion to approve Jay Whipple, Seconded by Jeff Overby. Passed Unanimously.

OTHER:

- David Rogers led a general discussion about the Sunshine Bridge News and it's cost. He suggested that we integrate the SBN Website into the District 9 Website.
- Betty suggested we need a committee to review this issue. She asked that volunteers contact her.
- Athena added comments about the current SBN as opposed to other Districts publications and their quality.
- General discussion included ideas of email blasts to members and hard copy calendar mailing and cost of those items.

MOTION TO EMAIL ALL DISTRICT 9 MEMBERS ONCE A MONTH THE SBN WEBSITE LINK AND A CALENDAR OF TOURNAMENTS. FURTHER, ONCE A YEAR A HARD COPY CALENDAR TO BE MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS.

Motion to approve Jeff Overby, Seconded by Shirley Seals. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion to approve Jeff Overby, Seconded by Shirley Seals. Passed Unanimously