

American Cribbage Congress

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

SANDS REGENCY—RENO, NV

March 5, 2020

Approved 10/31/20

- 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, Tammy Gibbons, Paul Gregson, Roland Hall, John Hazlett, Jason Hofbauer, Jeanne Jelke, James Morrow, Dave O'Neil, Todd Schaefer, Dan Selke, Rick Shea, Jeff Shimp, Mark Soule, Terry Weber, Diane Waite, Fred White, Keith Widener. Excused absences were given to Terry Weber and Henry Bergeron, who was appointed to take Pat Llewellyn's seat following her resignation. 23 Board members were present. We had a quorum. Jeanne J. circulated the new BOD roster for updates.
- IV. **Approve Agenda:** Two items were added: HOF Voting Results and Reno update. **Action:** David C. made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by Rick A. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**
- V. **Approve Minutes of October 25, 2019:** Jeanne J. presented the minutes of the October 25, 2019 BOD meeting in North Conway, NH. There was one minor typo correction (\$120M instead of \$120 in Reno/Sands Regency Update). **Action:** Keith W. made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with the correction; seconded by Valerie S. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**
- VI. **HOF Voting Results:** Jason H. reported that he got 99 ballots returned. Although candidates came close to the minimum number of votes, no one was elected this year. David C. stated that there will be more discussion on this subject under new business.
- VII. **Reno TOC & ACC Open Update:** Todd S. said that there are 414 entries so far for the TOC. Peggy Shea said that registrations so far are in the low 600's for the ACC Open, and she expects some additional walk-ins. She also noted that Barbara Woodward has retired, but that she and Rick S. are still receiving amazing support from Sharon Human, Steve Fierro and the Sands staff. Steve F. spoke briefly, referring to the new "partnership approach" between the Sands and the ACC. He said that this is a change for the better from the "contract-oriented" approach. He vowed to help this event go off without a hitch as a legacy to Barbara W.
- VIII. **GN XXXIX Sacramento, CA Update:** Jeanne J. reported that preparations for GN 39 are going very well. Fundraising to offset expenses and maximize payouts is going well. The second of three drawings in the Progressive Raffle will be on Sunday March 8 right after the consolation qualifying round. Food is expensive and the largest expense, but it is offsetting free playing space for all GN 39 events. Rooms at the Doubletree by Hilton in Sacramento may be booked at the rate of \$119 + taxes. Rick S. and Peggy S. are TD's for the Midweek. The Satellite and Events schedule has been published, although it is subject to change. She noted that there is a pre-GN weekend tournament in Antioch, CA on September 18 -20, 2020.
- IX. **GN XL Omaha, NE Update:** Scott Kooistra reported that planning is underway and going well for GN 40 in

Omaha, NE. It will be the weekend of October 1-3, 2021. There will be 13 events all together including a Midweek. The Awards Banquet will be \$30 per person, and its theme is "Support Your Sports!" Don Thienel stated that the Comfort Inn and Suites is a great hotel, with an excellent restaurant and 171 rooms. He has arranged for overflow hotels nearby.

- X. **GN XLI Virginia Beach, VA:** Jack Howsare said that the Hilton has 99 rooms at \$99 plus tax, with nearby hotels lined up for overflow at the same price. He said that anyone with an RV can park for free at a nearby hotel parking lot, although there aren't hook-ups. The biggest challenge is that there is no shuttle service to the airport. He suggested renting a car or using Uber. He will make reservations for BOD members.

- XI. **GN XLII Western Candidates/Bids:** James M. reported that an ad will be placed in Cribbage World to invite bids for the 2023 GN in the Western Division. Troy Thorson spoke and indicated that he and Kathy Pacocha are considering putting in a bid for the 2023 GN in Denver, CO. They are exploring hotels located on the light rail line, mindful of the distance to the Denver airport. It would likely be scheduled for mid-October.

