



AMERICAN CRIBBAGE CONGRESS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2006  
SANDS REGENCY HOTEL/CASINO  
RENO, NEVADA

Executive Vice-President Martha Fingleton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken. Present were: Pat Barrett, Joe Bernard, George Bickford, Dave Campbell, Dwight Christiansen, DeLynn Colvert, Martha Fingleton, Larry Hassett, Sharon Hejtmanek, Jeanne Hofbauer, Roy Hofbauer, Bob Julian, Tom Lewis, Al Lindner, Herschel Mack, Bill Medeiros, Bob Milk, Ron Morgan, Cathy Perkins, Joan Rein, Larry Samet, Phyllis Schmidt, Jeff Shimp, Valerie Sumner, and Dan Zeisler. Also present: Bob McCabe, ACC Treasurer.

Item #3, Martha asked that the Agenda be approved, Jeanne made a motion to approve, seconded by George. Larry took exception to his proposal for a change to the Constitution and By-Laws regarding the Ethics Committee not being included on the agenda. Martha stated that the materials were received too late for her to review prior to including it on the agenda, referring to page 5-1 of the Policy and Procedures Manual, and that the materials would be on the September 2006 agenda. Motion carried.

Item #4 Approval of BOD meeting minutes of September 16, 2005. Jeanne had two spelling corrections: page 2, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, the word "acclamation", and page 4, last paragraph, the word "Mosinee". Larry asked that a correction be made to page 2, paragraph 2: change 3-year renewals to "multiple year renewals". Valerie made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Bob Julian seconded. Motion carried.

Martha announced that there would be a reception hosted by the Sands following the meeting.

Item #5, Executive Committee actions: DeLynn reported that a stipend of \$450 was granted to Dan Zeisler, director of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth tournament. He will be giving out approximately 100 youth memberships, thus returning about \$300 to the ACC.

Item #6, Bob McCabe gave the treasurer's report: He said the year is proceeding about as expected, and allowing for seasonal fluctuations in membership dues and awards expenses, and assuming no major surprises in the second half, we should end the year near budget. Cathy moved to accept treasurer's report, Al seconded. Motion carried.

Item #7, Bob Julian discussed his proposal to increase membership dues. (Bob McCabe confirmed that the treasury has gone down \$70,000 in the last 5 years.) He feels that in order to fund other programs, paid positions and future proposals we need to raise the dues. He said that we had not raised dues since 1995 and proposed raising the dues from \$10 to \$12, couples to \$15. Life Memberships could remain at \$80 but change from age 60 to 65, juniors to stay at \$3. Larry Hassett suggested that Life Memberships be set up in a separate fund with yearly withdrawals going to the general fund. Bob McCabe said this would not change anything, as the

bottom line would remain the same. Larry also mentioned the costs of mailing CW outside the US. Cathy suggested "Grass Roots only" dues that would not receive CW. Bob Milk suggested making CW available on line, thus eliminating postage to those who choose to receive it electronically. Joe Bernard asked if the raise of the sanctioning fee starting in August 2006 would address the shortage. Bob McCabe said the raise would add about \$8000 per year. Following much discussion about this proposal, Herschel made a motion to have a committee study these issues and bring back a proposal to the BOD in September. Seconded by Joe. Motion carried.

Item #8, Larry Hasset talked about the advantages of offering multiple year memberships. He made a motion to allow multiple year individual and joint memberships, seconded by Ron. After further discussion, the motion was amended by Herschel to allow individual and joint memberships to be paid for a maximum of 3 years in advance. Seconded by Ron. Motion carried.

Item #9, Martha presented her proposal to change Article IV of the ACC Constitution and By-Laws. These changes reflect improvements in grammar, spelling and word choice, and an alteration in the definition of "member in good standing". After discussion an amendment to the proposal was made by Larry Samet to include the wording "for five years" to the end of the last sentence in section h. George moved to accept the proposal as amended, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Item #10, Joan presented a proposal to change Article VII of the ACC Constitution and By-Laws. This change was to remove the word "National" in the Grass Roots Commissioner's title. She moved to accept this proposal, seconded by Cathy. Motion carried

Item #11, Dan updated the BOD on the Youth Program. He said since he had written his teaching manual, he has sent out over 400 copies and he can now send them out electronically. He said that he has 81 kids signed up for his upcoming 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Tournament.

