

American Cribbage Congress
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
SANDS REGENCY CASINO HOTEL – RENO, NEVADA
MARCH 2, 2017
Approved 9/8/17

- 1. Call to order:** President Jeanne Hofbauer called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Before proceeding with the meeting, she wished to discuss the resignation of Henry Bergeron. She didn't want to get into details, but one thing she felt strongly should be addressed that she would get to shortly. She indicated that there were a series of emails that BoD members could review if they chose. The gist was that the Eastern Commissioner refused to sanction a tournament in New Hampshire on the same weekend as the Grand National, as per a long-standing policy resolution by the BoD. She stated that she had filled vacancies before, but this was the first time a resignation was for a perceived "personal mistreatment" from the Board and other ACC members. She said that she talked to Henry B. on the phone for about 40 minutes and tried to dissuade him, but there was no changing his mind. She reluctantly accepted his resignation. Shortly thereafter, she filled the vacancy with Pat Llewellyn, who was next in line among the Eastern Division candidates in the last election.

Jeanne H. then discussed her major concern: some of this was played out on Facebook. Social media is a great tool, but like a hammer, it can build and create or wound and damage. In this case, one of the BoD members was mistreated on Facebook for doing his job. David Campbell is directed by and empowered by this Board. He did not and does not deserve this disservice. She apologized to him on behalf of the membership of the Board.

Later, Jeanne H. reminded people to turn off their cell phones and to avoid engaging in social media during the meeting.

- 2. Pledge of allegiance:** Valerie Sumner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Roll call:** Jeanne Jelke read the roll call. Present: Dave Aiken, Rick Allen, Pat Barrett, Dave Campbell, Willie Evans, Richard Frost, Paul Gregson, Roland Hall, Don Hannula, Jeanne Hofbauer, Roy Hofbauer, Pat Llewellyn, Ron Logan, Cy Madrone, James Morrow, Dave O'Neil, Bruce Sattler, Todd Schaefer, Rick Shea, Jeff Shimp, Wayne Steinmetz, Valerie Sumner, Terry Weber, Keith Widener. Phyllis Schmidt was absent (excused.) Twenty-four members were present. We had a quorum. Jeanne H. welcomed Pat Llewellyn to the Board. Jeanne J. circulated the contact list for updates.
- 4. Approve agenda:** Jeanne H. made a few changes. Item #13j, #14 & 15 were stricken. There was a brief discussion regarding item #13j (the web site improvement committee.) **Action:** Pat B. made a motion to dissolve the web site improvement committee, 2nd by Roy H. **Motion Approved.** An addition to the agenda was to discuss the deadline for BoD candidate nominations to be submitted and change it from Monday March 10, 2017, to Wednesday, March 12, 2017, at midnight. This extension will be announced at the TOC and at the JPW. **Action:** Jeanne H. made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, 2nd by Valerie S. **Motion Approved.** [Agenda items in these minutes were renumbered accordingly.]