- XII. **Old Business:**
 - A. **ACC Website Update/Replacement:** Diane W. indicated that after serving for 15 years as the ACC's webmaster, she is resigning. She said that she would like to see the website put in the content management system where people could update different parts of the website, but David C. has other plans. She will continue to do updates until there is a replacement. David C. said that there will be more information about the webmaster situation soon.

 - B. **BOD Size Reduction:** Dave A. reported that there was no interest by the task force to pursue BOD size reduction, so there will continue to be 25 BOD members.

 - C. **Grass Roots TOC Director Replacement:** Dave A. stated that he and Ivan Wells will have someone in place by mid-summer. That person will co-direct with Dave A. in Sacramento.

- XIII. **Reno Contract:** David C. reported that the current contract with the Sands is nearing its end. Members of the Executive Committee divvied up various casinos to explore as possible sites. In addition to the Sands, these included the Peppermill, Atlantis, Rampart, Silver Legacy and GSR. The Las Vegas Convention Bureau was also contacted, as were several casinos in Washington State. For the most part, there wasn't much interest by these casinos. Dave A. indicated that while there is potential down the road, the [March] date currently doesn't work for the Rampart. David C. said that the Sands has stepped up and made a very nice offer for a new three-year contract. It includes \$5,000 for the next tournament; it will also add \$5 per room night in addition to \$10,000 to the prize fund. Also, the contract will be for all three tournaments held during the year plus Grass Roots. Basic room rates for 2021-22 will be \$91 inclusive for Friday and Saturday nights, and \$65 for other days. There is a reserve clause for 10% increase if needed. The Sands will also continue to provide free coffee and coffee cake. Rick S. stated that Steve F. and Sharon H. are very easy to work with. Pat B. noted that the Sands also provides a lot of free administrative support and supplies such as the badges and trophies. **Action:** David C. made a motion to sign the new contract with the Sands; seconded by Rick S. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**

- XIV. **Reports:**
 - A. **Membership Secretary:** Larry Hassett referred to his written report and invited questions.

There were none.

- B. **Treasurer's Report:** Marlene Lazachek stated that there wasn't much to report. Another \$3,000 was taken out of the investment account, making the total of \$15,000 so far that has been earned from the account. She stated that the account only dropped by \$1,000 during the recent stock market downturn. She asked if the BOD wanted to keep the investment account going in this manner. After getting no response, she stated that she will assume by the BOD's silence that it is OK to keep the investment account as it is.
- C. **Grass Roots:** Ivan W. reported things are going smoothly and that complaints are down. Progress is being made in getting the GR data base updated. He stated that all GR administrative positions have been filled and they are performing well. The GR Committee has held six monthly teleconference meetings. The GR Website Improvement team is going well and are addressing a couple of bugs. The Board Donor project for start-up clubs is going well. He noted that Terry Murdy has developed a Facebook promotion and offered it to GR club directors. The GRRT's went well with some 1,400 players participating. In the future, Ivan w. hoped that GR payments and dues can be made online, but more discussion is needed. He said that the GR Committee is also working on better guidance regarding youth participation in GR clubs. Finally, he reported that 12 of the last 17 new clubs are Division 4 (6 games/GR Lite Clubs) and therefore "data mining" is taking place to facilitate expansion and integration of GR points for regional and national tournaments.
- D. **Internet:** Tammy G. reported that Internet Cribbage is going smoothly. There have been a few software bumps for the new statistician. There was good response to National Cribbage Day, including a commemorative t-shirt for Game Colony winners designed by James M.'s wife. There are 47 new e-cribbage players and 45 new players with Game Colony. Tammy G. said that with they have arranged for six more years of Cribbage Pro. Rick S. suggested looking into advertising on Cribbage Pro. John Shafer requested an audience with the Executive Committee. David C. said he would follow up with him.
- E. **Marketing Committee:** David C. stated that this agenda item will be included in the upcoming agenda item on Social Media.
- F. **Rules:** Dave O. led a discussion item by item from the Rules Committee handouts entitled "Proposed Rule Changes" and "No Committee Action Taken." [For the purpose of brevity, the comments and details during discussion of each item are either summarized or omitted in these minutes.] **See Addendum A for full wordings approved by the BOD.**
- New Rule 3.1.d and new Rule 6.1.e prohibiting "dribbling:" There was considerable discussion about the definition of "dribbling." The proposed new rules did not include a penalty but permitted the opponent to call a judge if it persisted. **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to adopt proposed new rules 3.1.d and 6.1.e stating that all cuts be 'clean' and prohibiting dribbling of the cards; seconded by Dave A. 9-for, 12-opposed, 2-abstentions. **Motion defeated.** Later in the meeting, Jack H. requested that this issue be revisited, suggesting the word "dropping" be used instead of "dribbling." Since the motion regarding dribbling was defeated, David C. suggested Jack H. submit something to the Executive Committee.
 - New bullet to the Code of Ethics about leaving a tournament early: **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to add a bullet to the list of unethical behaviors in the Code of Ethics about leaving a tournament prior to completing all games; seconded by Rick S. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**

