

District 9 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2023

Southeasterns Regional at Boca Raton Embassy Suites

Directors attending in Person:

Betty Sandifer, President; John Moschella, Vice-President & Treasurer; Jeff Overby, District Director; Athena Gordon, Secretary; Deborah Branch, Keith Gellman, Cabot Jaffee, Bruce Lang, Tracy Nolan, David Rogers, Jay Whipple

Directors attending via Zoom:

Dan George, Tony Munson, Sam Phillips, Charlene Predmest, Shirley Seals

Advisor(s) Present:

Shannon Cappelletti*, Jesse Laird, Paul Matheson*, Harriet Morris

Guest attending in Person:

Terry Pond

Absent:

Theri Andino, Jeff Edelstein, Carol Hamilton, Elizabeth Harris, Patty Johnson, Gayle Marr, Larry Rich

(*Denotes voting advisors)

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by *Betty Sandifer*

Approval of District 9 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes held on November 11, 2022 via Zoom by *Betty Sandifer*

Directors were referred to the Board of Governors meeting minutes that had been provided to them in advance of this meeting. After discussion, there were no corrections or amendments.

- A motion was duly made by John Moschella and seconded by Harriet Morris to approve the November 11, 2022, Board of Governors meeting minutes in the form provided to the directors in advance of this meeting.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of District 9 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes held on February 3, 2023 via Zoom by *Betty Sandifer*

Directors were referred to the Board of Governors meeting minutes that had been provided to them in advance of this meeting. After discussion, there were no corrections or amendments.

- A motion was duly made by John Moschella and seconded by Harriet Morris to approve the February 3, 2023, Board of Governors meeting minutes in the form provided to the directors in advance of this meeting.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report by John Moschella

Prior to the March 31, 2023, board meeting, the District 9 Treasurer distributed the following documents to the Board of Governors and Advisors: March 08, 2023: ACBL District 9, Profit & Loss Statement and March 08, 2023: ACBL District 9, Balance Sheet.

Treasurer, John Moschella reported that District 9 finances look good. Accounts have been transitioned and he wants to move excess funds into interest earning CDs.

- Motion was made by Jeff Overby and seconded by Jay Whipple to approve the transfer of excess funds into several different CDs with staggered maturity dates.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

District Director Report by Jeff Overby

A written report will be submitted to board members by Mr. Overby. The highlights of the last Board of Directors meeting held at the March 2023 NABC in New Orleans are as follows:

1. A new ACBL COVID policy will take effect May 15, 2023.
2. Mr. Jay Whipple will be honored at the Summer NABC in Chicago for outstanding service to the ACBL.
3. NABC sites have been selected through to 2025.
4. Edgar Cheating Program is operational.
5. ACBL Membership is stabilizing.
6. Recruiting efforts for a new ACBL Director are going well.
7. Downgraded sectionals have been approved by the ACBL.
8. ACBL is discussing the possibility of sanctioning 3 District Regionals to be offered online over the next year. Concept: Online District Regionals will only offer pair events and only open to members of the District hosting the event. Play will be held either one day with 2 sessions or held over two days with 1 session per day.

Recorder Report by Athena Gordon

The following report spans the period from May 14, 2022, through March 22, 2023.

1. There were no player memorandums (memos) submitted for the Palm Beach Gardens, Orlando or Manatee Regionals or any Sectional Event played through the period noted above.
2. 2 player memos have been submitted after the above referenced date and will be handled according to ACBL procedural guidelines.

Disciplinary Report by Bruce Lang

1. No new activity since last year.
2. ACBL National Recorder, Jeff Edelstein has published guidelines and procedures to assist clubs on how to appropriately discipline its members.

North American Pairs (NAP) and Grand National Teams (GNT) Coordinator Report by John Moschella

1. GNT's will be held this weekend at the Southeasterns in Boca Raton, Florida.
2. NAPs were held in New Orleans in March.
Unfortunately, District 9 did not represent itself well and most if not, all teams did not advance to the second day.

