

American Cribbage Congress
Board of Director's Meeting
MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE PHOENIX DOWNTOWN HOTEL – PHOENIX, ARIZONA
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

Valerie Sumner led the **Pledge of Allegiance** (Should Pledge of Allegiance be on the left followed by a colon and then state that Valerie led us?)

Roll call: Present: Dave Aiken, Pat Barrett, Henry Bergeron, Dave Campbell, Annett Eiffert, Willie Evans, Richard Frost, Roland Hall, Don Hannula, Jeanne Hofbauer, Roy Hofbauer, Ron Logan, Bob Milk, Dave O'Neil, Larry Phifer, Bruce Sattler, Todd Schaefer, Phyllis Schmidt, Peggy Shea, Jeff Shimp, Wayne Steinmetz, Valerie Sumner, Keith Widener. Approved absence for Tom Cookman & Bill Medeiros. (Should ampersands be used? There are a few other times when they are used).

Approved Agenda:

Action: Peggy S. made a motion to approve the agenda. ~~2nd by~~ Phyllis S. 2nd motion. **Motion a** Approved. (There are several times when the minutes have the result of the motion capitalized and several times when it is not capitalized. I will not point these all out).

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Minutes of the February 6, 2014:

Action: Jeanne H. made a motion to approve the minutes. ~~2nd by~~ Valerie S. 2nd motion. **Motion** Approved.

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Elections of Officers: Phyllis S. read the names of BoD members running for each office: **President**-1 Nomination, **Jeanne H.** - Unanimous vote to accept Jeanne H. as President. **Executive VP**- 1 Nomination, **Todd S.**- Unanimous vote to accept Todd S as Executive VP. **VP of Policy**- 2 Nominations, Keith W. and Valerie S., **Keith W.** elected. **VP of Operations**- 1 Nomination, **Dave C.** - Unanimous vote to accept Dave C. as VP of Operations. **Member at Large**- 2 Nominations, Jeff S and Roland H. **Jeff S.** elected.

Update Grand National XXXIII: Brion Neeley reported that there were 152 players in the Roadrunner Main Midweek tournament, with 128 in the Consolation, 104 in the satellite tournament on Thursday night and 136 in the Friday morning tournament. Brion N. also reported that they have 298 players pre-registered for the Grand National Main and hopes to have 10-20 more players. Brion N. expressed his appreciation to his co-directors Valerie S. and Denise Fortin for their hard work and support. Brion N. wanted to let everyone know there is a **h**ospitality room set up with snacks and sodas for everyone to enjoy during the Grand National through Tuesday. Brion N. also gave special **t**hanks to Barbara W. (The first time that a person is mentioned, I think the last name should be spelled out so that all readers know to whom the minutes refer. This would be the case here as well as Scott (page 1), Marlene, Larry and Diane (page 2), Joan and Pat (page 3), Norm and Delynn (page 8) and Herschel (page 9) from the Sands Hotel Casino for being at the GN all week and providing her assistance. Brion N. gave a small jar of jelly to each BOD member in appreciation. Willie E. wanted to express that **he** while he appreciates the gesture, **h**e believes that the BOD should not accept gifts and that these things should be given to the members. Willie E. returned his gift from Brion N.

Update Grand National XXXIV: Scott K. reported that he has many sponsors for the tournament. All raffle money will go towards the payouts so there will be well over 100% payback. Scott K. said that there are 121 rooms available at the host **h**otel and he encourages everyone to make their reservation as soon as possible. Scott K. reported that a year ago there was only one member in the ACC that lived in Yankton, and now there are 38. Don Thienel will be hosting a **w**weekday tournament prior to the GN 34 in Omaha, NE at the Comfort Inn. Don T. has secured a rate of \$79 for the rooms, with free parking and a hot breakfast during the tournament.

Bids for Grand National XXXV: Bruce S. asked about getting contact information for members so he could start sending out information about the Grand National. Bruce S. also asked about how he could get cribbage boards for the upcoming Grand National. Jeanne H. said that he should contact the local Grass Roots Clubs and see if he could use some of their cribbage boards. Bruce S. asked if there was a tax exempt number that could be used for the tournament. Jeff S. said he would like to express his gratitude to Jill Kraatz for her negotiation in getting a great rate and contracts with several ~~h~~Hotels and suggests that other members contact her in the future if the need arises.

