

American Cribbage Congress
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
SANDS REGENCY CASINO HOTEL – RENO, NEVADA
MARCH 1, 2018
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- I. **Call to order:** President David Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

- II. **Pledge of allegiance:** Valerie Sumner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **Roll Call:** Jeanne Jelke read the roll call. In attendance were David Aiken, Rick Allen, Patrick Barrett, David Campbell, Willie Evans, Richard Frost, Jeff Gardner, Paul Gregson, Roland Hall, Don Hannula, Audrey Hatto, Jeanne Jelke, Pat Llewellyn, James Morrow, Valerie Nozick, Dave O'Neil, Todd Schaefer, Rick Shea, Jeff Shimp, Mark Soule, Valerie Sumner, Diane Waite, Terry Weber, Fred White, Keith Widener. All 25 Board members were present. We had a quorum.

- IV. **Approve Agenda:** David C. referred to the most recent version of the agenda which he circulated prior to the meeting. **Action:** Valerie N. made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by Willie E. **Motion approved.**

- V. **Approve Minutes of September 8, 2017:** Jeanne J. presented the minutes of the September 8, 2017 BOD meeting in Lincoln City. **Action:** Rick Shea made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Pat L. **Motion approved.**

- VI. **Hall of Fame results:** Patrick B. announced that Hall of Fame (HOF) ballots were received from all 100 panelists. He announced that two new members of the HOF were elected for 2018: Wayne Steinmetz and (posthumously) Charlie Finley. Each received 77 votes. Patrick B. also said that it had been an honor to serve as the Chair of the HOF Committee for many years. However, he was stepping down as chair. He stated that Jason Hofbauer has volunteered to take over as Chair of the HOF Committee. David C. indicated that the selection of the chair needs to be approved. [Following the BOD meeting, the process of selecting the new HOF Committee chair was addressed by the Executive Committee.]

- VII. **2018 JPW Open/TOC update:** Don H. reported that currently there are 452 players signed up for the TOC. This number is subject to change, due to weather issues. He indicated that the email & website invitation process is working well, and only a handful of invitations had to be sent by mail. Scott Kooistra estimated there would be around 700 players in the JPW/ACC Open, also depending on the effects of the weather. This compares to 722 last year. He acknowledged 120 volunteers that are on various committees. He also announced the addition of the Canadian Doubles event on Thursday evening, which will occur simultaneously with the All-Star Tournament. Barbara Woodward welcomed everyone to the Sands Regency. She was pleased to introduce Steve Wise, Marketing Director for Jacobs Entertainment Company, the Sands new owner. Jacobs Entertainment also owns the Gold Dust West, where three tournaments are held in Carson City each year. Steve W. was pleased to be there. He expressed continued support of cribbage tournaments at the Sands and Gold Dust West. Barbara W. said that good things lay ahead because of Jacobs Entertainment. They are going great things in downtown Reno. On behalf of the Sands and Gold Dust West, Barbara W. distributed gifts of a beautiful scarf and trunk organizer to each member of the BOD.

