

## Advisory Council Special Meeting Notes

### Doug Couchman

Welcomed everyone at 4:00 PM PDT 7 PM EDT. Discussed issues with Reno and the AC meeting difficulty to connect with Zoom participants. Tonight's meeting is not an official meeting because the timing does not meet the notice requirements per bylaws. **This meeting is about the core purpose of the Advisory Council – two-way communication.** Reviewed the agenda for tonight. Thanked members of the Board of Directors for attending tonight. Welcomed all who are new to the Advisory Council. Invited new members to introduce themselves.

(52 participants as of 7:15 PM EDT).

**Joan Glasson** – lost voice tonight and will not address us.

**AJ Stephani** – Developing new approaches to investigating and prosecuting cheating coming soon. Look for an announcement in the next week or so.

### Joe Jones – ACBL Executive Director

Linda Dunn is on vacation. Peyton dealing with storm. E-mail Joe with questions for Linda or Payton. Reno was a success – 6200 tables. ACBL surveying players about covid exposure. Survey will guide policy going forward. Acknowledged ACBL website is broken – expects things will be fixed by the end of the week. Rewriting a massive amount of code. ACBL LIVE should be fixed this week.

### Questions

**D24 - Peter Markus** – Online regionals competing with in-person tournaments. Why does ACBL run online tournaments? Why should the ACBL compete with its stakeholders? Why not allow Units and Districts to run these tournaments instead?

Ans – Decision was made to run tourneys online. Careful not to run against regionals. Attendance declining. 3 times per year on the weekend after the NABC. Not giving our buckets of gold points. Players are complaining they don't receive much. Not have an answer about whether Districts will be able to run online tournaments. Will take this viewpoint in consideration.

**D3 - Brett Kunin** – With the change of the mandatory masking policy. Will Mgmt consider infection and positivity rates for upcoming NABCs?

Ans – We try to follow the CDC guidance. CDC knows what they are doing. Washoe county was Green when we began. Will continue with this policy pending survey results. Bridge players don't like wearing masks.

**D4 Richard Popper** – Received a survey that was not about Covid.

Ans – There are 2 surveys – one about the tournament and one about the infection. There was a link to the covid survey in the original e-mail. Two links to two different survey.

**D11 Steve Moese** - Asked for tournament table count report to be posted to the AC documents page online.

Ans – will get th report posted. Tournaments are at about 50%.

### **Doug Couchman – Report from BoD Actions**

Recordings of the Mar 13 meeting are unusable. Discussed Board Actions (see primary Report for details). More and more actions that are specialized and under the purview of a Committee, the issue goes to the committee for resolution/recommendation.

e.g. Motion about rewarding MPs when robots were involved sent to MP committee.

<http://www.district11bridge.com/Monitors/22AC1-Advisory-Council-Meeting-Report-13-MAR-2022.pdf>

Motion to allow districts who have missed years due to covid can make up those fundraiser games.

### **Questions**

**Peter Marcus – D24** How many votes are there on the Board that vote on motions?

Ans – Last year 25. This year 20. Regions formed. Next year 15. Year after BoD is at 13. Staggered because of terms being staggered and because of NY Law.

**D3 Brett Kunin – Motion Compelling Unite to communicate solely electronically approved?**

Ans – still being considered.

**D11 Steve Moese – Gave a review fo the discussion item about reopening on-person clubs. Doug will send the report to members in the post meeting summary.**

**Peter Marcus** and **Roger Smith** offered inputs and support. Steve offered his email so people can contact him directly. **Wybren Hoogland** asked about how to reopen clubs when onlone players are not yet ready to return.

### **Doug Couchman – Next Meeting**

There will be a special meeting prior to the general meeting for Providence (and all future general meetings). Will try to live stream meetings. Providence Bridge events will be 10 and 3. Suggests evening meeting time.

