

Executive Summary - Advisory Council Meeting –Video Conference. Here are the highlights:

- **Major Challenges:** Stabilizing Membership, getting players back to Face to Face (F2F) play, and Improving IT.
- **Bronia’s Asks** – Volunteers to help with NEW DEVELOPMENTS
 1. Develop the **social bridge division** of the ACBL called Bridge4Friends; **Spades** Division – engage youth players in trick taking games. (2 New Divisions of the ACBL)
 2. **Pickle-Bridge** – Bring bridge to pickle ball clubs. Exercise the body and the mind.
 3. **Come Play with Us** – (EBL) Outreach to communities to eliminate loneliness among adults 50+ yrs. old who live alone – identify government funding and program parameters;
 4. **Community Game** – 12 Boards then Zoom with teacher.
- **2022 Financial Results** – Revenues have outpaced expenses by \$364K, well above the budget of +\$156K. Market value of investments have increased. Major projects are near or below budget.
- **Membership** 132,247 **down 6,081 (-4.4%)** vs 1 yr. ago. New member YTD at 3,905 **up 32.9%** 1 yr. ago. New Guest Members YTD 1,897 **up +1,096 (+136.9%)** in 2022. Life Masters and above are down **-3.6%**. Non-Life Masters are down **-4.9%**. To date 2576 guest members have converted to full membership.
- **Club Tables**

Tables	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022
F2F	92,472	79,220	87,798	62,051	59,283	62,688
VACB	29,951	32,630	28,455	58,013	53,807	47,768
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>112,423</i>	<i>111,850</i>	<i>116,253</i>	<i>112,423</i>	<i>113,070</i>	<i>110,474</i>
BBO	184,618	174,951	177,016	216,019	205,840	205,496
Total	307,041	286,801	293,269	336,083	318,930	315,492
F2F Clubs	1626	1629	1620	1368	1440	1471
VACB Clubs	319	304	283	439	413	395

VACB games are down year on year for the 3-month period. May 2023 F2F tables are **up 40%** compared to year ago, but VACB tables are down **40%** and BBO tables are down 14% vs one year ago. Total Tables are down **7.1%**. BBO Share is 60.4%, and share of all online tables is 70%. Strong growth for F2F clubs but a long way from 2019 share of tables.

• **Tournaments:**

Type	Scope	Jan-Jun 2022		Jan-Jun 2023		Change		
		#	Tables	#	Tables	#	Tables	Tbls/Tourn.
Open	Regional	35	24,170	45	34,184	10	10,014.00	69.1
NLM	Regional	9	1,169.5	12	1,407	3	237.5	-12.7
Open	Sectional	144	14591	203	24208	59	9,617.00	17.9
NLM	Sectional	31	891	51	1601	20	710	2.7
Local	Sectional	12	849	32	2,393.5	20	1,544.50	4
		231	41,671	343	63,794	112	22,123	

The number of tables and number of tournaments run face to face are up strongly compared to a year ago.

Submitted Respectfully,
 Stephen Moese K082411, Vice Chair ACBL Advisory Council

AUDIO RECORDING

[AGENDA](#)

Doug called the meeting to order at 7 PM ET. He suspended the agenda order and called on Nancy Strohmer who moved that the Advisory Council recognize all new Life Masters – carried by acclamation. Nancy also asked us to embrace fair play, respect, camaraderie at the bridge table, creating a welcoming environment for all.

Doug welcomed all Life Masters to the League and thanked all volunteers for the NABC and promoted in-person bridge and the Atlanta NABC. Doug mentioned that the information that follows will repeat what was shared in the Membership Meeting in Chicago.

Joann Glasson – ACBL President

Reviewed the past year and the reset of the organization. The BoD transitioned the ACBL into the post-pandemic world. She recognized Paul Cuneo (R9) gave up 6 months to commute to Horn Lake to begin the process of reorganization. Jay Whipple, recently inducted into the ACBL HoF, provided a framework for ACBL technology into the future. Margot Henning chaired the Executive Search Committee (Dennis Carman, David Lodge, Mark Aquino, Robert Todd) who worked for months. Bronia Jenkins is the new Executive Director. She has drawn the employees together in a team. The BoD allowed new ideas to be tried. She see a bright future and lots of excitement. Bu collaborating with staff and volunteers she enables improvements in many areas. Jennifer Webster is the new Director of Finance. Sabrina Goley brings her organizational skills and organizational memory to bear on leadership.

