

American Cribbage Congress

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Four Points By Sheraton—Virginia Beach, VA

October 13, 2023

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I. Call to Order:

President James Morrow called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. He welcomed the six new members [Rick Baird, Joe Bowen, Betty Brumley, Opal Gunn, Bob Joslin, Jason Matheny] to the BOD.

A. Roll Call:

Jeanne Jelke read the roll call. In attendance were David Aiken, Rick Baird, Patrick Barrett, Joe Bowen, Betty Brumley, Tammy Gibbons, Opal Gunn, Roland Hall, John Hazlett, Jeanne Jelke, Jennifer Johnson, Bob Joslin, Cy Madrone, Jason Matheny, James Morrow, Lana Newhouse, Sandy Sands, Todd Schaefer, Dan Selke, Rick Shea, Mark Soule, Vickie Soule, Terry Weber, and Keith Widener. 24 Board members were in attendance. We had a quorum. Excused Absence: Jason Hofbauer. Also in attendance: Ivan Wells, Scott Harker, Brenda Nason, Marlene Lazachek, Sally Henderson, and others.

B. Approve Agenda:

James M. made three amendments to the Agenda:

Add Agenda Item II. F.: GN 2026 Bids

Add HOF Nominations & Voting to Item VII. B.

Add Agenda Item V. E.: J Resort

Action: Keith W. made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Jeanne J. **Motion approved.**

C. Approve Minutes of Virtual Meeting March 11, 2023:

Jeanne J. presented the draft minutes of the virtual meeting of March 11, 2023. The draft minutes have been circulated, and a few tweaks were made. **Action:** Dan S. made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/11/23; seconded by Mark S. **Motion approved.**

D. Election of Officers:

Jeanne J. reported that the Officer Nominating Committee had received no other nominations other than the five incumbents, all of whom agreed to run for another term. She explained the process for the election. The officer positions were presented one at a time. If only one candidate was running after a motion to close nominations, that candidate was deemed elected by affirmation, as per the procedure approved by the BOD its 3/11/23 Virtual Meeting. She also thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their assistance. They are: Jennifer J. (replacing Mark S.), John H. and Tammy G.

President: James Morrow was the only nominee. There were no nominations from the floor. **Action:** Dave A. made a motion to close nominations for the office of President; seconded by Tammy G. **Motion approved.** By affirmation, James Morrow was deemed elected as President to serve a two-year term.

Executive Vice President: Rick Shea was the only nominee. There were no nominations from the floor. **Action:** Mark S. made a motion to close nominations for the office of Executive Vice President; seconded by James M. **Motion approved.** By affirmation, Rick Shea was deemed elected as Executive Vice President to serve a two-year term.

Vice President for Policy & Ethics: Keith Widener was the only nominee. There were no nominations from the floor. **Action**: Pat B. made a motion to close nominations for the office of Vice President for Policy & Ethics; seconded by Todd S. **Motion approved**. By affirmation, Keith Widener was deemed elected as Vice President for Policy & Ethics to serve a two-year term.

Vice President for Operations: Terry Weber was the only nominee put forward by the Nominating Committee. There was one nomination from the floor. Tammy G. nominated Mark Soule; seconded by Joe B. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Each candidate was invited to make a brief statement in support of their candidacy. A secret ballot was passed out to BOD members. The results were: 14 votes for Mark S., 10 votes for Terry W. Mark Soule was deemed elected to the position of Vice President for Operations to serve a two-year term.

Vice President for Competition: David Aiken was the only nominee. There were no nominations from the floor. **Action**: Bob J. made a motion to close nominations for the office of Vice President for Competition; seconded by Todd S. **Motion approved**. By affirmation, David Aiken was deemed elected as Vice President for Competition to serve a two-year term.

II. Dave Aiken Business [Dave A. had to leave early, so following are items he spoke to.]

A. No Open Seating to Include Satellite Events:

Dave A. proposed that random seating be required for satellite tournaments if money is involved. There should be no "open seating." He noted that this has been official policy sanctioned events all along.