Bids for Grand National XXXVI: Todd S. reminded everyone that we need to be mindful of the next GN to be considered in the West in 2017. An announcement in the last Crib World (~~should it be Crib World or Cribbage World?~~) requested that anyone interested should contact him for a form. Todd S. reported that at this time he has no official requests, and that it will run in Crib World through January, and we will make a decision in Feb. (~~Should all the months be spelled out?~~) at our next meeting. Peggy S. reported that she is interested in hosting the next GN in the West at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City, OR, with Rick Shea, Jeanne H, & Roy H. as co-directors. She reported that she has already received a proposal from the ~~c~~Casino, the same one that hosted the tournament in 2005, and at which ~~had~~ 556 people attended. Peggy S. reported that Chinook Winds Casino has been very generous with their proposal with no requirements for rooms and meals, and ~~is~~are willing to provide the playing site for free and also contribute money for the tournament. She said that she would be asking the BOD to allow this GN to be held the weekend after Labor Day to coordinate with a long running tournament in North Bend, OR. Valerie S. also reported that she will be working with James (~~who is James?~~) from Las Vegas, NV to put in a bid, and they too would be asking for the tournament to be held the weekend after Labor Day in 2017. James has already hosted a tournament in Las Vegas with great success and the ~~c~~Casino is working with them to put together a bid. All bids will be submitted to the BOD in Feb. at which time the BOD will make a selection.

Treasurer's Report: Marlene L. discussed the income statement, comparative balance sheet and cash balance sheet.

Marlene L. reported that the ACC spent \$2,200 for 60,000 score cards, 32 ~~b~~Bracket boards for \$640, and also purchased equipment: \$2,300 for ~~a~~ cComputer for Dave A., \$1,900 ~~for a~~ cComputer for Marlene L., and \$300 for ~~a~~ new printer for the Hofbauer's. We have also seen an increase in the printing cost of Crib World in the amount of \$3,300. Marlene L. reported the ACC investment has grown from \$50,000 to \$53,538 since the investment 16 months ago. **Action:** Peggy S. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, ~~2nd by~~ Wayne S. ~~2nd motion.~~ **Motion approved.**

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ACC Policy & Procedure Manual: Keith W. passed out the new policies. Ch2.II.A.2.f; Ch6.VII.B; Ch6.VIII.B.I.d; Ch10.II.C.3.a; Ch10.II.C.3.d; Ch10.II.E.2.d

Keith W. went over the proper way to replace new policies in the manual, and asked each BOD member to review the changes being made in order to be clear that the new policy is what was approved and voted on. Jeanne H. asked that new contact information be given to Peggy S. so she can send out an updated contact list of all BOD members with the minutes from the meeting.

Membership Secretary Report: Jeanne H. reported that Larry H. was unable to attend the meeting due to personal reasons. Dave C. asked that if anyone has any requests for the Membership Secretary that they go through him at this time. Jeanne H. asked if anyone had any questions on the report that Larry H. sent out to the BOD. Bob M. asked why there was a change in the mailing address. Jeanne H. said that the private mail box company Larry was using had closed, so Larry got a new USPS box, and that was why there was a change on the membership application. **Action:** Bob M. made a motion to accept the report as submitted, Keith W. 2nd motion. **Motion approved.**

Old Business:

Pay Pal Update: Dave C. has a web page set up, but is still working on this project.

Updated tournament director's handbook: Roy H. reported that he has received most of the information for an updated handbook. Dave O. is putting together the information for the handbook. Roy H. also reported that the forms ~~which that~~ tournament directors use to fill out requests ~~and~~ reports are now available in PDF format and have been provided to Diane W. to put on the website. Bob M. said he will format the forms so they can be filled ~~out~~ on the computer and submitted to make the process easier. Joan R. asked for there to be a definition as to the difference between expenses and player benefits on the sanctioning reports on the new forms. Roland H. asked that ~~therey~~ be a sample payout table that directors could use to calculate payouts. Jeanne H. said that it would be impossible to mandate every tournament's payouts, but the table could be used as a guideline.