Doug introduced Jennifer Webster – ACBL Director of Finance

[Finance Report](#) (← link to slide presentation)

Revenue

up compared to budget. Expenses up slightly compared to budget.

+264K vs budget

Spring NABC in New Orleans positive.

Club sanction fees under budget.

Expenses

Tournament Directors over budget

IT under budget due to open positions – 4 filled in May.

Gain in Net Assets Up +\$624K vs year ago.

Balance Sheet

Operating cash down – loss posted in 2022.

\$7.5M in investments.

\$635K Capital budget – 2 projects

Masterpoint engine almost complete. V2 to be covered with internal resources.

AS400 Modernization – contractor and internal resources – underspent.

PICTURE OF OUR BRIDGE WORLD

- ACBL
- Surveys
- Current Trends
- Conclusion

Ongoing:

- Boost
- Guest Membership
- Intro to Bridge
- Surveys - Clubs and Players
- Postcard Initiative - F2F Lapsed Members
- E3H - Element 3 - Health Care Provider

Marketing

Upcoming:

- Social Division - Bridge4friends
- Physical & Mental Fitness - Picklebridge
- Community Game - New Player Experience
- Tiered Membership - Flexible Benefits
- Branding & Navigation - BBO

Marketing

Ideas to evaluate:

- ACBL Youth Program
- ACBL Social Media Program
- ACBL Country Club Program
- ACBL Community Center Program
- ACBL Cruise Program

Marketing

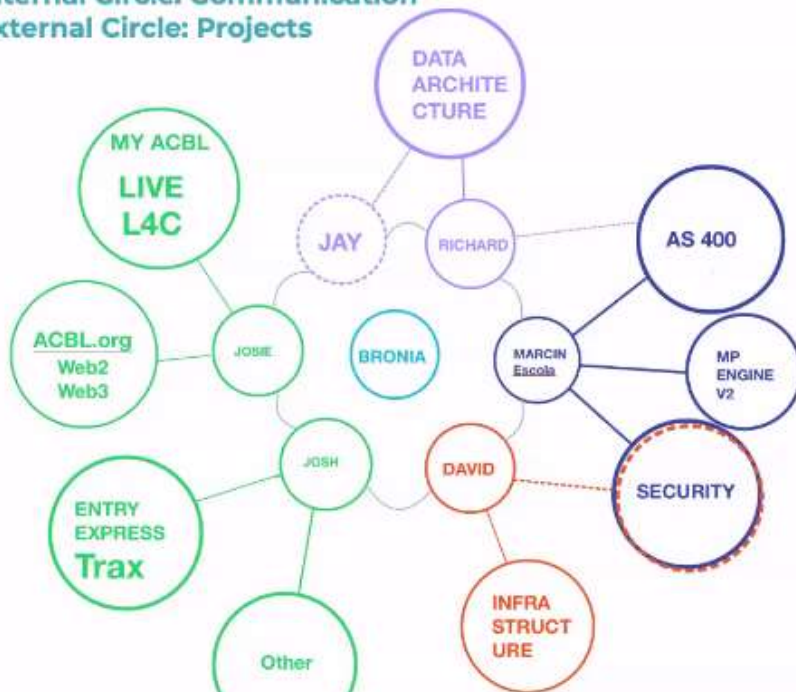
Where've you been?
Your local bridge club is waiting for you!

Postcards

Play a round of pickleball followed by a snack and a bridge game

picklebridge

**Internal Circle: Communication
External Circle: Projects**



IT Communication & Projects



Status:

- Jennifer Webster – New Leadership
- Strong start to 2023 Financial Performance
 - Revenue up 7.3% from 2022
 - Expenses down 3.2% from 2022
 - Net Asset Gain \$624K better than 2022
- Improving Reporting & Timeliness
- Streamlining Operations

Finance

Status:

- Deal me in - Online Articles for New Players
- Catch The Stars – In Progress
- Social Online Bulletin – Upcoming

Editorial

Status:

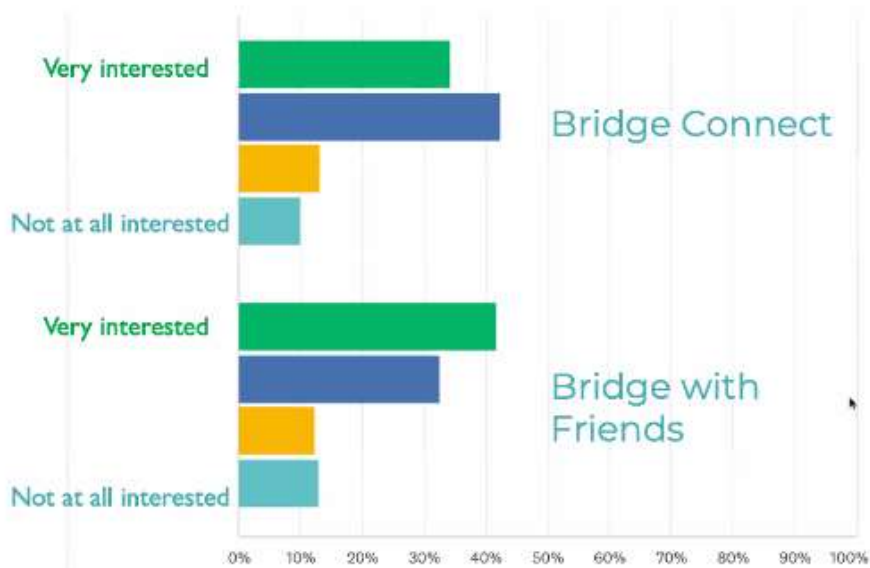
- 94 % Customer Satisfaction
- Live Agent Zoom Room - Established
- Email Failures – Resolved

Club and Member Services

What we asked:

- New Players:
 - Would you be interested in new reward system
 - Choose from list of names for new division
- Clubs:
 - Would your players be interested in new programs
 - Would you be willing to run pilot project.