Action: Dave A. made a motion that all events, including satellites be random seating; seconded by Keith W. **Motion approved**. This will be added to the Policy & Procedures Manual.

B. Policy Change Section 9 [Article X of the ACC Constitution & By-Laws]:

Keith W. read the proposed wording change to Article X of the ACC Constitution & By-Laws that needs to be amended to be consistent with the policy change the BOD approved in Section 9 of the ACC Policy & Procedures Manual. This policy allows for notification of the membership when someone is suspended or expelled from the ACC. Not only will the person be named, but the duration and the reason for the suspension or expulsion will be given in Cribbage World for the entire suspension period. Keith W. noted that this change requires at least a 2/3 majority vote. **Action**: Keith W. made a motion to adopt the proposed wording change to the By-Laws; seconded by Mark S. **Motion approved unanimously**.

C. Moving TOC / All Star Tournament

James M. split this agenda item into two parts.

1. Move TOC to Grand National:

Lana N. read her proposal to move the TOC to be held in conjunction with the Grand National. Her rationale included reducing travel expenses for people who can afford to go to only one major tournament. Others spoke in support of this proposal, while others offered arguments to keep the TOC with the ACC Open in Reno. Pat B. noted that the TOC is an extremely prestigious tournament that has been held in Reno since 1982. The current contract with the J Resort includes the TOC for the next 2 years, with \$4,000 going to the prize fund, 550 lapel pins and \$500 for trophies, no charge for the playing room, playing cards, scorecards, coffee and coffee cake. This would be hard to replace if the TOC were moved elsewhere. He stated that while he understood the travel issues for players, scheduling the TOC in a Grand National setting would create a new set of problems including logistics and adding a major event to an already tight schedule. Several others voiced concern that removing the TOC from the same weekend as the ACC Open would hurt the Reno tournament. Proponents of Lana N.'s motion, including Bruce Sattler, suggested that moving the TOC around the country would open it up to more people, especially those representing Grass Roots milestones. Furthermore, it was suggested that the entry fee be

raised to offset the benefits given by the J Resort. Keith W. felt that the TOC should remain in Reno, but perhaps a “Regional TOC” could be attached to the Grand National. Bob J. said that the TOC should be left at the J Resort in Reno, but suggested that eligibility for the Grass Roots TOC [held in conjunction with the Grand National] be expanded to include lifetime invites to Bronze-level and above Grass Roots players. It was noted at this point that Rick Baird will be taking over as the Director of the Grass Roots TOC. Rick B. said that they were already thinking of expanding the eligibility for the Grass Roots TOC, as well as changing the number of games. Megan Player, while she understood the travel cost issue, echoed Bob J.’s statement, suggesting that expanding the Grass Roots TOC will create the best of both worlds and provide a broader opportunity for more people to participate in a TOC. After more discussion, a motion was put to the vote. **Action:** Lana N. made a motion to move the TOC to coincide with the Grand National; seconded by Jason M. For: 3; Against: 20. **Motion failed.**

2. Move All-Star Tournament to Grand National:

For reasons similar to the proposal to move the TOC to coincide with the Grand National, Lana N. proposed that the All-Star Tournament be moved to occur at the Grand National. Roland H. [who is the TD for the All-Star Tournament] stated that it would be okay to move it to the Grand National but only if there were no competing events such as satellites going on at the same time. Keith W. pointed out that the ACC Policy & Procedures Manual states that the All-Star Tournament will be held in Reno on the Thursday evening following the BOD meeting. This policy would have to be changed if the All-Star Tournament is moved to the Grand National. **Action:** Lana N. made a motion to move the All-Star Tournament to be held following the BOD meeting at the Grand National, starting in 2024; seconded by Mark S. For: 16; Against: 6; 1 Abstention. **Motion approved.**