**Steve Moese – 8 PM for dinner break.**

**Gordon Bower – Let those who attend in person decide. Much easier on a weekend. Evening bridge lessons happen during the week.**

**Hugh McSheffrey – Like a weekday evening. 10 AM start is problematic.**

**Peter Marcus – Some consideration for the weekday. Maybe a consession stand available for attendees?**

**Gary Hahn – Agrees with Gordon. Tradition. Sunday evening makes sense as the replacement. Make it consistent.**

Rough Attendance by screen capture.

(D11 publishes AC Reports at: [http://www.district11bridge.com/ACBL\\_board\\_reports.html](http://www.district11bridge.com/ACBL_board_reports.html) )

Participants (48)

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D11-Steve Mo... (Co-host, me)	D21 - Jackie Zayac	EC eldon clayman D7	
Zoom Webinar (Host)	D21 marion robertson	GH Gary Hann	
Dist. 17 James Calhoun	D21, Anne Hollingsworth	HR Henry Robin D15	
Doug Couchman D17 (AC Chair)	D23 Gene White	HM Hugh McSheffrey (D19)	RP Richard Popper D4 and past chair
AJ Stephani	D24 Lee Lin	JS Jonathan Steinberg Region One (	RS Roger Smith
Brett Kunin, D3	D24 Phil Grella	JJ Joseph Jones	RS Ron Sholes-District 8
CM Carlos Munoz	D25 Brenda Montague	LF Len Fettig D-15	SG Sabrina Goley
D2 Wybren Hoogland	D4-Joann Glasson	LW Leo Weniger	ST stephanie threlkeld
D1_Kathie Macnab	D6 - Barbara Doran	MH margaret hansell	VS Vangie Smith, D11
DP D10 Patrick Williams AC	DM David Moss	MH Margot Hennings	X- XPres - Jay Whipple
DR D11 Ryan Schultz	DS DavidD22(AC) Sizemore	MA Mark Aquino	
DT D11- Tom Bishel	DL Deana Liddy	MC mike cassel D14	
DB D16 Betty Starzec	DR Debbie Romero D8	MQ Monica Quinlan D17	
DT D16 Tomi Storey		NS Nancy Strohmer-D16 (Most of T.	
DG D18 Gordon Bower			

**Chat Text :**

- 18:55:43 From D 2 Wybren Hoogland to Everyone:  
yes
- 18:59:36 From Brett Kunin to Everyone:  
No longer Woodbridge, bit I am in 140. Allendale is in 106
- 19:00:18 From Brett Kunin to Everyone:  
Reason Pat eliminated Sunday is. Cause Swiss teams are not drawing, and site is expensive
- 19:02:49 From D11-Steve Moese to Everyone:  
Please edit your screen name to include Your Distict in the Name - helps us know who is who.
- 19:09:10 From Deana Liddy to Everyone:  
Yep!
- 19:19:30 From Monica Quinlan D17 to Everyone:  
Hi Mike I'm new to the board. Have much to learn. Nice to hear from you
- 19:22:42 From Monica Quinlan D17 to Everyone:  
Hi Hugh, didn't know you were on AC board. I'm new with much to learn. It was very nice playing with you in Reno on teams.
- 19:28:01 From stephanie threlkeld to Everyone:  
two survey links in email. one for covid
- 19:28:14 From stephanie threlkeld to Everyone:  
Both links are in the same email
- 19:28:42 From DavidD22(AC) Sizemore to Everyone:

D22 is discussing the mask issue again in light of Reno today at the SD Regional Committee- which I will attend briefly also- safety is vital to us.

19:28:45 From Nancy Strohmer-D16 (Most of TX & Mexico) to Everyone:  
As Stephanie mentioned, there were two surveys in the same email.

19:28:45 From Deana Liddy D14 Director to Everyone:  
I didn't notice it either.

19:29:23 From D21 marion robertson to Everyone:  
there were two surveys

19:29:39 From Nancy Strohmer-D16 (Most of TX & Mexico) to Everyone:  
I took both surveys...in the same email.

19:31:27 From Gary Hann to Everyone:  
As an ultra-high risk category, for bridge players, masking should be mandatory. It's easier to say "take off your masks", than to say "put on your masks". It's masking for me, no matter what the policy.