Surveys

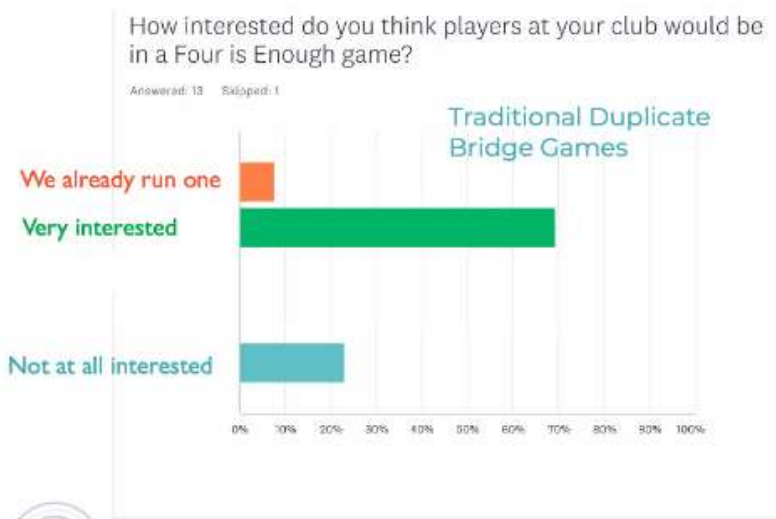


Survey asking new players about names for new division and rewards

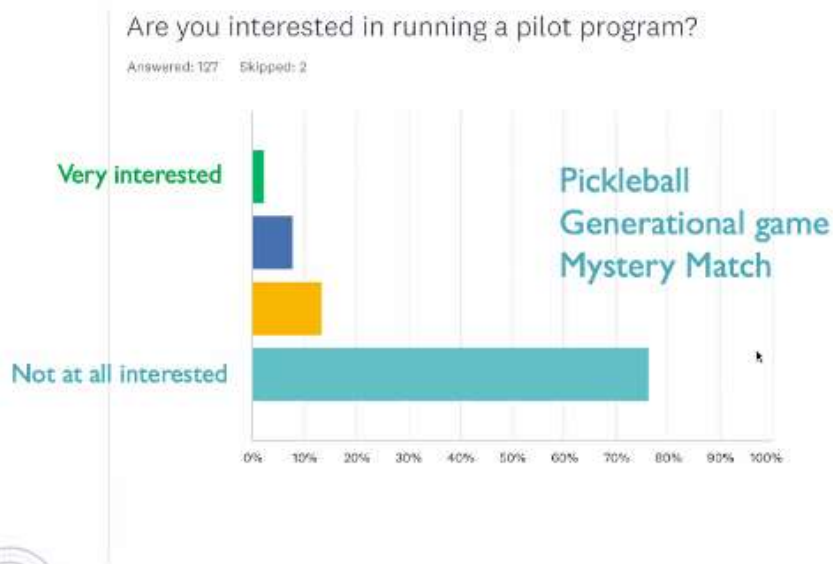


Player Survey – bridge4friends

Club Survey – Bridge



Club Survey – New Stuff



What we learned:

- Players are interested in alternative rewards
- Players and Clubs have some interest in social bridge
- Clubs are interested in traditional bridge
- Clubs are generally not interested in new types of initiatives

Surveys Overview

Players are interested in new ideas, but clubs want to do traditional club games. We need a new distribution channel for new ideas.

We need volunteers for new products.

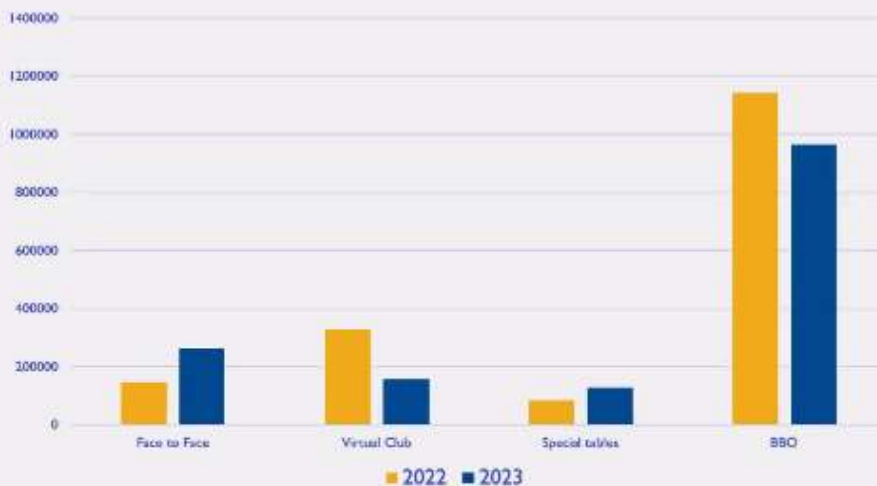
Doug Couchman reinforced the request for volunteers. Interested AC Members should contact Sabrina Goley at the ACBL (cc Bronia Jenkins). Innovations that bridge clubs don't want to support require volunteer effort from members.

Trends:

- F2F bridge is coming back
- Online play is declining
- BBO bridge is down but strong

Overview

Number of tables
2022 vs 2023



Clubs

• PAY ATTENTION:

- Operations: Building Robust & Resilient Organization – Sharpening the Saw
- Membership/Attendance Trends: Still Troubling
- Tech “Debt”: Large Existing “Debt”
- Distribution Channels: Needs Improvement
- Partnerships: Negotiate & Strengthen

Conclusion

Questions –

Rosella Vanek D14 – asked about email scammers and what the ACBL might be able to do. Bronia mentioned that the ACBL is working on improving email security. Solution is in testing.

Peter Marcus D25 – mentioned that the source of email information comes from the Unit websites. D25 decided to accept that risk and will not hide information from members.

Doug mentioned his experience with scams in his name once he was elected Chair of the Advisory Council.

[Litigation Report \(Bronia Jenkins\)](#)

Refer to the published report. One pending action.

Doug Couchman – Chair Report to the Advisory Council

[Minutes](#) from June 2023 approved.