E. Legacy Tournaments:

James M. stated that currently there are two annual “Legacy Tournaments”—the ACC Open and the Grand National—when no other tournaments are sanctioned during those dates. A proposal has been put forward to designate the National Open as a third “Legacy Tournament.” Terry W. reported that he met with all the interested parties. and they agreed to put forward a 5-part proposal:

1. Grand National, ACC/JPW Open and the National Open will be given Legacy status with exclusive dates. [No other tournament may be scheduled their protected weekend.]
2. Starting in 2025, the National Open will be the third weekend in July. Due to the existing contract, the National Open will be the last weekend in July, 2024 and will be exclusive.
3. The Grand National, ACC/JPW Open and the National Open Main and Consolation tournaments will be awarded double MRP’s.
4. This [double MRP’s] will take effect immediately starting with the 2023 Grand National in Virginia Beach.
5. The only way this policy can be changed is with a 2/3 supermajority vote of the BOD.

It was decided to remove items #3 and #4 regarding MRP’s to a separate discussion. [See below.]

Megan P. provided some background to the proposal to give the National Open exclusivity and protected status. She noted that it was the very first tournament started by ACC founding father Nick Pond, has been held for over 50 years and thus has great tradition behind it. A lengthy discussion followed, with focus on what would happen if a Legacy Tournament needed to be moved to a weekend when another tournament was scheduled. The consensus was that if a Legacy Tournament had to be moved, exclusivity would still be upheld; however, the ACC would make good any losses to the TD on a case-by-case basis if the bumped tournament could not be rescheduled. **Action:** James M. moved to adopt the following policy; seconded by Keith W.

The Grand National, the ACC/JPW Open and the National Open will be given Legacy Tournament status with exclusive dates. No other tournament may be played on their protected weekends. All Legacy Tournaments will be ACC sponsored. No Legacy Tournament will be played on the last

weekend of the season starting in 2025. The only way this policy may be changed is with a 2/3 supermajority vote of the ACC BOD. Motion approved.

There was additional about increasing the number of MRP's that are awarded at Legacy Tournament as an added incentive for people to attend them. There were some suggestions, including double MRP's, 1.5x MRP's, a set amount bonus MRP's. There were also some concerns about whether this was fair to people who couldn't afford to travel to all three Legacy Tournaments, and whether it would only incentivize point chasers who were likely to go anyway. Further discussion was tabled. A committee consisting of Bob J., Jason M., Rick B. and Keith W. was formed to look into the matter and come back with a potential proposal to the BOD.

F. Reports: Social Media & Executive Committee:

Dave A. said that we have some 3,000 followers on the ACC Facebook page. We don't have much of a presence on X. Vicki S. is working on a process to be auto-informed with new member profiles when they visit the ACC Facebook page.

G. GN 2026 Bids:

Two bids were put forward for Grand National 2026 in the Eastern Region. Dave A. proposed that GN 2026 be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls, NY, October 13-19, 2026. He said he and Mark S. were working with Jill Kraatz to secure a favorable contract with the Sheraton in Niagara Falls. The rates per night would be \$142 plus a \$15 resort fee + taxes. There would be no fee for the playing room. The Food and Beverage minimum requirement is \$6,000, which is easily met. The all-inclusive Awards Banquet would be \$40 per person. This is a nice time of year with fall colors and not too cold, yet. The nearest major airport is Buffalo, NY, and Southwest flies there.

Opal G. proposed that GN 2026 be held at the Pensacola Beach Resort, FL, October 28 – November 1, 2026. Room rates would be \$159 + tax, but no resort fee. The parking fee would also be waived. The Pensacola airport is 25 miles away. The meeting space normally rents for \$15,000 but would be offset by the Food & Beverage purchase. There is a campground nearby for RV's.