19:32:21 From Gary Hann to Everyone:  
It seems there should be a backup for all recordings??

19:34:39 From Gary Hann to Everyone:  
What is the "NABF"?

19:35:48 From Patrick Williams to D11-Steve Moese(Direct Message):  
I just sent you a source for tournament attendance

19:36:10 From D11-Steve Moese to Everyone:  
NABF is the WBF NBO for North America.

19:37:17 From Gary Hann to Everyone:  
Thanks!

19:39:55 From Gary Hann to Everyone:  
This and the last BOD Motions were well conceived and well done!!

19:39:59 From D24 Lee Lin to Everyone:  
C&C Committee Members:  
Lee Lin – Advisory Council (non-voting)  
Steve Gaynor – Advisory Council (non-voting)  
Gordon Bower – Advisory Council (non-voting)

19:48:06 From D11-Steve Moese to Everyone:  
Thanks Lee!

19:51:47 From Gary Hann to Everyone:  
The Anti-Cheating Committee recommended that all NABC Titles won by player(s) and partners/teammates be replaced by the second place finisher.

19:54:14 From Monica Quinlan D17 to Everyone:  
Hi Lee, good to see you on AC. Was very nice meeting you in Reno!

19:59:21 From Gary Hann to Everyone:  
How about rainbow points?

20:03:28 From D16 Tomi Storey to Everyone:  
Thank you for all you do, Steve!

20:03:52 From Patrick Williams to Everyone:  
Can we get a written copy of these discussion points?

20:04:12 From Brett Kunin, D3 to D11-Steve Moese(Direct Message):  
Thank you, Steve.

20:06:53 From D11-Steve Moese to Brett Kunin, D3(Direct Message):  
[http://www.district11bridge.com/ACBL\\_board\\_reports.html](http://www.district11bridge.com/ACBL_board_reports.html)

20:07:25 From D11-Steve Moese to Everyone:

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20:09:14 From mike cassel D14 to Everyone:

ACBL should reserve \$1-\$3 of every online game to be distributed to the home unit of the players.

20:09:39 From mike cassel D14 to Everyone:

Let people play wherever but don't let the monster clubs make windfall profits at the expense of the small fry

20:09:51 From mike cassel D14 to Everyone:

We did it with the Grass Roots Fund

20:10:37 From Henry Robin D15 to D11-Steve Moese(Direct Message):

I just sent you an email with my contact info. I'd like to talk with you later - I am not going to say anything here today.

20:12:48 From Len Fettig D-15 to Everyone:

Do the large VC's distribute money to the player's home club?

20:14:05 From D14 Steven Gaynor to Everyone:

I agree with Mike Cassel - Let's talk about that!

20:15:17 From D11-Steve Moese to Everyone:

Large alliances share with alliance members, not home clubs.

20:15:28 From mike cassel D14 to Everyone:

the large consortiums have private deals with their member clubs at varying rates of remuneration

20:15:54 From mike cassel D14 to Everyone:

guests from everyone's entry fees are largely captured in total at most of them

20:16:35 From mike cassel D14 to Everyone:

guest entry fees from the ABC alliance are pro rata shared with their member clubs I am told

20:16:46 From D14 Steven Gaynor to Everyone:

They should share with everyone. Then drop the 'visitor' limitation. That let's local clubs survive without being swallowed up by the alliances.

20:17:54 From mike cassel D14 to Everyone:

anyone should be able to play anywhere, but some of their entries should be repatriated to the local unit

20:19:20 From Gary Hann to Everyone:

Evening Meeting makes good sense!

20:19:48 From D11-Steve Moese to Everyone:

3 P sessions end at 7 PM!!! I wont cancel dinner!

20:19:51 From Gary Hann to Everyone:

Sunday is working people's day off.

20:24:27 From D16 Tomi Storey to Everyone:

It's going to be impossible to find a time that makes everyone happy. :- ) Weekedays work well for me

20:28:09 From D11-Steve Moese to Everyone:

One thought - not all of us want to spend an entire 11 days at the NABC. Weekends are easy for those of us choosing 2-4 days.