

## **DISTRICT 9 BOARD MEETING - ST. AUGUSTINE/JACKSONVILLE REGIONAL**

**MARRIOTT - WORLD GOLF VILLAGE - FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018 8:30 A.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Betty Sandifer - President, Jeff Edelstein - Vice President, Shirley Seals - Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Overby, Shannon Cappelletti, Bruce Lang, Robert Sprick, Gayle Marr, and Peter Jargowsky. Present by telephone: Rawy Shediak, Howard Rothman, Bruce Greenspan, Sam Phillips, and Charlene Predmest.

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Carol Hamilton, Mike Gibson, Ray Wise, Harriet Morris, Sam Phillips, Allison Freeland, Jay Whipple, Armand Grassi, and Keith Gellman.

**ADVISERS PRESENT:** Patty Johnson, Craig Hemphill, and Harry Falk.

**GUEST PRESENT:** JoAnn Vergnolle and Athena Gordon.

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Betty Sandifer at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, 29, 2018 at the Marriott World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Florida.

A Minute of silence was held for Susan Rowley who passed away recently. She was a long time member of the District 9 board from Orlando and will be sadly missed by all of us.

**Motion made by Shirley Seals, seconded by Bruce Lang to approve the Minutes of the** Southeastern (Coral Springs) District 9 Board meeting on April 5, 2018. Motion approved unanimously.

### **TREASURER: Shirley Seals**

The Sunshine Bridge News Account is in good condition. The SBN cost about \$23,000 per issue. Now that we are publishing four issues rather than six, the income from the District 9 Assessment at the beginning of the year, the money from the Regional/Sectional Tournaments, and Advertisement income will more than pay for the publication in 2018.

The GNT/NAP Fund subsidized our A, B, & C GNT Winners to the ATLANTA NABC 2018...total cost was \$10,800...(\$900 for each of the 4 team members.) Report accepted.

**Future YOUTH Liaison:** Karen Bartles (Report given by Betty Sandifer)  
Karen Bartles from Bonita Springs on the West Coast. She has volunteered to be our new Liaison to the Youth.

## **REGIONALS AT SEA: Betty Sandifer**

I have received an email from Arleen Harvey, who is the RAS Coordinator, Area Manager from ACBL. Alice Travel would like to negotiate and finalize dates with the cruise lines up to two years in advance. They are requesting sanctions for cruises originating/terminating in District 9 for the following dates:

Jan 7 - 22, 2020 15 nights on Crystal Serenity out of Miami  
(This conflicts with the Orlando Regional which starts on January 6.)

Feb 9 - 16, 2020 7 nights on Royal Caribbean out of Ft. Lauderdale

(This conflicts with the Manatee/Sarasota Regional which starts on February 17.)

Nov 12 - 21, 2020 9 nights on Crystal Serenity out of Miami  
(This does not directly conflict with a District 9 tournament, however the Daytona

Regional ends on November 8.)

ACBL wants District approval before moving forward.

Compensation for these sanctions, Alice Travel agrees to pay \$750 for the District in which a cruise originates, \$500 for the District in which a cruise terminates, and \$5 per ACBL member who participates in a cruise to be paid to the District. Bob Sprick, President of Unit 240, is going to send an objection to the ACBL regarding the January 7 - 22, 2020 RAS which conflicts directly with Unit 240's Regional in Orlando.

**Motion made by Jeff Overby, seconded by Charlene Predmest that until a formal policy is adopted by District 9, that we not allow any email blast from a for profit organization, to be made. Motion carried. Rawy abstained.**

**CFFK Report - Jeff Overby.** Once we get one-half million dollars in the CFFK account, we will be self-sufficient with the income, and no longer require assessments to each of the five Units in District 9. The balance as of March 31, 2018 was \$157,924. The reduction on subsidy to the Youth NABC will help us obtain this goal.

**SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS:** Theri Andino (Read by Shirley Seals)

- (1) Sold two pages of advertisements for \$1,250
- (2) Matt Weingarten was a big help in reaching out to all Unit 128 tournaments
- (3) More color pages
- (4) The September - December SBN has a deadline of **July 15** for all advertisements from tournaments. You must send a **PRINT READY and ACBL APPROVED AD to SBN.**
- (5) Send Longest Day photos...this will be the focal point of our next issue

**TAMPA NABC 2020: Jeff Overby**

The Committee met on Wednesday, June 27 and (1) All Chairs have been filled (2) The LOGO is a work in progress. Different ideas about what it should look like (3) Long discussion about selecting the four (4) prizes needed for the NABC Registration, Intermediate/Novice Gift, Sectional Top Prize & Overall Prize.

No decisions were made.

- (5) Charlene asked that Unit Presidents be notified that she would need volunteers to help with Registration and asked that each Unit pick the days that they can supply volunteers.
- (6) Slogan/Catch Phrase for the NABC is a challenge. We want something more than NABC TAMPA 2020.

**YOUTH ATLANTA NABC 2018:** Written by Nancy Hagerty.

Read by Shirley Seals

This year we have 31 YOUTH going to Atlanta NABC YOUTH 2018. Six are from Unit 128 and 25 from Unit 240. ACBL allows them to play for free and gives each player a gift bag. They also provide a Free lunch for each participant. There is also a \$1,000 scholarship awarded each year based on a vote by all of the Youth. (We have won it several years). All levels of players compete for master points from beginners to more experienced players. Some of the better players choose to play in the evening sessions and compete in the regular games, often doing well.

**Motion made by Jeff Edelstein to allow the C Flight in GNT games to waive Qualifying at club level for the Finals. The Championship, Flight A & Flight B will continue to be required to Qualify at the club level. Motion seconded by Jeff Overby. Motion carried unanimously.**

Jeff Edelstein and Athena Gordon volunteered to write an Amendment to the current Condition of Contest and also write an article for the upcoming issue of the Sunshine Bridge News. The GNT Qualifying period begins on September 1, 2018 and the C players need to be notified that they will not have to Qualify to compete at the Finals in 2019.

Betty called the meeting of the Board of Governors at the ATLANTA NABC which will take place on Sunday, July 29 at 10:00 a.m. to the attention of board members who are going to Atlanta. Sam Phillips, Bruce Lang, Peter Jargowsky, and Gayle Marr will be attending to represent District 9.

**Motion made by Shirley Seals to adjourn, seconded by Jeff Overby. Motions passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. June 29, 2018.**

Shirley Seals, Secretary  
District 9 - ACBL