Technology Ccommittee update- New Masterpoint Ssoftware: Dave C. reported that the bids are still being reviewed by the committee. Dave C. reported that he has received two bids to re-do the entire program ranging from \$25,000-\$40,000, or do a fix for what we need done now for approximately \$3,000. Jeanne H. asked that we take this project and break it down to several phases. Discussion ~~concerning~~ the fact that we have been working on this project for over 4 years and we need to act before our current program does not work. It was discussed that the things that need immediate attention be addressed now. Jeanne H. reported that Denny Moore would attend our Feb. BoD meeting and present information. Joan R. reported that she found that using someone such as Denny M.~~oore~~ who is familiar with what our program needs, is a better solution than going outside of the ACC. Bob M. said that we should open the bid to anyone ~~who that~~ wants to bid, but to remember that we have two members in the ACC that have the experience and knowledge. Bob M. said that the Technology Ccommittee would define what Phase I would include point by point before going to bid. It was discussed that each bid should contain details and time lines to complete each pPhase. The Technology Ccommittee consists of Dave C. Marlene L. Bob M. Diane W. & Dave A.

Action: Dave A. made a motion that the Technology Committee get bids for pPhase I of the pProject from Denny M.~~oore~~ and Paul Gregson and allow the Executive Committee to decide which bid to accept. Keith W. 2nd motion. **Motion approved.**

New side event at GN tourney's: Valerie S. asked to have this deferred to the Feb. BoD meeting.

Proposal to award MRP's to all Qualifiers: Richard F. discussed the results from the survey of awarding MRP's to all qualifiers in ACC sanctioned tournaments. The survey was sent to all Grass Roots Clubs and presented at many tournaments over the past 7 months. We had 1066 people participating from 32 states throughout all 3 regions. Richard ~~FR~~ reported the results of the survey determined 90.62% supported the proposal and only 9.38% did not like the idea. Richard F. reported that this was not an idea that he came up with, he was given this proposal from one of the members ~~who that~~ voted him in office. Richard F. reported that he found that there would have been 12,054 more points awarded to players last year between all members with an average of 8 additional points per member. Richard F. said that some players would receive more if they played in more tournaments ~~in which where~~ they qualified. Last year the most any one person would have received using this point system would have been Bob Bartosh receiving 72 additional points. Richard F. reported that there are 2,740 players in the ACC that do not have one MRP to their name which represents 43% of our membership.

Richard F. reported that some of the "cons" for this proposal were that the tournament directors would see an increase in reporting time and that there would be an increase in the number of awards being earned. Richard F. said that he talked with Paul Hatcher who was not in support of the proposal and that he was not informed correctly in the fact that you would only receive 5 points for Main~~s~~ and 3 for

Consolations when you are in the bottom half of qualifiers. Bob M. clarified that of the 2,740 members who do not have MRP's is due to the fact that they only play Grass Roots members. Consider re-wording the last sentence so it reads like this: Bob M. said the reason why 2,740 members have no MRPs is due to the fact that they only play Grass Roots members. Roy H. said that he and Jeanne H. received several calls from members who were given the survey and were told to just sign it and were not given information about what they were signing. Roy H. reported that there was a survey at his tournament in Lincoln City that had all no votes and only one yes vote, but it was never turned in to be calculated. Richard F. said he personally explained to every person that he spoke to what the proposal meant and if they did not understand, they should vote no. Roland H. did say that when he presented the survey he thought that they points would be awarded on a sliding scale based upon the score and not just the flat point system. Dave A. said he felt that the survey did not present the "cons" to this proposal and that there may have been some strong arm tactics when presented. Dave A. also does not feel that he can trust the survey, as it may not represent what the members would really want. Pat L. reported that in the tournaments that she directs many players are disappointed when they find out that they were not receiving MRP's for qualifying when they are in the bottom half. Don H. said that we should do what is best for the ACC and that it does not hurt anything to award more points, and that we should share points and build the membership of the ACC. Jeanne H. said that there are consequences to awarding points for every action there is a reaction. Joan R. reported that we gave more points in Grass Roots and we are not seeing a decline in membership. Bruce S. said that as elected members of the Board by the membership, we should listen to what the survey results were saying and let our votes go in that direction.