- 5. Approve minutes of October 7, 2016:** Jeanne J. introduced the minutes, explaining that they had been circulated twice and reflect input received. Action: Jeanne H. made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2016, 2nd by Richard F. Motion Approved.
- 6. Update for Syl Lulinski TOC & JPW/ACC Open:** Don H. reported that he anticipated 445 – 450 players in the TOC, although there were some recent cancellations. This is up from 436 last year. He wasn't sure whether this slight increase was due to lowering the cost. He will also ask TOC players to vote on the back of their scorecards whether to keep or end muggins. Scott Kooistra reported that there were 714 players in the JPW/ACC Open last year, and so far this year there are already 710 signed up. Typically, there are 30 – 40 walk-ins, so he expects attendance to be up slightly this year. There hasn't been much input one way or the other regarding changing the date to the first weekend in March.
- 7. Update for Grand National XXXVI:** Peggy Shea reported that plans are progressing well for Grand National XXXVI in Lincoln City, Oregon, in early September. Chinook Winds did not require a block of rooms, but they set aside 75 rooms anyway, which are taken already. She noted that only one wing has an elevator, and it is where the premium rate suites are located. All the other wings have some steps or stairs. There's one room left that has a roll-in shower. There are lots of other accommodation options, including hotels and vacation rentals. This information will be posted. Peggy S. also demonstrated the shirts in various colors and styles, which must be pre-ordered, with the cut-off in July. The Grand National is being promoted on Facebook. Ron and Laurie Logan are running a "Canadian Doubles" satellite event on Friday night.
- 8. Update for Grand National XXXVII:** Terry W. getting a lot of the background work done for Grand national XXXVII in 2018. He expressed some concern that Henry B. might run a tournament that same weekend, but Jeanne H. said that is not going to happen.
- 9. Update for Grand National XXXVIII:** Paul Barnes stated that he doesn't have a contract or confirmed place in Orlando, although he is still working with three hotels. The Hilton wants a \$5,000 deposit, which is a lot of money to be frozen for 3 years. They will only return half of it if it was cancelled. He said that the Marriott is asking for an obligation of \$16,000 if it is cancelled, which he also couldn't commit to. He also considered a casino in Tampa, or possibly a casino in Biloxi. The latter is in the Central Time Zone, so it wouldn't qualify as a Eastern Division location. He said he is working with a Merritt Island hotel. Another alternative is the 1888 Hotel in Daytona Beach. This nice hotel is being renovated and will be ready by then. He also hadn't involved Jill Kratz very much in the negotiations because he had already talked with them before she did, and she gets a commission. Bruce S. recommended that if Paul B. is talking with the Marriott, he get Jill K. involved because she has a lot of pull. The Marriott is her biggest corporate client. Terry W. agreed with Bruce S. that Jill K. had been very helpful with his negotiations with the Crowne Plaza. When asked if the BoD could cover the \$5K deposit, Paul B. was unsure if that would work. Ron L. suggested considering having the Grand National in the same Central Division location every year so that we wouldn't have these kinds of issues. Dave A. also supported this idea. Jeanne H. said to pass on such suggestions to Todd S. Jeanne H. asked Paul B. to work out arrangements for the 2019 Grand National by the next BoD meeting, and urged him to keep in close contact with Todd S.
- 10. Membership Secretary's report:** Larry Hasset referred to his written report. Valerie S. raised the issue of why three Grass Roots members in her club did not receive a renewal notice

regarding their ACC membership dues. Another question was why it took so long to cash [membership dues] checks. Larry H. explained that renewal notices are sent out in mass [by email] 6 weeks before the expiration date. Past due notice is sent on the expiration date, and a month later they get an expiration notice both by email and post card. He noted that going to email reminders has saved the ACC much money, about \$100 to \$150 per month. The problem is that people don't read emails. Post card reminders are sent to those without an email address on file. As for the checks, he normally prepares deposits every week to 1 ½ weeks, but he acknowledged that sometimes the mail takes longer to get to him. Valerie S. requested that he cc the Grass Roots club director when he sends an email reminder notice to members of the club. Paul G. will work with Larry H. to make this happen.

11. Treasurer's report: Marlene Lazachek presented the ACC's financials, noting a loss of \$14,000. Similar to last year's [mid-year] financials, this is mostly due to of a lag in getting the income for the Grass Roots awards. The ACC will recover financially in the second half of the year when the awards money [from the Grass Roots Regional and National tournaments] comes in. The \$50,000 in our investment is doing well and is now up to \$52,746 as of the end of August. This does not include the \$3,000 we already took out. There were two major expenses: \$4,900 for printing 100,000 tournament scorecards, and \$7,600 for printing 12,000 new rule books. So far, we've taken in \$1,500 from the sale of rule books. The ACC seems to be recovering financially because of the measures we took [increases in dues and sanctioning fees.] Marlene L. will have an analysis on the effects of the increased sanctioning fees at the next meeting.

12. Hall of Fame: Pat B. said the 2017 HOF voting has been complete. There were two Hall of Fame (HOF) nominees this year, Duane Toll and Fred White. Because of the change of date for the TOC & JPW, the deadline for nominees will move to January. Pat B. indicated that 98 votes of 100 ballots were cast; one person's vote was lost in the mail, and one person did not vote. Pat B. announced that the newest member of the HOF is Duane Toll, who received 80 votes.

13. Old Business:

a. **Grass Roots points for visitors:** [Note: This was actually discussed after 13 e.; however, it is recorded here in the order listed on the agenda.] Joan Rein presented the proposal to credit GR points to visitors who qualify when playing in other GR clubs. Points earned as a visitor will go towards the player's lifetime point total and current year divisional championship, but will not count towards their home club championship. Points earned as a visitor will be added at the end of the year. This will go into effect next season. Joan R. thanked Annett Eiffert for the handout. Paul G. stated that this is easy to track, in that visitors' scores are already recorded. Concern was expressed that players might stop coming if they reach 36 weeks before the end of the season. However, it was felt that most such players will continue coming. Another issue was whether the 600 club should be eliminated; with the new program, a player could declare a club as his or her home club but could attend any club and receive points. Valerie S. suggested that this be phased in, as some 600 club members may not live near any established Grass Roots club. **Action:** Dave C. made a motion to recommend to the Grass Roots Committee that it finalize and adopt the new visitor point system, 2nd by Richard F. **Motion Approved.**

