

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monterey, CA
January 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. The following board members were present: Bonnie Bagley, John Van Ness, Bruce Blakely, Marion Robertson, President Teri Atkinson, Ken Monzingo. Secretary-Treasurer Tom Shulman was also present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the December 2011 Rancho Mirage annual meeting. The Secretary stated that he had modified the draft minutes that he had submitted to the board to include the reason for John Van Ness's absence from the meeting. Upon motion and second the minutes were approved as modified.

Treasurer's Report

Shulman presented the Treasurer's report, copies of which had previously been emailed to the Board. WC had a net profit of \$13,660 in FY 2012. [This amount is the final adjusted amount after changing the characterization of the STAC payments from an expense to a distribution to owners in the nature of a dividend, and after shifting the printer's bill that was received after the close of the 2012 fiscal year back into FY2013]. As of November 30, 2012 WC had a net worth of \$85,943 [again, somewhat overstated due to the printer's bill that was received late]. The Treasurer's report was ACCEPTED AS AMENDED.

Forum

Ken Monzingo reported on *Forum* operations and told the Board that he was happy with the new printer. The new printer is doing a better job with fewer problems, and the imprinted labels are superior to the old stick-on process used by the prior printer. There followed a discussion about reading the *Forum* online and it was mentioned that nowhere in the *Forum* does it give the web address of the WC website where the online edition can be found. Ken said he would change that in future editions.

STaC

Bonnie Bagley reported on the STAC, giving kudos to Teri Atkinson and Bill Michael for the fantastic job they are doing. Bagley presented draft 2013 WC STAC Conditions of Contest.

Marion Robertson reported that Bill Michael recommends that the WC STAC be stratified by average masterpoints. After discussion and noting that the draft CoC #9 was stratification by average masterpoints, stratification by average was approved. Bagley agreed to prepare an article for the *Forum* to publicize that all WC STAC games were strat by average.

Atkinson suggested that a section be added to the CoC that all WC sanction fees must be sent to WC within 48 hours after the last game, and another section be added to incorporate into the CoC the instruction sheets that are sent to the clubs.

The CoC as amended were approved subject to a review and determination by Solly Weinstein as to which term would be correct, either “session” or “section” awards in #5.

Bagley proposed that D14 and D15 be invited to participate in one or two of the WC STACs that do not compete with their respective tournaments. APPROVED.

The Board discussed extensively the issue regarding the eligibility for overall awards of playing directors and noted that the issue was still being considered at ACBL board meetings.

Money to Districts

Because WC is financially healthy, the Board discussed returning money to the districts. Van Ness noted that the change in the accounting treatment of the distributions to the member districts that the Treasurer discussed earlier in the meeting creates a more accurate (and rosier) picture of WC profits, and in light of that Van Ness proposed a distribution of \$2500 to each member district. APPROVED.

Regional at Sea

The Board discussed the Regional at Sea (RAS) and thanked Monzingo for all his hard work that resulted in the WC RAS being a great success.

Next Meeting

The Board decided that the next meeting would be in D17 either at the Las Vegas Regional in January 2014, or at the Albuquerque Regional in February/March 2014, date, location and time TBD by Bagley.

Election of Officers

Bonnie Bagley and Tom Shulman were nominated to be president and treasurer, respectively. There were no further nominations. Bagley and Shulman elected. The Board thanked Atkinson for her service as President.

At 11:32am MONZINGO left the meeting and the remaining members of the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters that impacted Monzingo.

In Executive Session, the Board approved an \$1800/year (\$150/mo.) increase in the amount paid to Ken Monzingo, bringing the total to \$8,148 per month for a 12-page issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.