Action: Ron L. made a motion that a All qualifiers shall receive qualifying points. The lower half shall receive 5 MRP's for the Main and 3 MRP's for Consolation Tournaments effective beginning with the 2015-2016 season. Jeff S. 2nd motion. **Motion approved** 20 for and 3 against.

Proposal to change dates of JPW/ACC Open: Dave C. reported that over the last 5-6 years we have had many members not be able to attend the tournaments due to bad weather. Dave C. would like to move the JPW/ACC Open tournament to the 1st weekend in March in order to help members in the areas affected by the winter weather in Feb. Pat B. reported that if we do put this off until 2017 we have the time we may need to move the existing tournaments scheduled the first weekend in March to another date. It was reported that this would not be a problem for the Sands or any of the directors. **Action:** Dave A. made a motion to move the JPW/ACC Open tournament to the 1st weekend in March beginning March 2017. Roland H. 2nd motion. **Motion approved.**

Proposal to change dates of Grand National: Dave C. reported that every year there is a rush to prepare all the awards for the GN banquet. Dave C. would like to move the dates of the Grand National to allow more time to prepare the awards. There was discussion around the fact that if we do change the GN we should not interfere with any of the nNational hHolidays, and that this would interfere with tournaments that are already on those dates outside of that time frame. Bob M. said that he does not feel that we need to change the dates as we have made and can make exemptions to the policy as needed. After discussion it was determined that we should just extend the dates through the end of October. **Action:** Keith W. made a motion to change the current pPolicy regarding the dates of the Grand National to include the entire month of October. Bob M. 2nd motion. **Motion approved.**

Proposal to change February BOD meeting day: Keith W. said he would like to change the meeting day to the Tuesday prior to the TOC. Keith W. said this would move the tournament in Susanville to Wednesday & Thursday and also not to run into the scheduled TOC tournament on Thursday evening. Keith W. asked that we think about this with the mindset of the entire ACC and not just on a personal level. It was also discussed to maybe move the meeting to after the JPW Open, but this would conflict with the Topaz tournament that has been going on for many years. Several BoD members reported that they are not able to take that much time off from work to travel to Reno several days earlier along with the added expense of hHotels and meals. It was also stated that we might not have as many ACC

members come to the Board meetings if we have it 3 days prior to the TOC on Friday. Keith W. said that he feels this would not take away from people attending the meeting and that it might increase attendance as members could attend the meeting and also all the other tournaments. **Action:** Keith W. made a motion to change the Reno BoD meeting to the Tuesday prior to the TOC. Roland H. 2nd motion. **Motion Defeated.**

Proposal to monitor tournament late fees: Dave C. discussed his concerns about the late fees that are being charged to players who do not register for some tournaments by the deadline set by the director. It was discussed that in some cases it is \$5.00 per person, and now in some areas it has grown to \$10.00 per person. Dave A. made a suggestion that we have a line on the sanctioning reports to list late fees collected and how they were paid out. Several people reported that in their tournament they have many walk-ins and that it may cause a problem when the director is providing lunch for each player. Other BoD members report that there is no need for a late fee; it just takes planning and extra help to get everyone registered in time to start the tournament. After much discussion, it was decided that the money should go back to the players and that it should be monitored by the respective tournament commissioners. Jeanne H. asked the 3 Tournament Commissioners to discuss this and come back to the BoD with their feedback in February.