Rick S. cautioned that we need to have bids in writing before voting. However, James M. explained that we need to vote now because the hotels can't hold the rates until a vote in March, 2024. James M. called for a vote by secret ballot. 19 were in favor of Niagara Falls, 4 in favor of Pensacola Beach, with one abstention. GN 2026 will be in Niagara Falls, NY.

III. Grand National Updates:

A. Las Vegas Update:

Dave A. reported that everything is on track. No flyer has been issued yet. However, the passkey (reservation code) has been sent to BOD members to book their reservations at the JW Marriott.

B. South Dakota Update:

Dave A. said that planning is moving right along. Pat and Linda Barrett, John H. and Dan S. are co-directors.

C. Virginia Beach Grand National:

Jack Howsare reported that there are 286 players signed up for GN 41, with 72 qualifiers. 50 players will be in the lobby conference room where the BOD meeting is taking place on the 4th floor. He was pleased to announce that all the tournaments will have 100% payouts.

IV. Officer Reports:

A. **Membership Secretary:**

Brenda Nason referring to her report. She noted that memberships are trickling up, with 529 more members than last year as of the end of September. She said that she is seeing people coming back whose memberships had expired. The biggest attrition is with new members last year who did not join a club. She advocated for new member retention strategies, such as a mentoring process to help people find a nearby club. Betty B. and Opal G. are willing to call new members, help orient them and encourage them to join a Grass Roots club. Another suggested member recruitment strategy was to pay for ACC ads in "Meet Up." She also said that 40 – 50% of renewals are online now.

B. **Treasurer's Report:**

Marlene L. referred to her written report which had been circulated to the BOD. She noted that our investment account is around \$47,000 but the BOD voted to leave it as is. It has been up and down, but over time \$24,000 in \$3,000 increments has been taken out from an initial investment of \$50,000. Marlene L. also noted that postage for Grass Roots awards has increased, going over \$1,000. The ACC has about \$125,000 in the bank. Pat B. stated that we had two big expenditures: \$6,000 for scorecards, and new bracket boards for \$900, so that's about \$7,000 that we won't be spending again for a long time. Marlene noted that some of these expenses may appear in next year's financial statement.

C. **Grass Roots:**

Ivan W. referred to his emailed report. He stated that we had 193 Grass Roots clubs by the end of last year. So far this year the number of clubs is up to 204, including in several new states. However, one of two clubs in Canada disbanded. He said that the added \$1 for dues is paying for the liability insurance. He also noted that the Grass Roots online store for dues is taking off. He said that Ann Trotter is stepping down as GR Awards Coordinator. Betty B. volunteered to take over from Ann. Ivan W. concluded by saying that he is looking for marketing people for Facebook, Meet up. Jennifer J. offered to work with anyone who wants to set up a free website using the program she used to set one up for her club. Ivan will send out an e-blast about this offer.

D. **Internet tournaments:**

Sally H. referred to her report. She said that internet play is growing, and 54 players joined the ACC. She stated that she and Vicki S. [through Facebook] are trying to follow up with new internet members, and it seems to be working. Most of the new players, especially the younger ones, find out about internet cribbage from Google. She discussed whether giving out internet awards is meaningful; only 6 people are at the GN to pick up their internet awards. Most internet players don't care much about trophies and plaques. She said one option for a physical award is to give them a year's subscription to e-cribbage so that they get the "bells & whistles," and about 1/3 are choosing this option.

E. **Youth Program:**

James M. stated that he had spoken to Dan Zeisler. The first issue Dan Z. was concerned about was that it used to be that anyone putting on a Youth Tournament would get \$200 from the ACC for expenses. That amount increased to \$500. Dan Zeisler is not comfortable giving \$500 regardless of the number of participants. Therefore, a new policy is being proposed to reimburse youth tournament directors \$20 per participant, up to 20 youth players after the tournament report is submitted along with documentation of expenses. **Action:** James M. made a motion to change the ACC subsidy for youth tournaments to be based on \$20 per youth player up to 25 players after the tournament report is submitted; seconded by Rick S. **Motion approved.** James M. also stated that after 25 years as Youth Commissioner, Dan Zeisler is stepping down as of March, 2024. It should be run by youth, and right now it is just status quo. He needs a successor, and he has put together a duty statement. Joe B.

asked if the commissioner has to be from the Western Region, and noted that he is trying to increase the number of youth tournaments in Maine and New England. James M. stated that this person does not have to be a BOD member. James M. will circulate the duty statement. James M. also asked to have the free youth website be made more consistent (or incorporated into) the Youth Cribbage page on the ACC website. John H. said that he could make that happen.