- Clarification of renege rule: **Action:** Dan S. made a motion to reword Rule 7.3 regarding renegeing; seconded by Dave A. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**
- New rule relating to retrieving discards to the crib: **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to add a Rule 5.3 regarding prohibition of crib card retrieval; seconded by Dave A. 19-for, 0-opposed; 4-abstentions. **Motion approved.**
- New addition to Rule 9.2.d. regarding correcting a score announcement: **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to add a section to Rule 9.2.d. allowing the dealer to correct a score announcement until the pone mixes the cards; seconded by Dave A. 15-for, 4-opposed, 4 abstentions. **Motion approved.**
- New section to Rule 9.2.e regarding order of counting hand and crib: **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to add a new section to Rule 9.2.e. allowing the order of counting hand and crib to be corrected without penalty; seconded by Dave A. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**
- Add sentence to Rule 5.2.a. allowing the non-offending player to view crib: **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to add a sentence to Rule 5.2.a. allowing the non-offending player to view the crib; seconded by Dave A. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**
- Rewrite Rule 1.5.a. clarifying procedures for the first deal of the game: **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to accept the rewrite of Rule 1.5.a. which clarifies how the first deal is determined depending on the tournament format; seconded by Richard F. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**
- Rewrite Rule 4.1.c. to clarify at what point the cut for deal is assumed: **Action:** James M. made a motion to rewrite Rule 4.1.c. clarifying that the cut for deal is assumed to have taken place once the deck has been cut; seconded by Dan S. 18-for, 5-opposed. **Motion approved.**
- Add to Rule 4.2 new Rule 4.2.d. regulating changing decks during play: **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to add a new Rule 4.2.d. prohibiting the changing of decks during play except for irreplaceably damaged cards, changing decks for anchors half-way and allowing only one deck change per player during playoffs ; seconded by Mark S. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**
- Rewrite Rule 4.4.d.(2) regarding reconstructing of the crib when there are too many cards: **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to approve the proposed rewrite of Rule 4.4.d.(2) for determining which cards will form the four-card crib when it is discovered that there are too many cards in the crib; seconded by Willie E. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**
- Delete Rule 8.4.a.(2) defining recording a win on one's scorecard as a false claim of game: **Action:** Jeanne J. made a motion to delete Rule 8.4.a.(2) [and subsequently renumber the section] that includes recording a win on one's scorecard as a false claim of game; seconded by Dave A. 22-for, 1-opposed. **Motion approved.**
- Deleting a sentence from Rule 1.5.a.: **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to delete "Thereafter, the loser of the previous game deals first" from Rule 1.5.a.; seconded by Rick S. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**
- Adding new Rule 8.5.c. prohibiting moving the back peg to avoid pegging backwards: **Action:** Dave O. made a motion to add new Rule 8.5.c. prohibiting a player from moving his/her back peg after counting and assessing a 2 point penalty for doing so after returning pegs to their original position; seconded by Keith W. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion approved.**