Proposal for pay increase for Membership Secretary & CW Editor: Dave C. wanted the BoD to consider an increase in the monthly stipend for the Membership Secretary and the CW Editor as their job takes a tremendous amount of time each month. There was a lot of discussion around this how much should we increase the pay. Dave C. said that with the amount of hours spent each month he felt that giving each position \$900 per month would not be unreasonable. CW Editor spends about 60 hours each month, and the Membership Secretary spends over 100 hours each month. Several BoD members felt that this was too large of an increase, while others felt that this was needed as we have not increased compensation for these positions in many years. It was pointed out that by paying \$900 it still does not compensate the position for the amount of time that they are spending doing the job. Dave C. said that other organizations have full time paid employees doing this job. Willie E. said that anyone who takes on these positions does not do it for the money, and that while we should increase their stipend maybe we could do it on a smaller scale. Richard F. brought up concerns that if we do increase their stipend is the ACC in danger of running out of money with the expense of the new software program. Bruce S. suggested that we may want to break the proposal into two proposals; one for each position. It was decided to vote on the two positions together. **Action:** Ron L. made a motion to increase the monthly stipend for Membership Secretary and CW Editor from \$600 to \$900. Todd S. 2nd motion. **Motion Approved.**

Proposal for rules app: Bob M. introduced Scott Harker (ACC Member) from DejaVu Software. Scott H. explained that his company can create an ACC Rule Book App for iPhone's and Android phones for anyone to access. Scott H., owner of the DejaVu Company, said that he is discounting the fee to the ACC and would put a limit on the total cost as he believes in supporting the ACC. There was discussion about this being a good thing for the ACC as our logo would be out there for people who might not have heard of the ACC. It was discussed about charging for the App. The BoD decided that it should be a free App for anyone to download. The bid was discussed and Scott H. said that the cost would be \$1,000 for iPhones and \$2,000 for the Android phones, due to additional time involved. Jeanne H. brought up the concern that when we do print new rule books will this reduce the number of books sold. Todd S. said that the rule book is available free now on our website. It was also discussed about updates to the rule book and how that would be addressed. Scott H. said that there could be minor changes made at no cost as long as they were not significant. Scott H. said that he could have the App out by Christmas 2014. Scott H. said that if the ACC decides to charge for the App that could be done at a later date. Roy H. asked if we could add a link and contact person to the App so people could find out more about the ACC. Scott H. said that might be possible. **Action:** Bruce S. made a motion to accept the proposal from DejaVu to develop an App for the iPhone and the Android not to exceed \$3,000. Todd S. 2nd motion. **Motion Approved.**

Proposal on BOD vote recording: Henry B. wanted the BoD to have the minutes of the meeting reflect how each BoD member votes on proposals at the Board meeting. He suggested if a vote that has five or less in the minority, then the names of the BoD members who voted be listed, also if there are six or more BoD members voting in the minority then the names of the BoD members who voted in the majority be listed. Henry B. also wanted the minutes to reflect the names of any BoD member who abstained for any vote. There was a lot of discussion around how much longer the BoD minutes would be to list the names on each vote. Jeff S. and Roland H. said they support the idea as it adds accountability for the BoD members as long as it does not include the voting of BoD officers. It was felt by many BoD members that we have open meetings where anyone can join in and listen, or they can ask other BoD members how they voted and that this was an unnecessary process. Keith W. said that if we only list the names of who were in the minority the membership might not have all the information regarding why the vote went a certain way. Don H. feels that there may be times ~~when that~~ a member may read how a BoD member voted on a particular motion and form an opinion for or against the BoD member without all the information that went into the specific vote. Jeanne H. asked that we communicate to the membership about any questions on how or why we voted on issues. Peggy S. said that she could send out the completed BoD minutes (minus an Closed session items) to Diane W. and have them put on the ACC website for ACC membership to view. **Action:** Henry B. made a motion that in the minutes it reflects if five or less are in the minority, then the names of the BoD members who voted be listed, and if there are six or more BoD members voting in the minority then the names of the BoD members who voted in the majority also be listed. Todd S. 2nd motion. **Motion Defeated.**

Proposal to form committee to study addition to website: Henry B. said he would like to see a new section to our website entitled "Items of Interest". Henry B. said the topics could be CW Headline News, BoD minutes, Tournament winners, Awards, etc. Several BoD members felt this was a good idea and others felt this was already listed in our CW now. Bob M. feels that this is the same information that we currently post in the CW monthly so he does not feel this brings any value. Peggy S. said that this could be a forum to post the current BoD minutes. Jeanne H. asked Henry B. to work with Diane W. and form a committee of 5 members and bring back their recommendations to the Board.

