

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Albuquerque, NM
February 27, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. The following board members were present: President Bonnie Bagley, Carolyn Newcomb, Marion Robertson, Teri Atkinson, Ken Monzingo. Bruce Blakely participated by telephone. Secretary-Treasurer Tom Shulman and ACBL President Phyllis Harlan were also present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January 2013 Monterey annual meeting. Upon motion and second the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Shulman presented the Treasurer's report, copies of which had previously been emailed to the Board. WC had a net profit of \$1,342 in FY 2013. As of November 30, 2013, WC had a net worth of \$79,784. After a discussion about the drop off in the December 2013 STaC, and after the discussion and clarifications ensuing from a series of questions about the 2013 financial reports from Bruce Blakely, the Treasurer's report was ACCEPTED.

Money to Districts

Because WC is financially healthy, the Board discussed returning money to the districts. Marion Robertson proposed a distribution of \$2500 to each member district, but after further discussion Marion amended the proposal and made a MOTION to distribute \$1500 to each member district and Carolyn Newcomb seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion CARRIED.

STaC

There was discussion about the STaCs but no action was taken.

Forum

Ken Monzingo reported on *Forum* operations and told the Board that the Forum was doing fine. Sergio's layout work is outstanding and Leticia does a superb job of catching mistakes. Ken said that he loved doing the Forum and he was prepared to put out the paper as long as he was physically and mentally able to do so, even if he were no longer on the national or district board. Even if something were to happen to Ken in the short term the paper would still get printed and distributed on time because Sergio and Leticia were capable of doing it with the assistance of Joel Hoersch. It would be good for the Conference to consider in advance how to handle longer term issues, but for now we are covered.

New Business

The Board discussed the possibility of putting together a history of the Western Conference for posting on the WC website, including a history of the three member-districts. The board decided to first try to obtain the district history from each district.

Marion Robertson brought up that she is no longer in the loop for tournament sanctions since the introduction of Tourney-Trax, so she has no source of information about upcoming regionals and no ability to do anything to avoid scheduling conflicts. Marion and Ken also noted that the Forum editor has no direct source of information to compile the Tournament Calendar that is published in the Forum. Bonnie Bagley and Ken are going to look into what can be done at ACBL to try to solve that problem.

Ken Monzingo said that WC needs a mission statement and agreed to draft one for review by the board.

Other topics discussed include: who controls the tournament directors, ACBL or the tournament sponsor; whether WC wants to encourage other districts to join WC; what does WC do about the paper if/when Ken leaves.

Ken Monzingo left the meeting and the remaining members of the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters that impacted Ken.

In Executive Session, the Board approved a \$3,000/year (\$250/mo.) increase (retroactive to January) in the amount paid to Ken Monzingo, bringing the total to \$8,388 per month for a 12-page issue.

Election of Officers

Bonnie Bagley and Tom Shulman were nominated to be President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively. There were no further nominations. Bonnie Bagley and Tom Shulman were elected. It was moved, seconded, and CARRIED that Tom Shulman receive a 20% (\$50/mo.) pay increase, for a total of \$350 per month.

Next Meeting

The Board decided that the next meeting would be in D22 at the Riverside Regional on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at a time TBD.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.