Doug-reviewed Board of Directors actions – [BOARD MOTIONS](#)

ID	Title	Action
DI232-FN02:	Proposed Membership Fee Increase	Pending Mgmt. action
DI232-FN03:	Patron Member Levels	Pending Mgmt. action
DI232-FN04:	Tiered and Flexible Membership	Pending Mgmt. action
DI232-BR06:	Pigmented Points	Nothing pending
DI232-BR07:	Come Play Cards with Us	Under consideration
232-BD02:	Online Ethical Oversight Committee Appointments	Carried Unanimously
232-AC01	Report on Hearings	Received
232-AC03	Delete References to AAA from CDR	Carried Unanimously
232-AC04	Re-consider EOC/OEOC/A&C disciplinary imits 6 mos→ 24 months	Carried Unanimously.
232-BR01:	Codification Clean Up – Sectionals	Carried Unanimously
232-BR02:	GNT Conditions of Contest Unproctored online play permitted at District option.	Carried Unanimously
DI232-BR01:	Listing of Top Lifetime MP Holders	On Hold
DI232-BR02:	Strength of Field (Tournament Bridge only)	Pending
DI232-BR04:	NAP & GNT Grass Roots Funding	
DI232-BR05:	Virtual Online Calendar	Continuing discussion
232-FN01:	Accounts Payable	Carried Absent D3
DI232-FN01:	Charity Discussion	
232-GV01:	Member Not in Good Standing	Failed – 6 Yeas
232-GV02:	Bulletin	Approved – Consent Calendar
232-GV03:	International Bridge	Carried 2 Abstain 2 Absent
232-GV04:	Vetting of All Candidates for ACBL Awards and/or Honors	Carried – 1 Absent
232-GV05:	Untable 231-GV05	Carried – 1 Absent
DI232-GV01:	Board Operations and Governance	
232-ME01:	CAP Technical changes –	Carried Unanimously
DI232-ME01:	11% to Units	
232-BY01:	Bylaws Amendment – Arbitration	

Re 232-BR02

Jay Apfelbaum D4 –unproctored play online is an open invitation to unethical behavior. Because there is a money stipend, proctoring should be required.

Peter Marcus D25 – District 25 needs unproctored online play. Flight C this year 32 tables down from 60 two years ago. While cheating is a part of online play, proctored sites would be a massive drawback from where we are now.

David Sizemore D22 – recommends a committee to investigate proctoring further.

Doug mentioned that BoD Discussion items will no longer be shared with the Advisory Council.

A quorum was confirmed present for the AC Meeting.

Motions for Reconsideration:

Jay Apfelbaum D4 – Reconsider Changes in CoC for GNT allowing online competition. 232-BR02.

Gordon Bower D18 – In favor of requiring proctoring. D18 ran for 12 years – proctoring at clubs. Not burdensome. Obvious, easy affordable solution. 26-9 reconsideration passes.

Bruce Blakely D21 – online GNT or F2F GNT? (Doug: People have suggested online sites should be proctored). Any online event with people in one room should be proctored. Two different issues.

Dian Petrov D5 – Is BBO the provider for online GNTs? Can GNT be played on another platforms? (Doug: BBO is the sole provider for masterpoints).

Mike Cassell D14 - ACBL is not a one size fits all Each District should decide for themselves. ACBL should not dictate to every District how they should have proctored play/

Marty Hirschman D12 – Proctoring should be required. Highly dispersed play is not a necessity. Does not think unproctored regionals and nationals should be held online.

Peter Marcus D25 – Would help to have a document on how to run a proctored GNT event. New England doesn't have enough clubs to make proctoring feasible. Each District/Region should decide their own approach. New England runs over 4 days.

Vote: 26 for and 9 against.

The Board of Directors will vote again at their next meeting.

232-BY01: By-Laws Amendment

Having been approved by the Board of Directors by 2/3 or more majority on two occasions and the publishing of the change met, the vote of the Advisory Council will be binding. This amendment adds arbitration with the IBA as a requirement for all disciplinary actions under the CDR with certain exceptions. Arbitration is already required under the Code of Disciplinary Regulations, in the membership agreement, and the tournament conditions of contest. Putting the arbitration requirement in the bylaws increases the enforceability of this requirement.

D19 Hugh McSheffrey – concern about ALL issues going to the IBA. The IBA skill set is different from the AAA skill set. Not all issues involve ethical violations at Bridge. Concern about BoD ability to decide whether cases can reach arbitration.

Concern expressed about whether issues other than ethical violations are covered was addressed by Joann Glasson. They are not. No conduct case will go to the IBA.

Peter Marcus D25 – Discussed the membership meeting requirement in the bylaws. Asked that external legal expert on governance to review the language be reviewed.

