

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JUNE 2, 2017

TAMPA REGIONAL – DOUBLETREE BY HILTON

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Betty Sandifer, President – Unit 128, Jeff Edelstein, Vice President – Unit 128, Shirley Seals, Secretary/Treasurer – Unit 128, Jeff Overby – Unit 128, Marshall Hall – Unit 128, Ray Wise – Unit 128, Shannon Cappelletti – Unit 128, Rawy Shediach – Unit 128, Howard Rothman – Unit 128, Allison Freeland – Unit 128, Charles Showalter – Unit 128, Shannon Cappelletti – Unit 128, Armand Grassi – Unit 219, Gayle Marr – Unit 219, John Moschella – Unit 240–Proxy, Carol Hamilton – Unit 102, Mike Gibson – Unit 102, Peter Jargowsky – Unit 243, and Bill Rauld – Unit 243-Proxy.

DIRECTORS PRESENT BY PHONE: Jay Whipple - Unit 128, Charlie Gill – Unit 128, and Charlene Predmest – Unit 128.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Bruce Greenspan – Unit 128, Harriet Morris – Unit 128, Candace Griffey – Unit 240, Susan Rowley – Unit 240, and Keith Gellman – Unit 243.

ADVISORS PRESENT: Bette Cohn, Patty Johnson, Larry Rich, Barbara Jones, Jane Formet, Nancy Hagerty, and Harry Falk.

ADVISOR ABSENT: Craig Hemphill

Betty Sandifer, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made to approve the Minutes of the Daytona Board meeting held on November 12, 2016. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Shirley Seals

All of the six Bank accounts have excellent balances. The Sunshine Bridge News has a balance of \$42,261, due mainly to \$22,600 transferred from the Orlando NABC 2016 account. (District 9 raised \$31,500 from 3 NABC fund weeks and Name the Game). The balance in this account, at the conclusion of the NABC, was transferred to the Sunshine Bridge News. A \$2,000 Deposit was made to the Tampa Hilton Hotel in April 2017. **Motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report.**

Report of District 9 Tournament Committee held Wednesday, May 31. Jeff Overby All motions approve at this meeting were presented to the District 9 board. Motions carried unanimously. THE COMPLETE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING ARE ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES.

***An item that came up after the meeting was the possibility of having the 9th Regional in 2018 to be held at the Tampa Marriott.**

GNT/NAP REPORT: Shirley Seals

The A, B & C Flights of the GNT Winners, who will represent District 9 at the TORONTO NABC, will receive a check for \$900 each from the GNT/NAP Funds. (Teams with six members will receive \$600 each.) The names of the winners will be in the July/August issue of the Sunshine Bridge News.

GNT COORINATOR: Jeff Edelstein

The Conditions of Contest for both the GNT and NAP games is in the process of being written. Craig Hemphill and Harry Falk are assisting and it should be completed by the end of June.

NAP FINALS/SECTIONAL: Betty Sandifer

Palm Coast Bridge Club and St. Petersburg Bridge Club will host the Special Sectional and Finals of the NAP in October 2017. A centralized location is being investigated.

DIRECTOR IN CHARGE: Harry Falk

Harry announced his retirement in the Spring of 2020. He is in the process of training Directors to be in charge of Regionals. Gold Rush pairs are up 25% due to the fact that many players like to play in games where no one has more than 750 masterpoints. KO's are down 25%, and Pair games are down, but not as much.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE FLORIDA KEYS: CFFK Jeff Overby

The Charitable Trust balance is approximately \$130,000. It is a Donor Advised Fund. This fund will support 30 Youths at the TORONTO NABC in July 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORT – YOUTH NABC : Bette Cohn

The Committee met and the decision was unanimous that the committee would approve the \$300 each for the Youth attending the TORONTO REGIONAL in July. (30 Youth will attend...23 from Unit 240, 7 from Unit 128, 1 from Unit 243.

The Committee felt that this was not a topic to be treated with one meeting in which to set the rules for Youth. The committee plans to meet four times this year by conference calls to establish a series of written policies for the Youth Program to be adopted by the District. Board members were given a written copy of recommendations made by Howard Rothman.

TAMPA NABC 2020: Jeff Overby & Jeff Edelstein, Co Chairs Shirley Seals, Treas.

The NABC will be held at the Tampa Convention Center. A budget is being prepared with consideration to Registration Gifts, Committee Chairs, etc. Volunteers are needed along with suggestions about a Registration gift.

DISTRICT 9 DIRECTOR TO NATIONAL BOARD: Jay Whipple

The search committee, of which Jay is Chair, hope to have a new CEO for ACBL to be announced at the TORONTO 2017 NABC.

A motion was made by Peter Jargowsky, seconded by Mike Gibson, to raise the Regional Entry fee from \$13 to \$15 for the Unit 243 December 2017 Regional held in Coral Springs Marriott Hotel. This would be a one time only exception to the \$13 rule. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorder Report: Bill Rauld

There has been only one incident reported at this Regional.

ORLANDO NABC 2016: Jane Formet and Barbara Jones

Jane and Barbara presented the board with a Final Report. The report gave a very well done History of what it involves to be Co-Chairs of an NABC. The report recognized the Volunteers and gave a brief description of their duties. There was a thank you to two major sponsors. Also, included was a complete Financial Report. The board gave a round of applause and thank you to Jane and Barbara for their six years of making this NABC one that District 9 can be very proud of. My personal thanks to both.....chairing a NABC is a labor of love and dedication to bridge.

YOUTH NABC TORONO: Nancy Hagerty

Nancy thanked the District for the support of the Youth Program. She and her husband Paul have volunteered to oversee 30 Youth at the NABC...and they have the wholehearted thanks from the District 9 Board.

SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS:

Muriel Altus has notified the board that she is retiring as the Editor of the SBN. She has agreed to stay on with us until the end of the year or when we can locate an Editor. **Betty Sandifer was asked to form a search committee.**

Muriel is also resigning as the Liaison to the District 9 web site. **Betty has asked for a Volunteer to take on this responsibility.**

Motion made by Jeff Overby to adjourn, seconded by Marshall Hall. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Shirley Seals, Secretary
District 9 - ACBL