- b. IRS Tax Reporting:** Keith W. reported that there will be no change from how the Sands is handling it. Therefore, there will be no more discussion, and it will be removed from the agenda.
- c. New Masterpoint software update:** Marlene L. reported that she and Paul G. met yesterday. Paul G. is quite advanced with the new software. Further discussion was included in Agenda item 17.
- d. Codification of nonstandard tournaments:** Jeanne H. apologized for dropping the ball on this issue [regarding consecutive one day tournaments, multiple midweeks, and other nonstandard formats.] It will be put off until the next BoD meeting in September. It will be up to the three new tournament commissioners to resolve.
- e. Judges recertification:** Jeff S. stated that he had consulted with testing examiner Al Miller who stated there was no need to recertify. Al M. has modified the current judge tests to include the new rule changes. Jeff S. indicated that there are 700 judges and the only significant rule change is the peg-out rule. It was his recommendation not to recertify judges. Several others thought that recertification would help in removing "deadwood" judges. Bruce S. said that recertification might help with problem rulings by current judges. Roy H. suggested bringing such problems to Jeff S. and he will deal with it. Ron L. suggested putting a reminder in Cribbage World. Dave A. will include an article about judges in the next issue. It was then pointed out that the policy manual mandates that judges be recertified when there is a new rule book. Valerie S. and Jeff S. will come up with new wording for this section in the policy manual and the BoD will vote on it in September.
- f. Life membership reinstatement:** Jeff S. stated that the BoD probably eliminated life memberships in haste. He said senior members need a break. He proposed reinstating life membership with some changes to criteria and fees. Jeff S. suggested a factor of 15 times annual dues for people 65 and over, based on an average life expectancy of 15 more years after age 65. A consensus among BoD members to reinstate life membership was reached during the subsequent discussion. Larry H. noted that if life membership is reinstated, the money raised needs to be put in a special account to cover future expenses. The discussion then focused on eligibility age, amount for one life membership, and the additional amount for a spouse. Based on ratios of previous annual and life membership dues, Cy M. suggested multiplying by a factor of 10, resulting in the fee of \$200 for a new life membership. It was further suggested that the eligibility age be raised to 65 (from 62.) Valerie Nozik noted that according to the recent marketing survey, the average age of ACC members is 64. Dave A. observed that previously members were eligible for life membership at age 62, and a spouse paid half of a single life membership. Dave C. raised the issue of whether the BoD could vote on this, since there was no handout. Valerie S. suggested tabling this discussion until the next meeting because the BoD didn't see a proposal. Keith W. stated that the ACC Policy and Procedures Manual allows for voting on matters considered important enough. **Action:** Keith W. made a motion to vote today on whether to reinstate life membership, 2nd by Bruce S. **Motion Approved** 14—For 10—Against. **Action:** Jeff S. made a motion to reinstate life membership with eligibility at age 65, with the fee equal to 15 times annual single membership dues, which currently would be \$300 for a single life membership and \$375 with a spouse, 2nd by Roy H. **Action:** Cy M. moved that the motion be amended so that the fee for life membership be based on the annual membership fee by a factor of 10, 2nd by Keith W.

Motion Failed 10—For 14—Against. The BoD voted on Jeff S.'s original motion. **Motion Approved** 16—For 8—Against.