Doug mentioned that Alan Falk wrote the bylaw change – Alan is an expert in this area.

Jay Apfelbaum D4 – wants to eliminate suspension pending investigation. Limit suspension to an event or a tournament. If someone is a risk, convene a committee quickly.

Doug recognized that the meeting is running long.

Marty Hirschman – Supports the motion. Replaces AAA with the IBA. Disciplinary matters are not criminal proceedings. Concerns about due process are misguided. IBA will improve results.

29-4-0 Bylaws amendment passed. Effective immediately.

(Originally recorded as 29-5-1, but one voter kept their hand up from the beginning.)

New Business

Doug mentioned that several motions were not shared as intended. Our President and Board has asked that motions aren't the right way to do things. Voting to get the sense of the ACBL is a good thing. Voting to enforce specific changes is counterproductive. Voting to tell the Board to do something is not as valuable as advising the Board about what membership thinks is important.

A motion not shared was to return to the old convention card. But it turns out that Management and the C&C Committee have already decided to make the old card available and produce a fat-free card that's easier to see. This is an example of how ideas turn into action.

Steve Moese D11 – Wants to make suggestions not motions. In that spirit here are three ideas for discussion and sense of the Advisory Council:

The clubs and teachers committee of this body wants to be more engaged in decisions that materially affect teachers and club managers. Consider a spectrum ranging from our committee to a committee of the Corporation that has the BoD members and the teachers and club managers who support plans for membership growth. If the AC agrees, Steve committed to continue the conversation toward the best approach here.

22 in favor – 2 against

Guest member program is becoming successful. Unfortunately the experience on line is not best. Guest members should be able to see their masterpoints online. Being able to see them on the website is a big hook. Bronia Jenkins – We are already working on this and will get guest members on acbl.org as soon as feasible. When the Guest Membership was created it was done on a program called YM.

21 in favor – 0 against

Regionals have a third session that runs small attendance, making DIC charges overly burdensome. We propose that Local trained directors be able to run region sanctions for one event up to 20 tables.

Discussion:

Marty Hirschman D12 – Regionally rated events that pay gold points? Regionally rated events or side games that turn into gold points. Marty is against that idea if gold points are awarded.

Patrick Williams D10 – Does this require certification for local sectional directors? (Steve: Yes – that training would be required). We have experience with local directors run night games at our local regional without the direct supervision of a Regional Director.

Bob Heller Past Pres. – Would you accept a modification to limit this to re points only. (Steve was reluctant, but agreed). Shared Marty’s idea that Gold Points should require a regional direction.

Peter Marcus D25 – Using local directors is not consistent with the regulations or conditions of contest. An ACBL Director is required at every session of a regional. If you are running a regional and cant make a game work, don’t run it.

David Sizemore D22 – Perhaps we can provide a token award of a partial gold point.

Mike Cassell D14 – ACBL should explore the possibility of helping people who work during the day to play at night. We need to appeal to younger players who work during the day. Finding a lower director cost seems like something that could be worked out.

Patrick Williams D10 – What D10 did was cleared with a National Tournament Director and also approved for the coming year. Can do the same thins for a sectional as well. If you don’t have oppoetunities for pwople who work to play at night we are telling them that this organization is not for them.

Jeff Bayonne D24 – NYC Side games at Regionals are 4-5 tables and disappearing. The only way we can do it is to run them at the clubs. Years ago clubs ran side games at the regionals. We are talking post covid. We have to do everything we can. Gold points are already given out at clubs. And there’s the Royal STaC.

Steve Gaynor D14 – We cancelled our evening games. Our table counts are close to prepandemic levels. Uniti people come out in the evening we don’t need to make changes.

Jay Apfelbaum D4 – Clubs can give 1 Gold Point, Regionals can give many.

11 in favor – 15 against Sense is roughly split.

MOTION BY Jay Apfelbaum D4 –

Limit suspensions pending hearing to a single event or a tournament. Eliminate suspensions pending hearing.

Doug confirmed motion was moved and seconded. No discussion. 12 in favor – 13 against – **MOTION FAILS**
Result was close enough that Doug will pass on these concerns to the Appeals & Charges Committee and the Board of Directors.

Steve Moese congratulated Doug on his recent marriage.