After discussion, it was determined that these changes will go into effect when the new rule book is issued. The timeline is to have everything ready to go to press by June so that the new rule books will be ready for distribution by August 1, 2020. They will be free to anyone who bought an old book within the last 6 months. It was also noted that currently the place where the rules are on the website is difficult to find; it is suggested that the new rules be given more

prominence and easier access. Also discussed was policy 10.2 in the ACC Policy & Procedures Manual which requires all judges be recertified when a new rule book is issued. Sally Henderson stated that it will be very difficult to test everyone. In addition, she believed that passing an open book test doesn't prove someone will be a good judge. The consensus of the BOD was to ignore this policy for now, and to bring up a proposal in September regarding a process to recertify or to change the policy 10.2.

- G. **Ethics:** Keith W. stated that not much was going on with regards to the Ethics Committee. They suspended one person for 6 months as well as the next the TOC, ACC Open and Grand National for walking out of a [GRNT] tournament. He said that not everyone knows that walking out of a tournament is an automatic suspension and suggested that this be published in Cribbage World. It was noted that if a player becomes sick while playing in a tournament, they must talk to the TD [in order to avoid being suspended.]
- H. **Judges:** Jeff S. announced that he will be replacing two or three Senior judges due to resignations and inactivity. He invited recommendations to replace these people—two in the Western Division and one in the Eastern Division.
- I. **Youth Program:** Dan Zeisler reported on the recent 27th Annual Sierra Youth tournament, which had 62 kids, including 30 who came by bus from Roseburg, OR. They camped in the Dan Zeisler Gymnasium in Grass Valley. He said that youth cribbage in certain areas is thriving, such as in Grass Valley largely due to radio station interviews and a newspaper article. His calls include adults who want to get involved in playing cribbage. He also noted that the youth cribbage website generates several emails per week from adults all over the country and he is happy to pass those on. He announced future youth tournaments in Grass Valley and in Roseburg, and also at the Grand National in Sacramento if they find a spot to play. [Jeanne J. assured them there will be a spot.] Dan Z. encouraged people in the Central and Eastern Divisions to get sanctioned youth tournaments going. Dan Z. said that the Sands donated \$500 to youth, so they purchased ACC logoed water bottles. He referred to the Youth Cribbage curriculum and boards given to new youth leaders. Unfortunately, Chris Christensen who made the boards will no longer be able to do so because of health issues, so they are looking for a new Board maker. Several suggestions for board makers were made. Dan Z. commended the BOD for all that it does to make the game great. Willie E. also thanked Dan Z. and Don “Grumpy” Howard for their extraordinary work to build Youth Cribbage. Dan Z. said that Youth Cribbage needs younger people with passion for youth to help him with the leadership. Several suggestions were made.
- J. **Tournament Commissioners:** Pat B. reported that nearly all TD's (more than 90%) are now using the sanctioning request system, and things are going well.

At this point, Jane Danielski Vander Loop passed out post-it notes for people to jot a message to include in a get-well card for Terry Weber.

XV. **New Business:**

- A. **National Open Point Restructure:** Fred W. said that he was bringing this up for discussion. He said that he has played in the National Open for 5 years. He noted that it was a different format from what we're used to playing, and it often seemed that many games were played with little point return. He wondered if it would help attendance if more points were given if someone qualified even if they soon got knocked out. Keith W. noted that in this is double elimination structure, the top 1/8 get qualifying points. He suggested giving special double points for the three “legacy events” [ACC Open, National Open and GN] in order to enhance

those tournaments. Jeff S. agreed with enhancing points for the National Open, but he did not agree with expanding it to other “legacy events.” Rick A. agreed with Jeff S. Wille E. stated that he was in favor of anything that will increase attendance and bring people back. Marlene L. pointed out that the current system isn’t set up to give double points for individual tournaments. Jeanne J. said that we have changed MRP’s before and over time the effects to rankings level out. However, she didn’t believe that more points would attract additional people to attend the other legacy events. Jack H. stated that attendance was much better at the National Open when it was a “stand alone” event. Tammy G. said that tournaments in the Western Division should not be blocked from the same weekend as the National Open; blocking tournaments in the west would not increase attendance at the National Open from western players because it is so expensive for them to travel. Fred W. suggested trying the [National Open’s double elimination] format at tournaments in the other divisions. David C. ended the discussion stating that there may or may not be a proposal about this in September.