Item #12, 2006 TOC & JPW/ACC Open Update: Joan said that she has 552 registered for the TOC, the highest number ever. She sent out invitations by e-mail this year which saved on postage and printing. Jeanne said that as of now there were 1025 paid entrants to the Open. Roy said that the additional \$4000 given by the Sands was going to be distributed to the lower brackets in the playoffs.

Item #13, Pat gave an update on Grand National 2006 in Wisconsin. He handed out envelopes to the BOD with an entry form and their hotel reservation confirmations.

Item #14, Dave gave an update on Grand National 2007 in Portland, Maine. He stated that it is tentatively scheduled for September 27-30, 2007, at Verillo's Convention Center, which is connected to Howard Johnson's. The airport is about 5 minutes away, and there are several hotels in the area with prices ranging from \$79 to \$119. Jeanne made a motion to award GNXXVI to Dave Campbell, seconded by Al. Motion carried.

Item #15, Martha to present proposed changes tournament policies and procedures:

- a. After discussion regarding midweek tournaments, Martha decided to drop this proposal. The consensus of the BOD was to leave the rules for midweek's as they now stand.
- b. The proposal to require better documentation of cash prizes was discussed, with agreement that improvement is needed. George made a motion that Tournament Directors be required to document cash payouts, entry fees and cash donations for each event, and submit copies of all expenses, effective 8/1/06, seconded by Cathy. Motion

carried. George will construct new reporting forms that have an area to report the cash payouts.

- c. A proposal to require directors of ACC sanctioned tournaments to disclose (to prospective entrants) what part of a combined entry + Q-pool entry in a tournament is Q-pool and what part of the entry is paid in the playoff rounds of any sanctioned tournament. Jeff made a motion to accept this proposal. Seconded by Al. Motion carried.
- d. Discussion of providing playoff bracket sheets. Jeanne brought copies of 32 and 64 bracket sheets and gave them to Tournament Commissioners George and Joe. It was decided that brackets could be made available to tournament directors at no expense.
- e. The requirement for all tournament directors and co-directors to be judges was discussed. Herschel made a motion to change this requirement to: a tournament director of an ACC sanctioned tournament must either be an ACC certified judge or must have an ACC certified judge available during the entire time that sanctioned play is taking place. Seconded by Cathy. Motion carried. 17-8.
- f. The slow-play information provided by Larry Samet was discussed. No changes to current policy were made, but it was suggested that this information be printed in CW.
- g. Discussion of the proposal to change the wording dealing with tournament directors profiting from tournaments led to the consensus that we need to get some professional advice on this issue. Martha will take care of this.
- h. George said he would make one change to the Tournament Director's Information Booklet: under tournament mechanics VI, D-9, insert proposal by Herschel regarding tournament director's requirement to be certified judges (see item e. above). Martha had 2 corrections: page 2, VI, D-7 to add the word shall "the official ACC Rule Book *shall* be used in all judging situations", and on page 3, VIII, A, last paragraph should read "players in the Q-pool should have their scorecards distinctively identified". Larry Samet suggested that the words "which would be selectively unfair" be eliminated at the end of the second sentence under section X, A, and that under section VIII, A, the wording in the last paragraph be changed from payback *formula* to payback *method*. George was thanked for his work on this project.

Item #16:

- (a) Roy, Valerie, and Gary Sumner requested a variance to allow sanctioning to be reinstated to a mid-week tournament (Glacier Watch) being held June 10, in conjunction with another tournament aboard a cruise ship on June 14 (Whale Watch). Jeff made a motion to grant a one-time variance for this tournament only. Seconded by Valerie. Motion carried.
- (b) Dave Aiken requested a variance to hold a double elimination tournament in the Central region at some time during the next 12 months. Jeff made a motion to grant Dave this variance for a period from now until 2/31/07. Seconded by George. Motion carried.

William Roderick requested that the BOD consider starting the meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. He said he would be happy to donate a flag for this.