- g. ACC Archives:** Cy M. stated that Fred White asked him to speak to this issue. It was Fred W.'s understanding that this issue was tabled. There is forward momentum. Barbara Woodward has agreed that the archives can be housed at the Sands. Otherwise, the issue continues to be tabled until the next meeting.
- h. Additional awards for Masters, Grand Masters, Life Masters:** Jeanne H. circulated a catalog with samples of items that might be purchased by players to commemorate various awards. Additional selections are available from the Crown Awards website. Terry W. explained that these awards for Master, Grand Master and Life Master levels would be similar to those provided to Grass Roots members but would be at the player's expense. The problem is in finding someone to coordinate the ordering of these awards. Jeanne H. said that this will be the responsibility of the incoming president.
- i. Compensation & expense reimbursement:** Dave O. presented a written report from the Ad Hoc committee on compensation. The committee came up with five recommendations:
1. Update the ACC Policy and Procedures Manual to address how future changes in compensation be accomplished. Currently this is omitted.
 2. All compensated volunteers should be connected to the internet and able to use current technology. Any exceptions would be made by the VP for Operations.
 3. Retain the current compensation levels for CW editor, National GR Commissioner and Membership Secretary, as these positions are significantly different from the others.
 4. Data should be transferred via internet so that faxing may be eliminated.
 5. No change in compensation amounts to those positions currently subsidized.
- Dave O. noted that the committee did not have any recommendations for Grass Roots positions, which are all volunteer. According to the survey sent to positions, the amount of time spent by Grass Roots volunteers was similar to that by the ACC volunteers, excluding the top three positions [identified in recommendation 3]. The committee wasn't making any suggestions for actions to be taken by the BoD, only making recommendations for further study. Valerie S. asked Dave O. to write up something regarding this for the Policy and Procedures Manual to bring to the next BoD meeting to be adopted. Dave O. also thanked the members of his committee—Rick S. and Dan Selke. Jeanne H. thanked Dave O. and his committee for excellent work.

14. Amazon.com: Dave A. informed the BoD of Amazon's ["Amazon Smiles"] program, in which 0.5% of purchases on Amazon.com are donated to the charity listed as beneficiary of that account. He suggested registering the ACC with Amazon as a means of supplementing our income stream. Paul G. did some hypothetical calculations which suggested that 60 people in the program might generate \$30 in a year. Rick S. said that this program is intended for actual charities, and if we participate in it, any funds be earmarked to help players instead of going into the general fund. Several other members echoed this. Bruce S. made a motion to move forward and that any such funds be earmarked for the Cribadier General fund, 2nd by Pat L. There was no vote on the motion after Valerie N. confirmed that Amazon's requires an eligible organization to be a 501(c) 3 charitable organization. The ACC is a 501 (c) 4 organization. Therefore, the ACC is not eligible for the Amazon donation program. Valerie N. and Dave A. will look into other such opportunities.

15. Hats for 28 hands: Dave C. suggested giving a baseball cap with an ACC logo to people who have 28 hands in sanctioned tournaments. He passed out a sample hat that would cost \$5.20 each for 1,000 caps, which would last about two years for both ACC and GR tournaments. The cost would be shared by both the ACC and GR. He explained that this would help in two ways: give people something besides a certificate (which costs around \$2,) and help market the ACC by getting our image out. It also folds up and can be mailed cheaply, around \$.84 each. Willie E. agreed with the marketing aspect of the idea, but he wasn't sure that hats are the answer. Women generally don't like to wear baseball caps. Other comments included concern that it was cheap looking and made in China. T-shirts wouldn't work because of different sizes. Perhaps there were other options, such as a tote bag. It was pointed out that some states now require people to bring their own shopping bags, and this would lend itself well to the marketing aspect. The concept of some item with marketing value for 28 hands was forwarded to James M. and the Marketing Committee to work out.

16. **Restructuring of Executive Committee:** Dave C. stated that over time officer jobs have changed. Some positions have more responsibilities than others, and some responsibilities are not assigned to a position. He is proposing a restructuring, with major changes. He referred to his proposed reorganization handout. The three most significant changes are to:
- Change the Member at Large to Vice President (VP) for Competition and combine it with being National Commissioner
 - Combine the VP for Ethics with the VP for Policy
 - Formalize marketing as a major function.

In addition, the proposal reassigns some responsibilities for the VP for Operations, including oversight of the Treasurer. Cy M. asked if the purpose of reorganizing was to balance responsibilities on the Executive Committee. Dave C. replied "yes," it was to equal out responsibilities and to formalize marketing as a major function. In addition, one of his objectives was to get away from people being in charge of themselves. Roy H. was opposed to combining the National Commissioner with the VP for Competition. He stated that the National Commissioner should be an experienced tournament commissioner, probably the most experienced of the three commissioners. This would not necessarily be the case with the VP for Competition. After further discussion, a vote was taken. **Action:** Jeanne H. made a motion to accept David's proposal of reorganization of the Executive Committee, with the exception of removing the National Commissioner from being combined with the VP for Competition, 2nd by Pat B. **Motion approved** 20—For 2—Against 2—Abstained. The restructuring of the Executive Committee will go into effect at the next BoD meeting. Dave C. and Valerie S. will work together to redo the Executive Committee chart and section in the ACC Policy & Procedures Manual.

