

District 9 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2023

Southwestern Florida Regional at Sanibel Marriott Harbour

Directors attending in Person:

Betty Sandifer, President; John Moschella, Vice-President & Treasurer; Jeff Overby, District Director; Athena Gordon, Secretary; Deborah Branch, Carol Hamilton, Keith Gellman, Cabot Jaffee, Sam Phillips, Charlene Predmest, Larry Rich, David Rogers

Directors attending via Zoom:

Bruce Lang, Paul Matheson*, Harriet Morris, Tony Munson, Tracy Nolan, Jay Whipple

Advisor(s) Present:

Shannon Cappelletti*, Jesse Laird

Absent:

Jeff Edelstein, Dan George, Elizabeth Harris, Patty Johnson, Gayle Marr, Shirley Seals

(*Denotes voting advisors)

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Betty Sandifer

Approval of District 9 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes held on August 18, 2023, at Palm Beach Gardens

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

- A motion was made by David Rogers and seconded by Carol Hamilton to approve the August 18, 2023, Board of Directors meeting minutes in the form provided to the directors in advance of this meeting. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

District Treasurer's Financial Report dated September 30, 2023 by John Moschella

Prior to the October 20, 2023, board meeting, the District 9 Secretary on behalf of the District 9 Treasurer distributed the following documents to the Board of Directors and Advisors: September 2023: ACBL District 9, Profit & Loss Statement and September 2023: ACBL District 9, Balance Sheet.

Collections:

August StaC: 7 clubs have overdue receipts in the amount of \$1046.50.

2022 GNT Fundraiser Games: 10 clubs have overdue receipts in the amount of \$1484.

2023 GNT Fundraiser Games: assessment is being worked on for receipts due.

2023 Unit 128 Palm Beach Regional: District owed \$1350.

2023 CFFK: Need to collect \$6520.02 for Youth reimbursement.

GNT/NAP Fund: MM Account balance is \$27,204.23.

Plan to reconcile accounts in January 2024 when Unit fees are paid.

Income:

August STAC had income for District 9 of \$3259.45.

Interest from CD's do not get credited until maturity. Approximately 3K at end of maturity. Jan/Feb of 2024.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Sam Phillips and seconded by David Rogers. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Regional Director Report *by Jeff Overby*

The Regional Director continues to stress concerns about membership declines and the implications of this on the number of regional tournament sanctions the ACBL will grant District 9. If membership numbers continue to decline and a sanction is lost, one of our regional tournaments will have to be canceled. Hence, focusing on reinstating lapsed members is an important aspect of our duties. ACBL is working on a lapsed member tracking program to help us in this area.

Recorder Report *by Athena Gordon*

The following report spans the period from August 19, 2023 to October 19, 2023.

At present, all player memos have been processed/determined and documents submitted to the National Recorder's Office.

Disciplinary Report *by Bruce Lang*

Recorded filed a Complaint on June 3, 2023, which was lead to a charge letter being written by District 9 President, Betty Sandifer (the charging party). A Disciplinary Committee was formed to hear evidence of the situation that happened at a StaC in Naples. Case was heard, a decision was reached on appropriate sentence and all documents submitted to National Recorder's Office.

Grand National Teams Coordinator (GNT) Report *by John Moschella*

A. Subsidies to Flight Winners

Presentation and discussion about subsidies to winners of GNT Flights A, B, C.

Championship flight does not receive subsidies. ACBL allocation is around \$22,000 (pre-covid allocation was about \$30,000) and grassroots fundraisers yield approximately \$1500.

D9 NAP/GNT account has approximately \$67,000.

Motion was made by Athena Gordon and seconded by David Rogers to change the payment structure to \$700/person for Flights A, B, & C. And if enough B & C players are entered and 2 teams can qualify then the second B & C flight team members will also be entitled to a \$700/person stipend. Participants must attend the event and receipts will need to be provided to the treasurer.

Motion carried with two opposed, one abstention.

CFFK Report by *John Moschella*

Discussion about getting clubs to have a CFFK fundraising game and promoting online donations.
Account value reported as \$304,397.05.

Sunshine Bridge News Report by *Scott Tumperi*

The September-November issue of the SBN came in at 85 pages and featured stories from the Chicago NABC, including the YNABC, Bruce Greenspan winning the national teacher of the year award, Jay Whipple at the Hall of Fame, and D9 winning the Open GNTs.
To date, the issue has had just under 3500 views. The last issue had roughly 2300 views by this time.

The deadline for the next issue is November 20th.
Reminder email will be sent out around November 1st to all unit presidents, liaisons, and writers.

Tournament Director Report by *Jesse Laird*

To date, the table count for SW Florida Regional at Sanibel is 525, which represents a 40% increase over the May 2022 regional held in Sanibel. The table count projection is 750.
The first Unit 128 online regional will be offering Gold Rush and Midflight's events to D9 members.
The online regional is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023, with a projected table count of 50.

Goodwill Committee by *Carol Hamilton*

- Nominations are due by November 1.
- Unit Presidents are allowed to nominate two (2) new members for the Goodwill Committee.

Regional Tournament Marketing

- Tournament Flyers: are being coordinated with the website marketing materials.
- Retractable Banner: will be available for display at the Daytona Regional. Jesse Laird to manage transportation and display.
- D9 Website: Continue to work on upgrading content and services. Suggestions and ideas are appreciated.
- Naming Tournament: Tabled until the Daytona Regional.

New Business:

1. Review of District 9, November 11, 2022, Zoom Meeting 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 rescind the above motion made by Carol Hamilton and seconded by Keith Gellman.
Motion carried.

2. Elections for D9 officers will be held at the Daytona Beach Regional in November 2023.

Next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for:

Daytona Beach Regional on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 8:30 am.

Motion to adjourn D9 Board of Directors Meeting made by Carol Hamilton and seconded by Shannon Cappelletti. Motion to adjourn unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.

D9 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Submitted By:

Dr. Athena Gordon

District 9 Secretary

Attachments(5) provided in advance of the meeting:

1. *August 18, 2023, D9 Meeting Minutes*
2. *D9 Balance Sheet*
3. *D9 Profit & Loss Statement*
4. *GNT Subsidy*
5. *Treasurer's Report*