CFFK Report by Jeff Overby

CFFK continues to receive \$1.00 per member per year and the fund has approximately \$300,000.00, which it uses to promote and sponsor junior bridge in Florida.

Donations can be made online through the D9 website and Units are encouraged to think of CFFK when their local area clubs are hosting charity games.

Sunshine Bridge News (SBN) Report by Theri Andino

The Editor's report was submitted and distributed prior to the meeting. In the report, Editor indicated that the current issue of the SBN *March – May 2023* is available online.

SBN Committee Report by Jay Whipple

The SBN committee presented recommendations on how to improve the online presentation and content of the SBN, garner analytics, and reduce the cost burden. After discussion on the relevance of the SBN in present form and current cost structure a motion was made:

- The motion was made by David Rogers and seconded by Paul Munson to consolidate management of the SBN to one person, Scott Tumperi, form an editorial committee to create and approve content. This would result in the termination of Theri Andino as editor who would receive a \$1, 000.00 severance and letter of appreciation.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Youth NABC Report *by Per Berg*

Mr. Berg's report was submitted and distributed prior to the meeting. At the present time, the report indicated 11 youths going to the NABC in Chicago, Illinois all of whom are Unit 128 players.

- A motion was made by Harriet Morris and seconded by John Moschella to provide a post event stipend of \$450.00 per child from District 9 to attend the NABC in Chicago, Illinois. The attendees will provide receipts for expenses and will be reimbursed up to \$450.00 provided they play in 4 out of the 6 tournament sessions at the NABC in Chicago, Illinois.

Motion tabled by majority vote.

Tournament Director Report *by Jesse Laird*

Last week, clubs hosted the "District 9 Royal STAC".

There were 3400 tables, which was 500 more tables than in 2022.

Southeasterns Regional table count to date is 503 with projection of 800 tables.

The final table count for 2022 Southeasterns held in Coral Springs was 580.

In December 2022, the Boca Raton Regional held by Unit 243 had a final table count of 818.

Old Business:

A. ACBL Entry Express:

A presentation was made by Jay Whipple followed by discussion on the merits of ACBL Entry Express.

- A motion was made by David Rogers and seconded by John Moschella to eliminate ACBL Entry Express for all District 9 Regionals and Sectional due to performance and reliability issues.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Unit Elections:

According to Article 3 of the District 9 Bylaws, the Units are to provide election procedures to the District secretary. An email will be sent to Unit Presidents to provide this information.

New Business:

- A. ACBL Covid Policy that is scheduled to take effect May 15, 2023, was discussed.
- A motion was made by David Rogers and seconded by Jay Whipple to eliminate Covid 19 protocol requirements and restrictions at all District 9 tournaments assuming that is in concert with current ACBL policy.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- B. Compensation for District 9 board members who attend board meetings in person.

Discussion was led by the Treasurer, John Moschella, to find continuity in compensation programs between District 9 and Unit 128. Treasurer to form committee and present recommendations at the Palm Beach Gardens Regional in August 2023.

Motion to adjourn D9 Board of Governors Meeting made by Jeff Overby and seconded by Harriet Morris.

Motion to adjourn unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at 9:19am.

D9 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes Submitted By:

Dr. Athena Gordon
District 9 Secretary

Next Board of Governors Meeting is scheduled for: Palm Beach Gardens in August 2023

Documents distributed and discussed at the meeting:

November 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes provided prior to the meeting via email.

February 3, 2023, Meeting Minutes provided prior to the meeting via email.

March 08, 2023: ACBL District 9, Profit & Loss Statement provided prior to the meeting via email by John Moschella, Treasurer.

March 08, 2023: ACBL District 9, Balance Sheet provided prior to the meeting via email by John Moschella, Treasurer

SBN report Mar-May 2023 issue provided prior to the meeting via email.

YNABC Report provided prior to the meeting via email.

YNABC Letter provided prior to the meeting via email.

District 9 Bylaws as they pertain to elections and notifications provided prior to the meeting via email.

ACBL Covid Policy 2023 provided prior to the meeting via email.