- B. **Sickness/Scorecard:** Dave A. proposed that if a player with a qualifying scorecard misses one or more games (due to a temporary emergency) during which a substitute player plays in his/her place, his or her card be placed at the bottom of that ranking. The game(s) played by the substitute would not be included in the scorecard totals. Dave A.’s rationale was that we don’t want to penalize those who played all 22 games. Several BOD members pointed out that not including any minus spread points for the unscored games might also skew the results. Rick S. added that dropping to the bottom of the ranking might also drop the player out of qualifying. James M. proposed imposing a 0 -10 spread points for each game not played by the player. It was noted that this is consistent with the 2 game points +10 spread points for a player who wins by a forfeit. **Action:** Dave A. made a motion that if a player leaves a tournament and another subs in for a few games, that all the missing games are counted as 0 – 10, with the opponent recording the actual results on their scorecard; seconded by Pat B. 20-for, 1-opposed, 2 abstentions. **Motion approved.**
- C. **BOD Election/Policy:** Keith W. introduced this topic by stating that it was for discussion purposes only. He pointed out that only 26 candidates ran for 25 positions in the last election. However, the BOD voted down reducing the number of BOD positions. He suggested that if there are only 25 candidates in the future there was no need to go to the expense of an election. Furthermore, he suggested that if there were less than 25 candidates, the unfilled positions would be left open until the next election. This change will necessitate a change to the by-laws, which requires a 2/3 vote. He said that we would have to decide this before the next election in 2021. Discussion ensued. Jeanne J. recommended thinking through all the impacts, such as state and regional allotments, when proposing changes that affect the by-laws. Willie E. noted that the [BOD/Nominating Committee] needed to be proactive and more engaged in recruiting candidates. Keith W. will come back with a proposal for the September meeting.
- D. **Ethics Updates Website:** Keith W. raised the issue of updating Chapter 9 regarding the publicising of suspensions. He said that suspensions are already put in Cribbage World and the Regional Commissioners and Grass Roots Commissioner know, but he wondered about getting the word to Grass Roots directors. He suggested putting a list online of living persons who have been expelled as well as listing the names and dates for those on suspension. He said that the offense that led to the suspension or expulsion will not be stated. Once they have completed their suspension, their names would come off the list. Diane W. said she could put this list on the website. **Action:** Keith W. made a motion to put online a list of living people who have been expelled and of current suspensions with their effective dates; seconded by Valerie S. 22-for, 1-opposed. **Motion approved.**