- VIII. GN XXXVII Milwaukee, WI update:** Terry W. reported that flyers have been out since October. Order forms for three types of shirts, hats and charms will be available starting this week. There are 366 room (nights) in the block, which has been expanded several times. The Crowne Plaza provides a free shuttle to and from the Milwaukee airport.
- IX. GN XXXVIII North Conway, NH update:** David C. stated that things are rolling along in preparation for the 2019 Grand National in North Conway, N.H. There are 240 rooms in the cribbage block, and there will be a couple of overflow hotels. The nearest airport is Portland, ME, which is about 1 ¼ hour from North Conway. Other options include Manchester, NH (1 ½ hrs.) and Boston, MA (2 hrs.). Of the three, the best deal (particularly as far as car rentals) may be Manchester.
- X. GN XXXIX Western Region bids/vote:** Paul Gregson said that only one bid has been submitted for the GNXXXIX in the Western Division. He introduced Jeanne J., who gave a Power Point presentation, accompanied by a folder with information, of a proposal to host the 2020 Grand National at the Doubletree by Hilton in Sacramento, CA. The proposed dates, which include a midweek, are September 22 – 27, 2020. Jill Kraatz is negotiating with the hotel on behalf of Jeanne J. and the ACC. The hotel has more than 400 rooms, a large ballroom for the tournament and a smaller ballroom that opens to a garden area for the Awards Banquet. Standard rooms are locked in at \$119 plus tax double occupancy. The hotel is about 12 miles from the user-friendly Sacramento International Airport. The hotel does not have an airport shuttle, but it does provide a free shuttle to destinations in a 3-mile radius. Parking and Internet are free. Playing and meeting spaces are free with a minimum food and beverage budget of \$29,000 plus tax and service charges. This budget is doable; however, it will require fundraising to meet all expenses. Jeanne J. will be the TD, with Margaret Fanucchi and Jim Langley as Co-Directors. Other Co-Directors include Dan Selke and Dave O. Rick and Peggy Shea will be the TD's for the Midweek. Sacramento is a historic city, particularly regarding the Gold Rush and railroad development, with many interesting places to go in the vicinity. The theme will be "Rush for the Gold." **Action:** Paul Gregson made a motion to accept the bid presented by Jeanne J. to hold the 2020 Grand National at the Doubletree by Hilton in Sacramento, September 22 -27, 2020; seconded by Mark Soule. **Motion approved.**
- XI. GN XL Central Region bids/discussion:** Paul G. stated that a formal proposal will be presented and voted on at the next BOD meeting in Milwaukee. However, Scott K. is working on a bid to have the 2021 Grand National in Omaha, NE. Scott K. said that the proposed GN will be at the Comfort Inn in Omaha. It is the same hotel where the 2015 Midweek was held. The ballroom is spacious enough to hold the GN.
- XII. Old Business**
- a. ACC e-mail addresses:** Diane W. announced that she had created cribbage.org email addresses for every BOD member, consisting of their first initial & last name @cribbage.org. She passed out instructions for setting up this new email through Network Solutions, and gave each member his/her initial password. She will add additional cribbage.org emails for various committee positions. Such emails will be position-specific, not individual-specific. The goal is to have everyone using their new cribbage.org email addresses for BOD-related business as soon as practicable.
- b. ACC website update:** Diane W. presented a live demonstration of the new cribbage.org website. As everyone was aware, the Grass Roots website crashed about three weeks ago, and since then has been added to the cribbage.org website. The new cribbage.org website is not ready to roll out, but people can go online and view it at www.cribbage.org/newsite/default.asp. Diane indicated that some of the pictures and icons are place-holders and will be replaced with new photos and icons. Valerie N. suggested Debra Lucas as a good resource on design. David C.

suggested putting up a banner on the old site that says something like “New Site in the Works.” The target date for launching the new site is August 1, 2018.

- c. **Year-end tourney update:** Terry W. reported that tournament directors (TD’s) for traditional end-of-year tournaments in the Central and Eastern Divisions have reached a reciprocal agreement to avoid competing on the same weekends at the end of July. This group of TD’s include David C., Patrick B., Joan Rein, Bob Joslin, Jerry Gooden and John Morsh. They agreed to offer 6 mains and 5 consolations within 12 days in 2 locations.
- d. **28/29 pin update:** Marlene Lazachek has taken the lead in coordinating the effort to distribute 28/29 pins individually to avoid the cost of mailing them. She said that a list of recipients of 29 hands dating back 10 years, and 28 hands since August 1, 2017, as well as a supply of pins have been given to various people to distribute. These people include David C., Rick A., and Dave O. in the Eastern Division, Roger Wilson in Colorado, Laurie Logan for Montana & Idaho, Jeanne Hofbauer & Carole Herron for Oregon and Washington, and Jeanne J. & Peggy S. for California & Nevada. The process is working and getting done. Don H. reminded everyone that this is for weekend tournaments only, not for Grass Roots, which has its own award system.
- e. **Sanction request/MRP Demo/Co-Director needed:** Paul G. stated that he is developing an online administration site for weekend tournament processes. Currently, there is no centralized process to track sanctioning requests. Once this tournament administrative site is developed, TD’s can submit tournament requests online. This tournament administrative site will also be linked to the cribbage.org website so that approved tournaments and flyers can be posted automatically to Tournament Trail. He needs to meet with Rick S. and Patrick B. before it can go on line. Paul G. demonstrated the prototype. TD’s will be able to click “TD role” to access tournament document templates. Commissioners will be able to approve tournament requests online, as well as look at other scheduled tournaments to avoid scheduling conflicts. TD’s will also be able to enter tournament results online, where they can be accessed by statisticians. Rick S. also emphasized the importance of having at least one Co-Director listed for every weekend tournament. **Action:** Rick S. made a motion to have at least one Co-Director listed on the tournament request form and on the flyer; seconded by Valerie Sumner. **Motion approved.**
- f. **Archives:** Fred W. said that he sent seven boxes to the Sands. He is meeting with Barbara W. on Monday. His goal is to incorporate memorabilia into a showcase to display during the three annual tournaments at the Sands.