Proposal for regional placement additions: Henry B. said that he feels there is some oversight that certain geographic areas are not presently included in the 3 regions that the ACC uses. The specific areas are the District of Columbia, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. It was also pointed out that the official name of Newfoundland was changed to Newfoundland and Labrador. Henry B. feels that if we want to continue to expand our membership we should address these areas so we can properly include them in one of our regions. Valerie S. asked that we also include our ~~i~~International members also. Jeanne H. asked Keith W. to correct our current Policy and Procedures Manual to include the District of Columbia, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and the International members

Discussion of changing BOD meetings to coincide with start of fiscal year: Richard F. said that there is no need to discuss this topic as we changed the dates of the TOC and the JPW Open.

Discussion on awarding MRP's to ~~l~~ong ~~m~~atches: Dave A. reported that at any one time, there are 10-12 long matches going on around the country. Dave A. reported that the interest in long matches has increased. It has been brought up by members the possibility of awarding MRP's. There was discussion around how this would be done and how it would be monitored. Jeanne H. said that if we do consider this, it should be a separate point system just as the internet cribbage point system. There was discussion about there not being the ability to monitor the play and keep everyone honest. Jeanne H. asked Dave A. to get together a committee with Brion N. as a member and bring back to the BoD in February with their findings and suggestions.

Discussion on requiring sanctioned tournament fliers to display ACC logo: Bob M. ~~stated~~~~brought up~~ that many tournament fliers do not have the ACC logo on them and they also do not state if they are an ACC sanctioned tournament. Several people ~~said~~~~brought up~~ that they submit their flier to their respective Regional Tournament Commissioner for approval and have not been told to make the additions. Don H. reported that he has a Casino that sponsors his tournament and they made up and printed the fliers with the ACC logo on the back page. Don H. said that he is very proud that his tournament is an ACC sanctioned tournament and does not feel that he should not use the fliers that ~~they~~~~we~~ made for him. Most agreed that they are in favor of seeing the logo and felt that this was a good idea. Annett E. said that she is concerned about using the ACC logo and suggested that we have a special logo made up that says ACC Sanctioned Event. **Action:** Valerie S. made a motion that all tournament fliers have the wording ACC Sanctioned Tournament on the front of the flier and have it approved by the Regional Tournament Commissioner. Richard F. 2nd motion. **Motion Approved.** Jeanne H. said that she would like to see the ACC logo on the front page of the CW. Dave A. said that he needs someone to make the logo in a compatible format for him to add it to the CW. Dave A. will see if he can find someone that can help make that possible.

Discussion on tournament payouts: Dave C. brought up concerns over the major differences on how tournaments payouts are handled. There is concern by some ACC members that there is such a huge difference in the payout structure. There was a lot of discussion ~~concerning~~~~around~~ how some tournaments pay out top heavy while others are bottom heavy. Bob M. said that Todd Malmgren has created a percentage based payout table that many people use, and it makes calculating the payouts so easy and consistent. Don H. said that when we go to a tournament and we see concerns over the payouts we could ask the director if they might be open to a suggestion, or offer assistance with the payouts. It was agreed that we do not want to mandate how ~~a~~~~directors~~ would calculate their payouts, but to offer suggested guidelines. Pat B. reported that there were tournaments in the past where the first round players were knocked out without receiving any prizes. Willie E. said that he feels that there is some inconsistency between the JPW Open and the TOC in Reno every year. Joan R. reported that the TOC has changed their payouts over the years to spread the prizes down to the lower brackets. Peggy S. said that consistency of using the same method that spreads the prizes to all qualifiers seems to be liked by most people and that we should all try to be more consistent and use percentages as the rule when calculating payouts. Dave C. reported that he will get the payout structure that is being used at the GN and send that out to his region as a guideline and asked that other commissioners should follow the same rule.