With no further business before the board Doug adjourned the meeting at 9:16 ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

















































Steve Moese K082411













Advisory Council Vice Chair

Chair, AC Teachers and Club Manager’s Committee

D11 AC Representative

Appendix 1 – Zoom Attendance 65 attendees

 DS D11 Steve Moese (Co-host, me)	 DN D16 Nancy Strohmer	 JZ Jackie Zayac - Region 12 Director
 Doug Couchman (AC Chair, D17) (Host)	 DG D18 Gordon Bower	 JM Jay Martin Apfelbaum
 Doug Couchman (Co-host)	 DM D20 Merle Stetser	 JD jeffoverby- D9/Region 8
 JG Joann Glasson - ACBL Prez	 DB D21 Bruce Blakely	 JW Jennifer Webster
 AL Al Levy	 DA D21, Anne Hollingsworth	 JW Joanne Wicker disrict 21
 BH Barbara Heller Region 6	 DJ D24 Jeff Bayone	 JS Jonathan Steinberg Region One
 B broniajenkins	 L D24 Lee Lin	 KM Ken Monzingo
 D1 D 19 Hugh McSheffrey	 D- D25 - Peter Marcus	 LS Larry Sealy Region 7 Director
 D2 D 2 Wybren Hoogland	 DM D25Brenda Montague	 LF Len Fettig
 DA D10 AC Patrick Williams	 DJ D3 Jason Fuhrman	 LC Li-Chung Chen
 D10 Greg Frank	 D4 John Dickenson	 MH Margot Hennings--R4 Director (D5/D6)
 DT D11 Tom Bishel	 DL D4 Larry Sunser	 MA Mark Aquino
 DS D12 Susan Bailey-Carman	 D5 Dian Petrov	 MH Martin Hirschman-D12
 DR D-14 Rosella Vanek	 D(David (D22 REP) Sizemore	 Monica Quinlan
 D14 Steven Gaynor	 DennisCarmanRegion5	 PC past chair Richard Popper
 DB D16 Betty Starzec	 GH Georgia Heth BOD	 P pastprez-BobHeller

-  Paul Cuneo Region 9
-  Region 10. - Cindy
-  Rich Carle
-  Roger Smith
-  Sabrina Goley
-  Stu Goodgold D21D
-  subecks
-  sue manning
-  Tim White
-  Tomi Storey D16
-  XPresident - Jay Whipple
-  Bruce Blakely

Attendance is in flux during first 30 minutes. Makes tracking attendance difficult. People do not identify themselves adequately. Need D##, First and Last Names. D## before first name so we can count people for quorum. Long names hide role identifier on Zoom.

Appendix 2 – Chats

19:03:37 From broniajenkins to Everyone:

Woo hoo!!!!

19:13:15 From D11 Steve Moese to Everyone:

Please edit your screen name. If you are a voting member add D## BEFORE your name. If you are here in another capacity please add Past Pres, or BoD or R## before your name.

19:13:49 From Jay Jay to Everyone:

How to edit screen name? Gary Hann here.

19:14:47 From D11 Steve Moese to Everyone:

Click on the ... in the upper right hand corner of your video and select rename.

19:14:47 From Doug Couchman to Everyone:

To edit screen name: Find your name in the list of participants. Find the "more" dropdown; on there, click "rename"

19:14:57 From D4 Jay Apfelbaum to Everyone:

Right click on name. Choose "rename"

19:15:48 From D4 Jay Apfelbaum to Everyone:

Doug's instructions are more accurate

19:16:00 From Doug Couchman (second, admin login) to Everyone:

Varies a bit by device type

19:26:30 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:

Bronia is offering a number of creative initiatives that could well lead to increasing membership, certainly to exposure of the ACBL to prospective members that could have interest!

19:27:11 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:

Reacted to "Bronia is offering a..." with ❤️

19:27:16 From D11 Steve Moese to Everyone:

Reacted to "Bronia is offering a..." with ❤️

19:30:07 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:

Thanks to BOD members for listening in; color me initially impressed.

19:30:38 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:

Reacted to "Thanks to BOD member..." with 😊

19:32:01 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:

Agree with investing in current technology, our employees should not be burdened with that which is far out of date.