XIII. Reports

- A. **Membership Secretary:** Larry Hassett brought copies of his Membership Secretary’s report and offered to answer any questions. No one had any. He stated that he will be back in Roseburg, OR at the end of March, following his extended stay in the southwest. He said that he discovered that the Roseburg post office wasn’t forwarding membership-related mail, and that now he has someone forwarding it. Larry H. explained how he handles situations if people send in too much or too little money than required for renewals. David C. suggested Larry H. check the policy manual, because what Larry H. said here doesn’t jive with it.
- B. **Treasurer:** Marlene L. reported that since the last BOD meeting, she switched from Quicken to Quick Books, thanks to Roger W. assistance. The next Treasurer’s report will be more to the BOD’s liking. In October, another \$3,000 investment income was withdrawn and deposited in the general operating

account. The investment account had a balance of \$51,004 as of February 21, 2018. Income from Game Colony was very low—only \$750 was received. Marlene L. reported that approximately \$10,000 was spent on printing, and about \$1,600 on 28 & 29 pins. She offered to answer questions. There were none.

- C. Grass Roots:** Joan R. reported that, as noted before, the Grass Roots website crashed 3 weeks ago, and is now up and running under the cribbage.org website. Currently there are 3,950 paid members, similar this time last year. There are 199 clubs, with the newest in Maine. A request for information in setting up a new club has been received from Louisiana. Awards for 2016-17 cost \$8,000 less than the previous year, due in large part to adding co-pays for rings at different levels. Grand Slam pins were sent to 166 members. Joan R. indicated that it will become increasingly difficult to fund Grass Roots awards as increasing numbers of members reach new milestones. In addition, not all members attend the Regional and National Grass Roots Tournaments, which are intended to raise funds for awards. The Grass Roots Committee will be meeting on Friday evening at 8:00 pm in the Palm Court. One of the agenda items will be to consider raising Grass Roots dues from \$5 to perhaps \$8. It has been twelve years since the last time Grass Roots dues were raised. [Note: the Grass Roots Committee did decide at its meeting to raise annual dues to \$7, effective August 1, 2018.] Don H. gave a shout out to GR Club 390, from Bergland, MI. Up to 39 members of this club travel an average of 33.3 miles to Grass Roots tournaments in an area that sees 200" of snow each winter. Six to 13 members of this club are serving as volunteers in Reno this year. It was suggested that this would make a good article for an upcoming issue of Cribbage World.
- D. Internet:** Tammy Gibbons reported that it has been an exciting year for Internet Cribbage. Three additional tournaments have been scheduled on International Cribbage Day. Under consideration is adding a Saturday tournament. Game Colony participation is falling off, and no new TD's have been recruited. However, it is kept because of revenue. On the other hand, e-cribbage is seeing growth in sign-ups, and progress is being made in getting players in Canada and Europe. The Internet Cribbage website will be reviewed and refreshed. One issue related to increasing participation that is being addressed is the need to split into two lounges if there are more than 60 players in a Grass Roots tournament. Similarly, for bracketed tournaments the system splits the group into two rooms if there are more than 48 players, for a total capacity of 96 players. Currently on average there are 70 players for bracketed tournaments and up to 85 on Grass Roots nights. If we outgrow the capacity of tournament rooms, eventually we may require ACC membership to ease this problem.
- E. Marketing:** Valerie N. said that the Marketing Committee has been reformed and is meeting regularly. The committee's goals include not only to increase ACC membership but also to encourage Grass Roots growth. They also include increasing awareness of the ACC and cribbage. The number one goal is reversing membership decline. To do this, the committee will try ideas and measure success. Valerie N. reported on the 2nd Annual International Cribbage Day held February 10. It was renamed "International" because of collaboration with cribbage organizations in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. Activities included all-day e-cribbage, a poetry contest, poster contest, paid promo on Facebook that reached at least 3,634 people, mention on Game Colony, and a tweet from baseball hero Dale Murphy. Valerie N. reported other initiatives, including Facebook reminders, an e-cribbage ad, and cribbage "swag store." The finals of the TOC and ACC open will be broadcast on Facebook/YouTube. The committee is also refreshing collateral materials, for example, the "cheat sheet" on cribbage basics and what hands are worth, and the "Cribbage Anywhere" brochure. All of this is pending the discussion on a new ACC logo. Another initiative being undertaken by Jeff G. is

mapping clusters of known cribbage players members to see where new Grass Roots clubs might thrive. She noted that Grass Roots posters are still available. The committee is also identifying key target groups, such as veterans, to develop strategies. In conclusion, Valerie N. said that the marketing committee needs more volunteers to help with all these activities. Jeff S. gave a shout out to Valerie N. for spearheading these efforts, which amount to more than all previous marketing efforts cumulatively.