Committee Reports:

Executive:— Jeanne H reported that Bob M. has resigned as the Internet Commissioner and ~~they~~ that the Executive Committee will be interviewing John Shaffer and Tammy Gibbons as possible replacements. The ACC sent flowers to Todd S. when he was sick and \$50 to the "Relay for Life" and \$50 to "Autism Speaks" in memory of Charlie Finley. We reimbursed Norm N. \$1,166.20 for the ad in the "American Legion" ~~n~~ ~~for the cost~~ ~~\$1,166.20~~.

Ethics:— Ron L. said he has received 13 situations which resulted in ~~three~~~~3~~ suspensions (~~two~~~~2~~ for 6 months and one for 12 months), and 10 warning letters relating to rude behavior and language. **Action:** Ron L. proposed placing the following sentence in the Policy & Procedures Manual to be designated as II. Duties B-1 onto page 9-1 (Ethics Committee) "Individuals who have been expelled or are currently suspended are prohibited from participation in any ACC function, including but not limited to: sanctioned events, satellite events, internet events, banquets, BOD meetings, and any Grass Roots events. Bob M. 2nd motion. **Motion Approved.**

Grass Roots:— Joan R. reported that we have the Grass Roots meeting set for 4:00 on Saturday and everyone is encouraged to attend. Joan R. also reported we have 193 active Grass Roots clubs, with 7

new clubs. There are 7 clubs in Division 4 which is the Lite Club (6 games). Joan R. reported that in the last meeting and through conversations with members there was some concern about how many game points were needed to earn points in the Division 4 clubs. Currently it is set that we award points to Division 4 players if they have 4 wins or 9 points. There was discussion about what is fair in comparison to the format in the 9 game divisions. **Action:** Larry P. made a motion ~~that m-~~Members of ~~the~~ Division 4 would receive points if they scored 8 points or more. Willie E. 2nd motion. **Motion Approved.** Joan R. said there are still some concerns about members not getting along in Grass Roots as usual.

Joan R. also wanted to discuss changing the current policy relating to invitations to play in the GRTOC. Joan R. proposed that the current club champions earn a 3 year invitation and could play in 3 consecutive years by winning the club once. Joan R. suggested that we give an invite to the last two years so they don't lose the opportunity to play if they were waiting for the GN to be in their region. Dave A. said that he has put on this tournament for several years and has considered many suggestions, and feels this proposal would be a good one. **Action:** Dave A. made a motion ~~that e-~~Each club champion earns a three-year invitation and could play GRTOC three consecutive years by winning the club championship once, effective ~~beginning with the~~ 2015 GRTOC. Dave O. 2nd motion. **Motion Approved.**

Joan R. said that she would also like to expand the invites to the TOC, and discussed the possibility of increasing the invite to a 2 year invitation. There was discussion if we should change the guidelines and if so, how we should change. It was suggested that we could award a lifetime invite to the TOC if someone were to win a sanctioned tournament. Don H. said as much as he would like to continue to grow the TOC, it may not be fair to award a lifetime invite if they win one consolation when others worked years to achieve the invite. Don H. reported ~~that~~ he sent out over 1,700 invites and only 460 attended. It was also said ~~that,~~ if we increased the number of invites, we would more than likely increase the number in attendance in the TOC and JPW Open. Joan R. explained that this is increasing the invites to a two year invite instead of just a one year invite. **Action:** Larry P. made a motion ~~to g-~~Give a two year invite to the Club Champions, winners of Sanctioned Events, to the top 10%, GRRT winners, GRNT Winner, to be effective ~~beginning with the~~ 2016 TOC. Dave C. 2nd motion. **Motion Approved.**

Internet:- Bob M. reported that we had over 300 internet tournaments each year and had over 300 members playing. We still need more tournament directors for the internet. Bob M. announced that Tim Julkowski was the internet winner this year, so it is possible to compete and be an internet director. Bob M. also announced that he is stepping down as the Internet Commissioner, but is willing to be the back-up this next year.

Judges: Jeff S. announced that he still has vacancies as Senior Judges and if anyone has any suggestions for candidates, to please send them to him for consideration for current or future vacancies.

