

ORLANDO – DISTRICT 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2018 - DOUBLETREE SEAWORLD HOTEL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Sandifer - President, Jeff Edelstein – Vice President, Shirley Seals – Secretary/Treasurer, Jay Whipple, ACBL President, Jeff Overby, Bruce Lang, Carol Hamilton, Teresa Noa, Gayle Marr, Robert Sprick, John Moschella, Keith Gellman, Peter Jargowsky, Howard Rothman, Ray Wise, Harriet Morris, Shannon Cappelletti, Rawy Shediak, Charles Showalter, and Bill Rauld,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marshall Hall, Charles Gill, Charlene Predmest, Bruce Greenspan, Allison Freeland, Armand Grassi, Mike Gibson, and Candace Griffey.

ADVISERS PRESENT: Harry Falk, Patty Johnson, and Larry Rich.

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The meeting was called to order by Betty Sandifer, President at 8:40 a.m.

Minutes of the Sanibel Regional Tournament Board Meeting held on October 13, 2017. Jeff Overby made motion to approve minutes, seconded by Rawy Shediak. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Shirley Seals

Special Funds account has been re-funded from the CFFK after approving expenses for the Youth NABC Toronto NABC 2017. The cost of publishing the Sunshine Bridge News in 2017 has escalated to \$132,630. The income line shows \$136,557. The reason for this income increase is a refund of \$22,649 from ACBL for the Orlando NABC, Advertising income of \$19,625 from the NAP/GNT funds, and the annual assessment of \$21,228 from all five Units in District 9. The timing is very good to switch from 6 issues of the SBN each year to 4 issues, since the windfall of funds from the Orlando NABC will not occur again. Motion made by Jeff to approve the report, seconded by Keith Gellman. Motion carried.

NAP/GNT REPORT: Shirley Seals

ACBL only gives subsidies to the 1st and 2nd place winners in the NAP Finals which will be held in Philadelphia in 2018. The NAP/GNT funds are used to subsidize the winners at all levels. The majority of the funds in this account come from the ACBL Grass Roots Funds Month. The cost of NAP funding is \$7,600, and the GNT winners receive \$900 each for four man teams costing \$10,800. The balance in the NAP/GNT account is \$34,106 and the NAP winners have already been funded. Betty Sandifer moved to approve the report, seconded by Harriet Morris. Motion carried.

SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS: E-mail from Theri Andino read by Betty Sandifer.
The Deadline for articles to be in the March/April issue of the SBN is January 15.
The remainder of the issues of the SBN will be as follows: May/June/July/ August and September/ October/ November/ December. Theri does not envision having to increase the number of pages in the SBN from 64, and that is her plan.

YOUTH PLANS FOR 2018. Betty Sandifer
Betty asked for volunteers to help in determining what plans are being considered for the Youth Program.

Harry Falk has volunteered his club (Khatib Bridge Center – Stuart) to host the GNT Finals and Special Sectional, April 27 – 29, 2018. All levels will be played in the one location: Championship, Flight A, Flight B, and Flight C. The tournament flyer will be in the March/April issue of the Sunshine Bridge and online.

A motion was made to allow Regionals to charge up to \$15 per session per person, beginning with the Manatee/Sarasota Regional in 2018. This is a Sponsor Unit Option. Motion passed

Harry announced that he would be retiring on May 14, 2019 and that the Southeastern Regional would probably be the last Regional he will run as Director in Charge for District 9. Joel Haywood from Macon, Georgia will be the DIC for the World Golf Village Regional June 25 – July 1, 2018. Harry will be supervising Joel's first Regional as the DIC.

Jay Whipple, President ACBL, announced that the three major goals of the ACBL are: Membership, Technology, and Volunteerism. REACH is a new program which promotes Regional games in clubs. Please go to acbl.org/reach for complete information on the REACH program.

Carol Hamilton announced that Goodwill Pins must be ordered. The board asked Carol to wait one month for new ideas on the design of the pin to be sent to her.

RECORDER: Bill Rauld
An issue happening at the St. Augustine Sectional was referred by ACBL to the District Recorder. This appeal will be returned to Unit 128 Recorder. .

A motion was made by Jeff Overby to compensate Patty Johnson \$100 each month for her work on the District 9 Tournament Calendar. Seconded by Shirley Seals. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to adjourn by Jeff Overby, seconded by Rawy Shediak. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Shirley Seals, Secretary – District 9 - ACBL