

ACBL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: FALL SPECIAL MEETING

November 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Advisory Council Chair Doug Couchman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm EST on Sunday, November 12, 2023. A quorum was present.

OPENING REMARKS: Chair Couchman welcomed all attendees, in particular new members of the Advisory Council.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Summer General meeting were approved.

232-BY01, BYLAWS AMENDMENT: This proposed amendment to the Bylaws, having been passed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at each of two consecutive meetings and having met the publication requirements, now came before the Advisory Council for final approval. The Council approved the amendment 18-0.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Couchman reported the Board of Directors had reconsidered item 232-BR02, as mandated by the Council's motion for reconsideration passed at the Summer General meeting, and had voted unanimously not to alter its passage of that the motion.

The Chair also reported that the League had come to an agreement with the EDGAR Foundation to employ the latter's method of online cheating detection.

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD AGENDA: The Council considered the various items on the agenda for the Board of Directors' Fall Meeting. Many items generated discussion. Only items about which there was significant disagreement or pertaining to which a vote was taken are specifically noted below.

233-BR01: There was considerable discussion about the details, particularly what specific mileage limits were appropriate.

233-GV08: Many Council members objected to the proposal or to aspects thereof, while others, including the Executive Director and the League President, explained the particulars.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: One motion and four proposals to management were presented by the membership. Item numbers listed are those that were given during the meeting.

AC223-01: A motion to create a committee of the corporation to advise management and the Board of Directors on decisions that materially affect clubs and teachers. After discussion, the Council motion passed 17-10.

AC223-02: A proposal to restructure VACB sanctions. There was considerable discussion including strong opposition; no vote was taken.

AC223-03: A collection of principles that should be considered in future negotiations with online service providers. Discussion ensued; no vote was taken.

AC223-04: A proposal to update the membership committee handbook. No discussion ensued.

AC223-05: A proposal to reduce the director cost charged for third sessions at regional events. Discussion ensued; no vote was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25 pm EST.