

ACBL BOARD OF GOVERNORS/ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: SPRING SPECIAL MEETING

February 27, 2022

Doug Couchman, Chair of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. MST on Sunday, February 27, 2022. A quorum was present.

OPENING REMARKS: Chair Couchman opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees, extending a particular welcome to new Council members.

REMEMBRANCE OF MIKE KOVACICH: Barbara Heller spoke in memory of Regional Director and former Board of Governors Chair Mike Kovacich, who died February 25.

NEXT MEETING TIME: The AC's next general meeting will occur at the Reno NABC at 10 am Sunday, March 13. This time conflicts with some regional events but is the best we can do; future NABCs will not present the same problem.

TEACHERS AND CLUBS COMMITTEE REPORT: Committee Chair Steve Moese delivered an update on the report the Teachers and Clubs Committee is readying. The committee will advise that management enable hybrid (combined face-to-face and online) games. The full report will be delivered at the AC's general meeting in March.

REPORT OF MATTERS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPRING AGENDA: Chair Couchman detailed the items on the Board of Directors' agenda for the Spring meetings. Numerous items were presented; only those that generated discussion are detailed in these minutes, below:

221-AC02, retire Anti-Cheating Commission: AC Anti-Cheating Committee Chair Martin Hirschman distinguished between the commission to be retired and the AC's committee, and discussed certain issues relating to cheating and the AC committee's work. The committee continues its work, including working with the Competition and Conventions Committee to develop a method of using tablets for certain events; it is hoped that the method can be tested at

the Phoenix NABC. C&C Chair Danny Sprung said the issue would be considered at the Committee meeting at the Reno NABC.

Concern was expressed concerning the optics of retiring the Commission.

221-BR04, update electronic device policy: Support was expressed for the proposed new policy.

221-BR07, NABC website: Opinions were divided. Errors were noted on the ACBL website; some supported the motion (which was opposed unanimously by the Bridge Committee) but most comments were opposed.

221-BR09, making royal STaCs permanent: Several members opined that recent royal STaCs had been very successful, but others opposed making them permanent without more data. (The motion was opposed by the Bridge Committee.)

221-GV02, update codification with respect to units: Several specific issues with the motion were noted by members. Governance Chair Margot Hennings explained some of the changes and offered to discuss specific concerns with interested members after the meeting.

OUTREACH MEETINGS: Chair Couchman advised Council members that they should expect to conduct outreach meetings on a regional basis and asked that members connect with others in their region to begin to plan such meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. MST.