- E. **Ethics/Judges:** Keith W. proposed that in addition to current judges, there also be a list of suspended, removed, expired, resigned or retired judges on the website. Dave A said that there is a list of current judges on the website, but it is not up to date. Sally H. maintains a list of current judges. After discussing the practicality and purpose of this proposal, it was withdrawn.
- F. **Liability Insurance:** Jeanne J. said several TD's in her area requested she bring up the issue of liability insurance. At this point, the topic is for discussion purposes to see if there was interest by the BOD in pursuing it further. There were two general concerns: first, how to protect TD's from being held liable personally if someone gets hurt at their tournament; secondly, how to get an inexpensive "certificate of additionally insured" or a rider on a blanket liability policy for a specific event. Sometimes venues require such a certificate in order to rent the facility. Jeanne J. stated that we can potentially lose TD's and good venues if this issue isn't addressed. She indicated that Marlene L. had inquired whether it was possible to get such coverage through our existing Board and Officers insurance policy. Marlene L. briefly reported that it did not cover TD's or tournaments, nor was it set up for riders. She had one quote from another insurance company with an annual fee of \$2,500 that would prepare riders for over \$225 per certificate. Several BOD members, including James M., Paul G., Pat B., Mark S. and Roland H. indicated that they have faced this challenge when renting facilities. Richard F. said it would be a good idea if there was an umbrella insurance policy for the ACC. Jeanne J. offered to lead a small task force into looking into such a policy and bring back a recommendation in September. In addition to Jeanne J., named members of the task force were Richard F., Tammy G., Matt Padrow and Marlene L. [Marlene L. declined to be on the committee but will provide information to it.]
- G. **HOF changes:** David C. stated that the HOF voting appeared to be too regionalized. There were also other issues contributing to why no one was elected this year, such as the date issue. Dan S. said that we got close to the 65% minimum and suggested that the three Tournament Commissioners each come up with three other people to form a caucus. Another suggestion was that each BOD member be required to pick someone from each division to form their three additional panelists. Similarly, it was suggested that the BOD itself form the selection panel. A system of ranked voting was also suggested. The discussion concluded with the formation of a committee to bring back in September with a proposal to improve the HOF selection process. The committee consists of Jason H. (chair), Dan S., Tammy G., Mark S., David C. and Richard F. [After the meeting, James M., Keith W. and Scott K. were added to the committee.]

XVI. **Committee Reports:**

Social Media: David C. stated that this is a combined report with Marketing. The plan is to pick a Grass Roots club and/or a weekend tournament and do an advertising blast on Facebook to see how effective this is in recruiting new members. If it works, broader marketing efforts using social media advertising will be used. David C. wants to redesign the marketing committee and invited interested people to contact him.

Nominating: Jeanne J. said that there won't be anything going on with the Officers Nominating Committee until 2021.

IT/Technology: Paul G. thanked Diane W. for 15 years of service as webmaster. He reported that the IT committee met yesterday to discuss the best path forward regarding technology. He said personally it was challenging to build software an hour or two at a time. The committee met with a contractor yesterday and identified several projects that are not yet done. These include finishing the MRP program and membership system improvements. The contractor will come back in a

couple of days with some quotes. Paul G. noted that it is difficult for [the ACC] to keep up from a technology perspective. Tammy G. asked how much progress has been made so far relative to the contract with Paul G. He said that he had been paid \$13,600 of the \$19K contract, and he was about 2/3 done. He estimated that what remained to be done was about \$6,000 worth of work. John H. said that more documentation is needed and what we have now is a mess. There will be a recommendation about going forward with a new contractor when we get his quote.

Awards: Mark S. said that the All-American awards have been switched from framed certificates to plaques. He had nothing more to report.

XVII. **Executive Committee Reports:**

President: David C. said everything he had to say has already been covered.

VP Marketing: James M. announced that there are new posters and flyers for Grass Roots advertising.

VP Ethics & Policy: Keith W. handed out updated pages of the ACC Policy & Procedures Manual. He offered to get a new manual to anyone who needed one.

VP Operations: No report.

VP Competition: Dave A. said that everything regarding competition is going fine. The only issue he dealt with regarded someone who had completed their suspension and continued to be banned by a TD. That issue has been resolved by a small group that included the tournament commissioners.

XVIII. **Adjournment: Action:** Keith W. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Valerie S. 23-for, 0-opposed. **Motion Approved.** The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Next meeting date September 25, 2020

Appendix A

Changes to Rules Approved at 3/5/20 BOD Meeting

From the Rules Committee Hand-out "Proposed Rule Changes:"