17. **Automation of tournament paperwork:** Dave C. invited Paul G. to provide an update. Paul G. said that with the new Master Point program, he had completed about 90% of the data base piece of it, and is 2/3 to 3/4 done with the front-end piece of the software update. He and Marlene L. met for about 2 hours yesterday and went through everything. The next step is to have it ready by April 1st so that Marlene L. can start testing it. We will basically have five months to get it ready to start using at the beginning of next season. Jeanne H. asked if we have to license this software. Paul G. responded that this will become part of the ACC website and will automatically be covered by the ACC copywrite. Dave C. indicated that this is really a two-step process. Step 1 is preparing the software. The process will be the same, except that the software is updated. [Paul G. is doing this now.] Proposed Step 2 is an automated system so that

tournament data can be entered electronically. This will be an optional way to get the data to the tournament commissioners. Dave C. said that Step 2 is included in what we are paying Paul G. He doesn't anticipate more costs. Once Step 2 is working, tournament directors may send checks directly to Marlene L. instead of to the tournament commissioners. Paul G. anticipates having Step 1 fully implemented beginning next season. Dave C. hopes to have a model for Step 2 to present to the BoD in September. Before being implemented, Step 2 will have to be fully tested, hopefully in time to begin using it the subsequent season. **Action:** Bruce S. made a motion to give Paul B. the go ahead to move forward with preparing for eventual automation of tournament paperwork, 2nd by Dave A. **Motion Approved.**

18. Full color Cribbage World Magazine: Dave C. stated that prices for printing Cribbage World by the current printer are going up (already at about \$3,000) and we must change printers. To minimize mailing costs, the printer should be from the mid-west. The new printer found by Dave C. offered two options: 1) continuing with black and white with a matt finish, or, 2) full color on semi-gloss paper. Both options are lower than the prices of our current printer for our standard 32 pages. Black and white would be \$2,530. Full color will be an additional \$325 per month for a total of \$2,855. Dave C. distributed a sample of a Cribbage World printed on semi-gloss paper. Dave A. will need to make some adjustments before implementing color. Valerie N. commented that the full color on glossy paper will give Cribbage World a fresh more modern look. Paul G. noted that the color version would look better electronically, such as on the ACC website. **Action:** Ron L. made a motion to go with option #2 [color on semi-gloss paper], 2nd by Bruce S. **Motion Approved** 23—For 1—Against.

19. Committee Reports:

Executive – Jeanne H. reported that the Executive Committee okayed expenses by the marketing committee, including \$300 and \$60, and \$500 for Facebook marketing. The Executive Committee will be meeting after the conclusion of the BoD meeting. The Executive Committee will decide among three candidates who will be the Western Region Tournament Commissioner to succeed Roy Hofbauer when he steps down in September.

Ethics – Valerie S. reported that the Ethics Committee is in the process of sending letters to one member receiving a 3-month suspension, and two receiving warnings. Nothing complete now, because we just discussed it this morning. Terry W. reported that since the last BoD member, the ACC has recovered \$1,350 from Tom Drexler through the court system after he was convicted of misdemeanor theft. The BoD applauded Terry W. for his efforts in pursuing this matter.

Grass Roots – Joan R. reported that Grass Roots raised \$10,545 from Grass Roots Regional Tournaments to go towards awards. She also noted that upon implementing the co-pay for rings, the cost of awards has gone down. She said there are 201 clubs, (although one is not really active). She still receives inquiries about creating new clubs.

Internet – Tammy Gibbons reported from the "human side," stating that quite a few more internet tournaments were added. This is due to more tournament directors stepping forward, including Rick S. and Scott Milo. E-cribbage previously was 5 days a week. We are still 5 days a week, but with some juggling around a bit with some new configurations. Jeff Gardner, who oversaw internet long match play, has stepped down. She and Tim Julkowski have taken over. We are recruiting new ACC members through e-cribbage. She gets about 6 – 10 emails per month. John Schafer reported from the "technical side," that since the last BoD meeting, the

registration page got hacked. It has been fixed and is back on line, with a mechanism to prevent fake registrations. Jeanne H. thanked Tammy G. and John S. for working well together for the benefit of ACC internet play.

Judges – Jeff S. reported that he is making some changes regarding Senior Judges. He has had no requests from people to become a Senior Judge since the last BoD meeting. He is going to prepare an article for Cribbage World that explains the process for becoming a Senior Judge. A judge must be recommended by a BoD member or a Tournament Director to be considered for appointment as a Senior Judge. There is a maximum of 16 Senior Judges in the Western Division, and 10 each in the Central and Eastern Divisions.