- F. Rules:** Dave O. reported that the Rules Committee has discussed quite a few situations brought to its attention. The consensus on several of them is that the current rules are adequate, and no changes are recommended. However, the committee is proposing two rule changes for Board approval: (1) add the bullet "Judges shall not be allowed to judge a situation wherein they are a party to the dispute" to the list of bullets under Code of Ethics, page 5 of the Rule Book; (2) Change the second sentence in Rule 7.3 to read: "A player may correct a "GO" call before either player plays a card or pegs a point." Discussion ensued. **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to approve these two modifications to the rules; seconded by Roland H. **Motion approved.** Dave O. also reported that the committee will continue deliberation on two items at a meeting to be held following the BOD meeting. Recommended changes regarding these items, and any others considered by the committee in the meantime, will be brought to the BOD for approval in Milwaukee.
- G. Ethics:** Valerie S. reported that the Ethics Committee issued four warning letters and suspended one player for three months. There was some discussion on how the dates of such suspensions were communicated to TD's so that they know whether a player was eligible to attend their tournaments. It was suggested that such suspensions be announced in the current Cribbage World. Allen Amaro expressed concern about an unethical player who was kicked out of a Grass Roots club for allegedly cheating, how this situation was handled by the Ethics Committee, and getting the word out to other club directors. Discussion ensued. Don H. wondered if there were degrees of cheating, and whether there was uniformity in how ethics issues are handled. David C. stated that there are guidelines to go by, but every situation is different.
- H. Judges:** Jeff S. reported that he was appointing two new Senior Judges and several replacements, as follows: Eastern Division: Mark S. and Dave Statz, replacing Phyllis Schmidt and Dave Clemmey; Central Division: David A. & Terry W., filling two vacancies; Western Division: Jim Hornbacher & Jeanne J., replacing Jones Hom and Steve Hastie. Jeff S. also introduced Sally Henderson, who is taking over as the examiner of the judge test. Sally H. stated that electronic testing, which is still open-book, is fully operational. Furthermore, judge candidates must now get a score of 90% or better to pass, up from 80%. Successful judge candidates will receive a pdf certificate.
- I. Youth Program:** Don "Grumpy" Howard reported on behalf of Dan Zeigler, who, as superintendent of two school districts, regretfully cannot be in attendance. Don H. stated that Dan Z. entrusted him to be the spokesperson for Youth Cribbage. He expressed their enthusiasm about Youth Cribbage, quoting Dan Z. about how exciting things are today. He noted that the 25th Anniversary Sierra Youth Tournament was recently held and attended by 37 youth. He related some examples of successes of young players at tournaments. The next Youth Grand National will be held June 30, at the Sands. He stated that there are fundraising efforts underway to bring as many kids as possible to the Sands, including a large group from Roseburg, OR. There have been new requests for Dan Z.'s Youth Cribbage manual, and he recognized Dan Z. for teaching cribbage to 40 students in his schools. Don H. thanked everyone for their generosity to Youth Cribbage. He said that Youth Cribbage is thriving in the West

and appears to be growing elsewhere. He asked for “special” boards to be donated so that they can become youth trophy boards.

- J. **Tourney Commissioners:** Patrick B. gave a brief report, stating that it has been “business as usual” for the Tournament Commissioners. He said that Rick S. has transitioned well after Roy Hofbauer.