F. IT Tech:

Tammy G. stated that she really isn't an IT person, the real IT people are Scott Harker and John H. Scott H. is taking care of improving and maintaining three technical systems: membership, Grass Roots, and the MRP system. Scott H. said that the Grass Roots system is stable, although there are a few things on the to-do list, including re-writing the code to track the number of GR sessions you are eligible for up to 36. He is also adding old Grass Roots data (such as club history) as he can get to it. He said that Brenda keeps him busy with suggestions and tweaks, correcting information and creating automated email reminders for dues renewals. He said that the new MRP system is almost ready to be fully operational, perhaps in a couple of months. The new system will do what the old system did, except that it will be fully online. It will be activated in three phases: 1) confirm that the new system works and retire the old system; 2) TD's can input tournament results online with a double-check process; 3) weave the MRP data from tournament reports into the website. Mark S. is helping to coordinate the direction of the MRP system update. Sally H. stated that once the MRP system is up and running, consideration will be made to improving the Internet cribbage record system. Tammy G. thanked Scott H. for taking these IT projects on under challenging circumstances.

V. Old Business

A. Bylaws Article X:

This has already been handled.

B. Slow Play:

Ivan W. said that he asked for this agenda item because there hasn't been any policy developed since the issue of dealing with slow play was brought up six months ago. Pat B. said that the impetus for this was a tournament where a player was made to start at hole 31 due to his unwillingness to speed up his play. Keith W. suggested forming a committee to come up with some slow play policy recommendations. Discussion followed, with several tactics shared, as well as concerns. A committee was formed, consisting of Lana N. (chair), Ivan W., Opal G., Rick B., Jason M. and tasked with coming back with policy recommendations/options on dealing with slow play.

C. Youth Scholarship:

James M. referred to a handout describing the proposed Youth Scholarship Program and a draft application form. This proposal stemmed from an idea to use accumulated surplus funds designated for youth. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be offered per year, one per region. Multiple scholarships can be given to youth from the same region if no one applies from another region. The recipients will be chosen by a committee consisting of Vicki S., Jason H., Kat Hartsell, and Dan S. The scholarship fund will be replenished with donations. Brenda N. stated that in 2022, \$2,200 was donated in support of the youth program, and in 2022, \$2,490 was donated without even promoting it for the purpose of scholarships. Therefore, the proposed Youth Scholarship Program is sustainable. **Action:** James M. made a motion to approve the proposed Youth Scholarship Program; seconded by Jennifer J. **Motion approved.**

D. Limit on Weekday Tournaments:

Rick S. said that several TD's want to do one day Friday tournaments, but the limit has been reached. Therefore, he was proposing that there be no limit on the number of Friday and Monday one-day tournaments, so long as they are attached to a regular weekend tournament. There was some discussion as to whether the limit could be expanded. **Action:** Rick S. made a motion to eliminate the

limit on the number of weekday tournaments, with the Regional Commissioner having the discretion to approved; seconded by James M. 21 for; 2 abstained. **Motion approved.**

E. J Resort:

Rick S. stated that he anticipated getting the written 2-year contract from the J Resort very soon. The contract terms include continuing to add to the prize fund; trophies; water, coffee and coffee cake; free playing space; and playing cards. They will also comp 15 rooms for volunteers. They also will include \$10 free play for players (they backed away from limiting free play for hotel guests only). There will not be substantial discounts for rooms; they will be offered at the room rack rate.; The J Resort also will no longer store cribbage supplies, nor the HOF pictures. It will also not process the entry fees or issue 1099's. Rick S. also clarified that this contract included the TOC on the first Friday in March.