PR/Marketing – James M. referred to a hand-out listing all the marketing activities. He pointed out that February 10th was the first National Cribbage Day. Live broadcasts of tournaments have been started. Assuming players agree, a live broadcast will be done for the finals of the TOC and ACC Open this weekend. He said he had received 9 boards for youth. He invited Valerie N. to present the results of a marketing survey she conducted. Valerie N. made a power point presentation of the "Member Survey 2017." It summarizes the responses of 1105 cribbage players, providing insight to understand membership demographics, ACC strengths and weaknesses and assisting with better marketing strategies. Using averages from the respondents, the ACC is almost $\frac{3}{4}$ male, with an average age of 64 years. The three most common ways people find out about the ACC is word of mouth, local clubs and Google/search engines. The strongest appeal is the competition of the game, followed closely by friendly atmosphere. The biggest drawback was poor sportsmanship, followed by slow play. [Please refer to the handouts for more detail.] Ron L. commented that this information suggests that we take a closer look at player ethics as pertains to sportsmanship. Jeanne H. thanked Valerie N. for her excellent work on this survey.

Rules – Wayne S. didn't have much to report. The committee received a couple of items for consideration. He is not going to run for the BoD. Jeanne H. thanked Wayne S. for his service on the BoD.

Tournament Commissioners – Roy H. is stepping down from the BoD after 28 years, as well as National Commissioner, effective the next BoD meeting. He noted that the only person who served on the BoD longer than he has is Jeff S. He thanked BoD members for serving with him.

Action: Roy H. made a motion to appoint Pat B. as National Commissioner, 2nd by Jeanne H.
Motion Approved.

Youth – Don "Grumpy" Howard announced that, thanks to Dan Zeisler's efforts, the 24th Annual Sierra Youth Tournament was held a week ago. There were 35 players from all over northern California, and youngest player was 8 years old. The youngest ever was 6 years old, and is now 9. Grumpy H. advised the BoD that the 25th Annual Sierra Youth tournament will be in 51 weeks, and we should make it something special. Coming up is the first Youth Grand National, which will be held in Lincoln City, is fully funded. Starting in 2018, it will be held at the Sands in July each year. He displayed the walking stick handcrafted and donated by John Gray from Weaverville, CA. It was originally designed to be the first place trophy, but with John G.'s permission, Grumpy H. is proposing that it become a perpetual trophy. He said there are about 70 registered youth members. He also reported that Youth Master Points is a big deal. He reminded people that it is a "Youth Program," not junior members. Dan Zeisler stated that Youth

cribbage is going global; a teacher in the U.K. has requested the teaching curriculum. The youth cribbage manual is being distributed—what is shown in his article in Cribbage World is about half of what he sends out. He has sent out over 200 boards to teachers and youth tournament directors, but there's a need for 45 more boards. Most of all, they need the little metal pegs, and he got some leads on how to obtain them. He also gets between 10 and 20 emails each week.

20. Officers reports

Hofbauer: Jeanne H. indicated the Executive Committee okayed \$36 for new ID badges for judges. It also renewed the ACC's insurance bond. A thank you letter was sent to the donor of \$1,000 to sponsor memberships. A special cribbage board donated by a vendors will be the prize for a memorable story involving cribbage that Dave A. will run.

Schaefer: Todd S. said that he will work towards getting Daytona Beach firmed up for the Grand National in 2019, and will get Jill K. more involved. The 2020 Grand National will be in the Western Division, so proposals will be welcomed. Todd S. thanked all the BoD members that are retiring, especially Jeanne H. She has been a great person to work with.

Sumner: Valerie S. reported that she was going to request approval of the updated ACC Policy and Procedures Manual at this meeting. However, there are four new items to be added. Jeff S. is working on recertification of judges, and Dave O. has some additions to the compensation section. Life membership must be added back in, as must the verbiage regarding banning players from tournaments, which she read aloud. Valerie S. invited input on revisions, and will email drafts of changes to the ACC Policy and Procedures Manual, with the updated manual ready for approval at the September meeting. The manual itself will be issued to new BoD members after the September meeting.

Campbell: Dave C. will create a new chart and description for the revised manual reflecting the realignment of BoD officer responsibilities. He had nothing more to report.

Weber: Terry W. had nothing more except he described a situation in which the new policy regarding barring of a player was exercised.

21. Next Board of Directors meeting: Friday, September 8, 2017

22. Adjourn: Action: Jeanne H. declared the meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.