XIV. **New Business:**

- A. **Random seating wording/clarification:** Patrick B. stated that the Tournament Commissioners have been working on clarifying random seating wording. Their intent is not to micro-manage TD’s but to provide guidelines. He read the draft wording that they have come up with for random seating. There was extended discussion and some minor re-working of the verbiage. Among the recurring themes was the desire for transparency to the players in how seats are assigned, and the appropriateness of drawing same colored seat numbers from the same “bucket,” at all but the four very largest tournaments, instead of “buckets” for different tables. Exceptions to random seating remain: to distribute judges at large tournaments, separate family members or significant others [defined by Rick S. as “sharing DNA or a bed”,] or assign stationary seating for handicapped players or the TD. It was further suggested that the seating method be added to the tournament request form. At the discussion’s conclusion, the following wording was voted on:

“It is the tournament director's responsibility to ensure that transparent random seating occurs at each sanctioned tournament. Exceptions to random seating include the distribution of tournament judges at large tournaments, the director's seating, the separation of relatives or significant others, and handicapped seating. A variety of methods in seating players may be used by tournament directors to best deal with on-site conditions they may encounter when running a tournament, so long as they adhere to the guidelines set by the ACC. Only large tournaments such as National Open, Grand National, TOC, and JPW/ACC Open may be pre-seated.

Gross violations of random seating include, but are not limited to, allowing a player to select a seat to avoid playing a certain player or players, allowing players to look at table and seat numbers when drawing a seat, or drawing a seat from multiple containers. Allowing players to sit at seats without random draw is also prohibited.”

Action: Patrick B. made a motion to approve the final wording regarding random seating [as described above]; seconded by Valerie N. **Motion approved;** 23-for, 2-against. The approved wording will be put in the ACC Policy & Procedures Manual and in the Tournament Director’s Manual.

- B. **Tourney Guidelines Manual finalization:** David C. indicated that there a few minor additional fixes to make to the Tournament Guidelines for TD’s. David A. will edit it, and a copy will be sent to everyone. It will then be printed, distributed to TD’s, and posted on the website.
- C. **Consolation tournament minimum players needed/format:** Paul G. introduced the topic by noting the difficulty in getting enough people to stay and play in small tournaments, especially one-day tournaments. He proposed reducing the minimum number of players for consolations to one more than the number of games that are played. This generated considerable discussion, including having a minimum number of players that allows for at least four players playing off. **Action:** Paul G. made a motion to reduce the minimum number of players required for a consolation to 12, effective August 1, 2018; seconded by Richard F. **Motion approved; 20-for, 5-against.** Paul G. also noted that another problem with one-day tournaments is getting to the consolation playoff finals very late in the evening.

He proposed a new consolation format option for use with one-day tournaments only. Instead of playing a qualifying round, all players not qualifying in the main will go straight into qualifying brackets, based on their rank in the main. (Thus, the high non-qualifier in the main would receive the top seed in the consolation brackets.) Playoff games would proceed as they would normally. However, players must get to the third round before master points would incur. The proposal included a modified schedule for accruing master points during the playoffs that is at a rate slightly lower than with the regular format. Discussion ensued. Valerie N. noted that it is good to try new ideas. Other points raised included the need to crosscheck all cards in the main, not just the qualifiers. In addition, the use of this format must be stated on the flyer. This format option will be for one-day tournaments only. **Action:** Paul G. made a motion to allow this proposed consolation format option for a one-year trial basis, starting August 1, 2018; seconded by Willie E. **Motion approved; 24-for, 1-against.**

- D. Consolation bad beat prize:** David A. proposed having a \$100 prize for the highest non-qualifying score for an 8-game consolation tournament during the year, and similarly, a \$100 prize for the highest non-qualifying score in a 9-game consolation tournament during the year. These prizes, he argued, will help encourage people to play in consolations, as well as add to the fun. The high non-qualifier's name and score would be added to the tournament report and tracked by the Cribbage World editor. **Action:** David A. made a motion to add an annual \$100 "Consolation bad beat prize" each for 8-game consolation tournaments and 9-game consolation tournaments, starting August 1, 2018; seconded by Valerie N. **Motion approved; 22-for, 2-against, 1-abstention.**
- E. 22 Game mains proposal to eliminate 2 games vs 11 opponents:** Willie E. proposed that the 2 games against 11 opponents format for 22 game main tournaments be eliminated. Discussion ensued. Keith W. stated that this format is not legal anyway according to the ACC Policy & Procedures Manual. Someone suggested that this is done to implement alternate deal. Todd S. said that this proposal is micromanaging TD's in the Central Division who like alternate deals. However, it was pointed out that this is a discrepancy with the rule book, which says to cut for deal. Terry W. said that we will lose some tournaments in the Central Division if we do it. The discussion ended with no decision.
- F. Grand national funding:** Jeanne J. stated that while putting together the proposal for the 2020 Grand National, she realized that maintaining the tradition of our signature Grand National & Awards Banquet in future years is increasingly at risk. She cited factors that will pose challenges in finding affordable and appropriate venues in the future, such as increasing travel, accommodations, and facility costs. The goal of her proposal, circulated to the BOD prior to the meeting, was for the ACC Board to be proactive in developing more financial support and contingency funding for future Grand Nationals. During the discussion, Jeanne J. broke her proposal into two parts. The first recommendation was to increase the amount in the annual ACC budget earmarked for that year's Grand National, from \$1,250 to \$2,500. **Action:** Jeanne J. made a motion to increase the ACC's annual budget for the Grand National to \$2,500, starting August 1, 2018; seconded by Paul G. **Motion approved; 21-for, 4-against.** Jeanne J. withdrew the second recommendation, that of establishing a contingency or reserve fund for future Grand Nationals, after discussion suggested further study was warranted.
- G. Nominating Committee procedures:** Jeanne J. stated that she was withdrawing this agenda item. The Executive Committee is reviewing and likely revising the composition of the Nominating Committee. Proposed procedural guidelines for the Nominating Committee will be considered by the committee