19:32:13 From Sabrina Goley to Everyone:

sgoley@acbl.org; bjenkins@acbl.org

19:32:21 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:

Reacted to "sgoley@acbl.org; bje..." with 👍

19:32:30 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:

Reacted to "Agree with investing..." with 👍

19:33:41 From D11 Steve Moese to Everyone:

Reacted to "sgoley@acbl.org; bje..." with 👍

19:35:03 From Sabrina Goley to Everyone:

Social Bridge and Spades; Come Play Cards with Us (fight loneliness); Picklebridge

19:39:41 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:

Replying to "Social Bridge and Sp..."

also learn French like I am- the league over there has wonderful things for the kids!

19:43:11 From Mike Cassel D14 to Everyone:

I heard at the NABC that the league is opening the eligibility for VACB games. Is there some way for small clubs running VACB games to advertise their

19:43:26 From Mike Cassel D14 to Everyone:

contest conditions to solicit new players?

19:54:16 From XPresident - Jay Whipple to D11 Steve Moese(Direct Message):

Bronia has lost internet and power

20:01:17 From D11 Steve Moese to XPresident - Jay Whipple(Direct Message):

Bronia is back now

20:07:14 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:

Let's hear from the members.

20:16:07 From Mike Cassel to Everyone:

some districts are quite widespread geographically and it is both burdensome and possibly seen as unnecessary for any certain district

20:23:18 From Sabrina Goley to D11 Steve Moese(Direct Message):

Is there a quorum?

20:23:38 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:

Replying to "Let's hear from the ..."

zzzzzzzzzz

20:23:51 From Roger Smith to Everyone:

Please mention content again.

20:24:18 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:

Reacted to "Let's hear from the ..." with 👍

20:25:47 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:

Replying to "Let's hear from the ..."

another 3 hour meeting geezz

20:28:33 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:

Replying to "Let's hear from the ..."

This is beyond absurd, he won't say in 5 words what can be said in 105

20:29:28 From d21 Joanne Wicker to Everyone:

Reacted to "Thanks to BOD member..." with 😊

20:30:35 From Tomi Storey D16 to Everyone:

Reacted to "Let's hear from the ..." with 👍

20:30:37 From Tomi Storey D16 to Everyone:

Removed a 👍 reaction from "Let's hear from the ..."

20:31:55 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:

Non-members of the BoG should not be speaking at our meetings.

20:32:18 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:

Replying to "Let's hear from the ..."

non legal beagles who know 000

20:32:38 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:
Replying to "Let's hear from the ..."

waste of space

20:34:00 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:
Comments should be limited to under 1 minute.

20:35:08 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:
Reacted to "Comments should be l..." with 👍

20:36:35 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:
Meetings in the 1990's did not run past about 1 1/2 hours or so.

20:41:59 From D-14 Rosella Vanek to Everyone:
Nancys hand was up for all 3 votes

20:42:05 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:
It was a previous hand, NOT an abstention.

20:42:12 From Bronia Jenkins to Everyone:
Reacted to "Nancys hand was up f..." with 😊

20:42:20 From sue manning to Everyone:
Reacted to "Nancys hand was up f..." with 😊

20:42:37 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:
Reacted to "Nancys hand was up f..." with 👍

20:44:48 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:
Motions are a part of Robert's Rules of Order, under which we operate!

20:46:45 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:
How is it that we "don't operate under Robert's Rules"?

20:52:41 From D 19 Hugh McSheffrey to Everyone:
I must leave the meeting as I have a 6:00 appointment. I appreciate that I was given an opportunity to speak to an issue.. I favour the adoption of the bylaw amendments - other than the particular point to which I addressed my concern.

20:52:59 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:
Reacted to "I must leave the mee..." with 👍

20:53:15 From Paul Cuneo Region 9 to D11 Steve Moese(Direct Message):
Steve, it's in progress and should be completed in September

21:06:49 From Patrick Williams D10 AC to Everyone:
Our evening games last year were held on 4 noghts of the regional. They averaged 5 tables.....we could not have offered these without the lower director cost.

21:07:33 From Patrick Williams D10 AC to Everyone:
We also schedule side games during the day, which average about 6 tables

21:12:52 From Past Chair Gary Hann to Everyone:
This meeting is hitting 2 hours 15 minutes.

21:14:12 From David (D22 REP) Sizemore to Everyone:
Replying to "This meeting is hitt..."

swish