VI New Business

A. One Virtual Meeting Per Year:

Jennifer J. proposed having one virtual meeting per year and one in person meeting at the Grand National. She noted that we have successfully held virtual meetings in the past. This will give more flexibility and will make it easier for people to decide to run for the BOD if they only are required to travel once a year. Rick S. said that the J Resort probably won't miss the BOD meeting if it was removed from the schedule in March. Jeanne J. suggested having the BOD meetings be a hybrid meeting, meeting in person but allowing the option to attend virtually if they choose. **Action:** Jennifer J. made a motion to have a mandatory in-person BOD meeting at the Grand National and one virtual meeting in the winter/spring timeframe scheduled by the Executive Committee effective this season; seconded by Terry Weber. 18 for, 5 abstentions. **Motion approved.** It was further clarified that a board member is allowed one excused absence [per two-year term] and that it will be mandatory for BOD members to attend the meeting at the GN in person unless they have an excused absence.

B. Lifetime Membership:

Jennifer J. said that she had been approached by a younger person about lifetime membership. She suggested adding another tier for lifetime membership for members younger than 65 years. In the past, new lifetime memberships were discontinued because they weren't financially sustainable; then they were restored at a higher rate. noted that about a fifth of our members are lifetime members, and that it was difficult to track. Sometimes they get CW for years after they are no longer active in the ACC or may have passed away. A committee was formed to revisit the issue of lifetime memberships, including whether to add a tier for younger members and how best to deal with tracking life memberships. The committee consists of Terry W. (chair), Sandy S., Jennifer J., Opal G., and Brenda N.

C. First Dealer of Playoffs:

Lana N. proposed that the player with the better card in a playoff match benefit by being awarded the first deal instead of cutting for deal. This proposal was discussed, and by consensus it was decided to limit this to the first round only. **Action:** Lana N. made a motion to have the higher seed player deal first for the first round of the playoffs; seconded by Jason M. 5 for; 14 against. **Motion Failed.**

D. Disaster Support Group:

Opal G. suggested that there be some process for cribbage players, particularly Grass Roots clubs, affected by a disaster to get [cribbage-related] support and supplies. There was some discussion as to whether there needed to be a formal process. A notice will be put on the ACC website that if there's a disaster to contact VP for Operations Mark S. for resources and support.

E. Holding GRRT's on GN Weekend:

James M. said that it was brought to his attention that there were three Grass Roots Regional Tournaments (GRRT) that are being held on 10/14/22 at the same time as this year's Grand National.

The question was whether exclusivity for Legacy Tournament applies to GRRT and GRNT's. It was pointed out that Grass Roots comes under the umbrella of the ACC, implying that the exclusivity policy should apply to GRRT's and GRNT's. Others noted that these tournaments only occur twice a year, and that people who chose to go to a local GRRT or GRNT probably would not be going to the GN anyway. After discussion, the consensus was that the exclusivity policy only applies to sanctioned weekend tournaments and not to Grass Roots or internet cribbage events.

VII. Discussion:

A. Cross Checking Tables:

Cy M. proposed setting up a committee to revisit the crosschecking guidelines in the Rule Book. He gave examples of tournaments where the crosschecking took an inordinate amount of time due to the way the crosschecking was done. He also said that some of the current guidelines are no longer relevant in most situations. He made several suggestions, such as having a minimum number of people (2 per table of 24 or less, 3 if more than 24) and having all the cards face up instead of keeping them in one's hands going through them one at a time. In addition, perhaps there could be a certification process for crosschecking, similar to "Senior Judge." He also stated that experienced crosscheckers should encourage new people to participate in crosschecking. A committee was formed consisting of Cy M., Dan Selke, Rick B., Jeanne J. This committee will come up with some recommendations to update the crosschecking guidelines and then take it to the Rules Committee for further consideration.