- Add a bullet to the Code of Ethics (on page 5) that says: **"leaving a tournament prior to completing all of the games required in the tournament (Refer to the Tournament Directors Manual.)"**
- Reword the renege rule, as follows:
"Rule 7.3 Renege
A renege is a failure to play a card or cards that could have been played before a player calls "go" or "31." (You cannot call a renege when a count is 21 or less.) Judges must be summoned to correct this action.
 - A player may correct a "go" call before either player plays a card or pegs a point. Thereafter, in the case of a single renege, when any renege card is played, the opponent may claim a renege up to the time s/he plays their next card, or announces the count of their hand. In the case of a double or triple renege, no matter which renege card is caught first during the hand – a double renege is always a double renege, and a triple renege is always a triple renege.**
 - Any cards played after the renege occurs, or the pegging of a "go," shall be retrieved by the judges, and any points pegged are retracted by the judges. The non-offending player receives two points for each card that singly could have been played. For example, if the count is 25 and that player holds A-5-6 and does not play any of the three cards before saying "go," that is a "triple renege," and the opponent is awarded six points (two for each playable card.)**
 - The non-offending player decides if the renege card(s) will be dead or played. The non-offending player does not get to see the value of the renege cards remaining in the offending player's hand, only having the right to decide if the renege card(s) will be dead or played.**
 - Play continues, and all cards in both hands and crib are counted, including those declared "dead" during pegging.**
 - Exception: If a player's opponent calls "go" and the player pegs out, the game is over; it is not a renege if that player had cards that could have been played.**
- Add the following new section regarding retrieving discards to the crib:
"Rule 5.3 Crib Card Retrieval
 - No cards may be retrieved from the crib by either dealer or pone once both players have discarded to the crib.**
 - If either dealer or pone discards too many or too few cards to the crib, refer to Rule 4.4.a(1)."**
- Add the following sentence to the end of section 9.2.d.:
"However, the dealer may correct a score announcement until the pone mixes the dealer's cards with the rest of the deck. At that point, no score correction is allowed."
- Add a new section to Rule 9.2.e. regarding counting hand and crib out of order:

“If the dealer examines and counts the crib BEFORE counting and pegging his/her hand, all crib points are retracted and the hand is counted and pegged. Then the crib is counted and pegged. There is no penalty for this action. In the event counting the crib out of order results in pegging into the out hole, NO FALSE CLAME OF GAME OCCURS.”

- Add to the end of Rule 5.2.a. the following sentence:
“The non-offending player must be allowed to view the cards in the crib.”
- Rewrite Rule 1.5.a. as follows:
“In the qualifying round, if it is a cut-for-deal format, the pack must be cut to determine which player deals first in the game. The low card wins. If the tournament format is alternate deal, there is no cut to determine the first dealer. In an alternate deal situation, the tournament director must announce the procedure to be followed in determining the first dealer and how subsequent first deals are to be determined.”
- Add reworded new Rule 4.1.c. as follows:
“In the first deal of the game, once the deck has been cut and dealing begins, it is assumed that the cut for dealer was made and play continues.”
- Add the following to Rule 4.2:
“Changing decks during qualifying play is prohibited, except for irreplaceably damaged cards. However, the tournament director must replace the deck with one of the same color at each stationary (anchor) position midway through the tournament. In the playoffs, a player may request a different deck after any game in a match, but each player is limited to one deck change per match.”
- Reword 4.4.d.(2) as follows:
“If the judges, in private conversation with the players, are able to determine which two cards each player discarded to the crib, those four cards will form the crib. If only one, two, or three cards can be verified as discards, they become part of the crib and a judge blindly draws from the remaining discards to complete a four-card crib. If no cards can be verified as discards, a judge blindly draws from the discards to form the crib. Any remaining cards are returned to the deck. Both hands and the crib are counted, and play continues.”

From the Rules Committee Hand-out “No Committee Action Taken:”

- Delete the following Rule 8.4.a.(2) as a false claim of game, and renumber the section:
Delete: “(2) Recording the game outcome as a win on a scorecard.”
- Delete the following sentence from Rule 1.5.a.:
Delete: “Thereafter, the loser of the previous game deals first.”
- Add new Rule 8.5.c. as follows:
“Once all hands have been pegged on one deal, the back peg must stay in place until it needs to be used to peg in the next deal. Moving the back peg closer to the front peg to avoid pegging backward is a 2-point penalty, and pegs must be returned to their original position.”