between now and the Grand National, and any recommendations will be brought to the next BOD meeting.

- H. New ACC logo:** David A. stated that he circulated logo designs submitted in the logo contest announced in Cribbage World. He indicated he wanted BOD to do two things: first, to choose the winner of the contest, which will become the new masthead for Cribbage World, with the prize being a free entry to the ACC Open; second, to decide if we want it to be the ACC's new logo. He said that a case was made in Cribbage World that it is time to refresh the ACC logo to better reflect our brand. Rick S. asked how a new logo was going to help recruit new members. Valerie N. indicate that a more modern look will help instill pride in our organization and be more attractive to the new generation. Jeanne J. asked for clarification in that it appeared there were two distinct issues. If the contest was for a new masthead for Cribbage World, then it is appropriate for the Cribbage World editor to undertake. However, as far as she knew the BOD had not yet deliberated on whether to change the ACC logo, and that should be a decision by the whole BOD before choosing a new logo. David C. further pointed out that the current ACC logo was copyrighted in 2014 at some expense. David A. acknowledged that these are two separate issues, and the contest was for the masthead. The BOD went through the logos and a winner for the new Cribbage World masthead was selected. The issue of the proposed updating of the ACC logo was referred to the Marketing Committee to be brought back to the BOD at the next meeting.
- I. Credit card payments:** David C. reported progress in setting up credit card payments through the website, at a cost of \$150. It needs to be tested, especially as to what will work with Larry H. **Action:** David C. made a motion to proceed with setting up credit card payment option through the ACC website; seconded by Valerie N. **Motion approved.**

XV. Committee Reports:

Social Media – David C. said that the Social Media committee met, set up with Jason Matheny. Twitter has been regionalized. The committee is moving forward, finding places to promote the ACC.

Nominating – Jeanne J. already reported.

IT/Technology – Paul G. already reported on most issues. Currently, the cross-checking app is only available in the Apple Store. Work is being done on a version that can operate by taking a photo of each scorecard. It will be tested in San Diego. He will also develop how-to manuals for the tournament administration documenting systems, including the online tournament request process.

Awards – David C. said that the committee had a meeting last night. The committee discussed giving a memento to individuals when elected to the HOF, in addition to the framed portrait that is added to the HOF portraits for display at major tournaments. It was a good discussion, and there is a desire to get more people involved.

XVI. Executive Committee Reports:

President – David C. reported that the Executive Committee approved \$167 for print-ing the cover of Cribbage World in full color. The Executive Committee also approved \$2,500 for a new computer for Larry H., \$220 for Quick Books software, \$262 for Roger W. to fly to Milwaukee to help Marlene L. set up the new accounting software, and \$400 for promoting International Cribbage Day. The Executive Committee also approved setting up a store for cribbage items on Zassle.com. He indicated that clarification as to who can approve what will be brought up at the next BOD meeting.

VP Marketing – Paul G. already reported.

VP Ethics/Policy – Valerie S. had nothing additional to report.

VP Operations – Terry W. reported that after the last BOD meeting when the bid from a new printer for full color printing of Cribbage World was approved, the current printer revised their bid. The decision was to stay with the same printer for the same price as the other bid for color printing, with \$600 less for different paper.

VP Competition – David A. reported that three memberships were assisted with the membership assistance fund. He encouraged people to let someone know if financial help with membership dues is needed. He further reported that 47 clubs have now taken the “Play Nice” pledge.

XVII. **Adjournment:** President David C. declared the meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.

Next meeting date: September 20, 2018