B. Hall of Fame Pictures and Discussion:

Mark S. proposed converting the existing portraits to digital versions, taking only digital portraits of future inductees, and rotating photos of HOF members on a large screen during major tournaments. Once the digital copies are available, the framed portraits will be donated back to the appropriate families. This is because continued storage of the framed portraits is difficult. It was noted that this will require a change in the ACC Policy & Procedures manual.

Jennifer J. provided a timeline for this year's HOF voting. BOD members must confirm their three panelists by November 1, 2023, including their current email address. These panelists must be ACC members in good standing. She encouraged the new BOD members to consider asking previous panelists of retiring BOD members. An ad inviting nominations will be included in the November and December Cribbage Worlds. Nomination letters must be made by email only, and need not include nominees' statistics. The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2024. Voting will be online, with the website available for voting January 20 – February 15, 2024. Tallying and additional voting (if needed) will be done at the Virtual Meeting.

VIII. BOD Reports:

A. Web Site:

John H. reported that all is working well, although he was a little behind on data for updating awards. He also noted that the committee page needs to be updated.

B. Promotions:

Jennifer J. reported that 5,000 ACC stickers have been produced and are ready for distribution. Samples were given out to the BOD members. She also noted that Jason M. has been added to the Promotions Committee. There are also many "Cribbage Anyone?" brochures available to distribute.

C. Rules:

Dave O'Neil has agreed to serve again as Rules Committee Chair; he will have the same committee. Brenda N. indicated that we have maybe a 1 – 2 year supply of rule books. Dan S. noted that the committee had considered a proposed change to rule 4.4 but ultimately the consensus was to not go forward with changing anything with regard to rule 4.4.

D. Ethics:

Keith W. reported that there have been 3 suspensions in the last three months, 2-3 warning letters, and several issues are pending. He announced that there would be an Ethics Committee meeting right after the BOD meeting.

E. Judges:

Keith W. stated he had talked with every Senior Judge, and now has the capacity to contact them all at once by email. There are four new Senior Judges: Marty Duchow, Al Karr, Bob Bartosh, and Bob Prochnow. The list of judges needs to be updated. Keith W. also stated that if there are issues regarding actions by judges, they are referred to the Ethics Committee.

F. Tournament Commissioners:

Rick S. said that he wasn't dealing with any problems other than being really busy, and the Friday tournament issue.

Mark S. likewise briefly reported that tournaments in the Eastern Division are back up to normal.

Pat B. reported that there were 174 tournaments last season, a big increase over 2020. He also announced that there are new, improved bracket boards which will be distributed by the three commissioners.

G. Nominating:

Jeanne J. had nothing more to report. The next time the committee will be meeting is in 2025.

H. Awards:

Mark S. thanked Vicki S. and Richard Frost for their help getting awards lined up. The awards process is back to normal. The awards will be presented tomorrow night at the Awards Banquet.

I. Executive Committee Report:

President: James M. said that the Executive Committee works well together. He thanked Terry W. for his service on the Executive Committee. He also reminded people to take advantage of the Element 3 program that Sandy S. introduced and earn money for Grass Roots clubs.

Senior Vice President: Rick S. noted that presentations of bids for the 2027 Grand National in the Western Division need to be made at the BOD meeting during the Grand National in Las Vegas.

VP Ethics /Policy: Keith W. passed out revisions to the ACC Policy & Procedures Manual.

VP Operations: Terry W. had no further comments except to repeat that there are new banners and bracket boards. He thanked Mark S. for stepping up to take over as VP of Operations.

VP Competition: Already covered above.

IX. Adjournment:

Action: Keith W. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dan S. **Motion approved.** The meeting adjourned at 3:24 pm.

Next meeting date: TBD (Virtual Meeting March 2024 timeframe)