PR/Publicity:- Norm N. wanted the BoD to consider the possibility of running an advertisement in the 'Square Dance' programs. Norm N. feels this ~~is was~~ a good opportunity for the ACC to get the word out to the public and maybe reach people ~~who that~~ may have some interest in our Grass Roots Programs. Jeff S. said that the demographics in the ~~s~~quare ~~d~~ancing association, ~~of which Paul Barnes is a member,~~ are the same as the ACC, and if we put an ad in their magazine, we would get a free booth at their event ~~which Paul Barnes is a member of-~~. **Action:** Bob M. made a motion to spend \$800 to advertise in the 'Square Dance' program. Willie E. 2nd motion. **Motion Approved.**

Rules: Wayne S. said that ~~he~~ had a meeting with the Rules Committee and that he will update the BoD in February.

Tournament Rules & Guidelines:- Roy H. said he had nothing to report.

Youth Program: Dan Z. ~~was~~ not in attendance and ~~had~~ nothing to report at this time.

Officer Reports:

President: ~~—~~ Jeanne H. reported that the ACC gave \$300 as a stipend to Delynn C. for creating and bringing the awards to the GN; \$275 for the Polk County Fair; \$200 for the Oregon State Fair; \$500 for the Washington State Fair; Peggy S. \$150 for recording secretary. Jeanne H. reported that she found our logo in a league document used by Robert Kopp. He was contacted and ~~hethey~~ will not be using our logo in the future.

Executive VP Report: ~~—~~ Todd S. reported that he is still looking for anyone ~~twhoat~~ has interest in hosting the GN in 2017.

VP of Policy Report: ~~—~~ Keith W. reported that he is still looking into online voting for the upcoming BoD elections for next year.

VP of Operations Report: ~~—~~ Dave C. reported that we have seen a cost for producing CW going up. Dave C. said if we keep the CW to 36 pages or under we will stay within budget. Once we go over 36 pages the cost is the same, but we should not discourage Dave A. from putting information in CW. Valerie S. brought up the possibility of offering online access for members ~~whothat~~ want to view CW online.

Member at Large Report: ~~—~~ Jeff S. ~~had~~ nothing new to report.

Possible to have Grass Roots 18 game tournament be used: Dave A. wanted to know if it is possible to have the same 18 game tournament count as a GR tournament and also an ACC sanctioned tournament at the same time. Dave A. said the same score card could be used to report two different tournaments, and wondered if it could be sanctioned. Jeanne H. asked Dave A. to talk with other members and get their feedback and bring it back to the BoD.

Possible change in electing HOF members: Herschel M. reported that he feels that something needs to be done to facilitate getting persons elected to the ACC Hall of Fame. Herschel M. feels the pool of worthy candidates has grown so large that combined with a natural provincialism in the voting by the panel it has become too difficult to get persons into the HOF. Herschel M. said that he proposes that each BoD increases their HOF panel to a total ~~of~~ 4 people which would now be 100 people not including the BoD members. Herschel M. felt we could have our current panel vote on the nominees then it would come back to the BoD to vote again on the person or persons who received 50% of the vote and see if we could then have someone elected to the HOF. Peggy S. said she too feels that it is difficult getting someone voted into the HOF using the current system. Bob M. reported that there has been a change in the criteria and this has allowed some people to be voted into the HOF. Jeff S. said that we may need to educate our HOF panel members and make sure they understand the process and the rules relating to voting for a HOF candidate. Several of the BoD members felt the current procedure we use is appropriate. **Action:** Roy H. made the following motion: After voting by the 100 person panel (whether or not anyone has been elected by that group), the 25 persons on the ~~B-O-D~~ vote in the ~~wa~~ winter meeting on any persons who were not elected but who ~~have~~ received over fifty percent ~~of~~ the vote from the panel. Peggy S. 2nd motion. **Motion Defeated.**

Next BOD Meeting: Jeanne H. announced the next BoD meeting will be February 5, 2014 @ Sands Hotel/Casino Reno, NV starting at 9:00 a.m.

Action: Peggy S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Wayne S. **Motion Approved.** Meeting ~~a~~ adjourned 4:30 p.m.