The BOD recessed for the lunch break at 1:30 p.m., to resume at 2:00 p.m. Martha announced that the afternoon session would be closed during the discussion of agenda items #17 & #18, then re-opened for spectators.

Item 17, Dwight reported the Ethics Committee recommended expulsion of the Saiks, and Martha said that the Executive Committee concurred with the recommendation so that hearing regarding this expulsion will be included on the September BOD meeting agenda. Materials regarding this action will be sent out to the BOD and the Saiks will be notified that they can present a defense at this time. They will remain suspended until the hearing. Dwight said that the Ethic's

committee would meet following today's BOD meeting to work out a final decision on the Glashan matter.

Item #18, Pat distributed out the Hall of Fame ballots to each BOD member. There were 8 candidates nominated. One person was elected. The BOD congratulated George Bickford on his election to the HOF.

Item #19, Larry Samet presented his proposal to change procedures in the HOF voting. After quite a lot of discussion and input the proposal was presented as:

The BOD of the ACC will select a group of ACC members who will vote in elections to the HOF. This group (hereafter called the Panel) will consist of 100 members, selected in groups of 3 by each BOD member, plus the BOD members.

To be on the panel a person must:

- a. be an ACC member for at least 5 years
- b. have played in tournaments in at least 2 regions of the country
- c. be able to state that he/she has followed and will follow events and careers in the ACC, and that he/she is interested and able to cast votes concerning who is deserving of entry into the HOF
- d. be absolutely willing to always return a ballot. It would be acceptable to cast a ballot with no names; it would be unacceptable to not return a ballot, and this would result in removal from the panel. We will demand 100% voting by the panel
- e. be able to vote on merits, rather than politics
- f. serve a term of 2 years on the panel

Rather than list requirements and points for election, this section reviews some of the contributions and qualities that the ACC feels make a person worthy of election to the HOF. A 75% vote (75 votes) for any candidate results in election:

- a. He/she must be a member in good standing for 7 consecutive years, or 5 consecutive years, if death intervened. He/she must have displayed and complied with the rules of ethical play, and have displayed and complied with the standards of good sportsmanship.
- b. Contributions such as: serving on the BOD, paid positions for the BOD, sanctioned tournament director, grass roots commissioner, certified judge, assistants to tournament directors.
- c. Accomplishments such as attainment of Master, Grand Master, Life Master, etc. as well as All American Awards, National Championship, All Regional Awards, winning sanctioned events. Achievement in grass roots such as: bronze, silver or gold awards, club championship, and regional or national tournament championship.
- d. Unique or special contributions to the ACC and the game of Cribbage.

Larry Hassett made a motion to adopt this proposal. Seconded by Cathy. Motion carried. Each BOD member should have 3 candidates chosen for this panel by the next BOD meeting. It was suggested that Larry Samet write an article about this new HOF election process for CW. He said he would also make a form with the requirements so the candidates for the panel could sign their acceptance.

Item #20, Larry Hassett's proposed changes to Policy Manual:

BOD Elections: after several suggestions regarding his proposed changes to Sec.4, Larry made a motion to accept the proposal with the changes, seconded by Valerie. Motion carried.

Ethics: deferred because it requires changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

HOF: proposed changes were discussed

Tournament Director's Profit: we will seek professional advice regarding this.

Roy asked Larry Hassett about the updated sheets of the Constitution and By-Laws that Larry had distributed to the BOD. Roy asked him to correct a date error.

George stated that for the last 4 years the ACC had been supplying game scorecards and needed to order more to be printed with approval from the BOD.

He said it would cost about \$1500 for 82,000 scorecards. He made a motion for the BOD to approve the printing of scorecards, not to exceed \$1500, seconded by Sharon. Motion carried

Dan brought to the BOD's attention that the Sands had been sponsoring his youth tournament for the last seven years, giving him \$500 per year. He has bought t-shirts, cribbage boards, and this year sets of pegs. He asked that we remember to thank them for their support at the reception.

Next BOD meeting: Friday, September 29, 2006 at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. At 10:00 a.m.

Valerie moved that the meeting be adjourned, with several seconds. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.