

District 10 Executive Committee Meeting

March 20, 2020 Teleconference

Larry Sealy, President of District 10 requested an Executive Committee Meeting teleconference of the current executive committee on March 20, 2020 at 7pm. District 10 members of the current executive committee were present to take a vote on motions made by Pat Williams regarding the replacement of Russ Jones as ACBL Board member by Ned Irving to be on the District 10 executive committee, replacement of Vicki Willis as check signer for the district by Larry Sealy and approval of Greg Frank as the new D10 webmaster. The following District 10 executive committee members were on this phone call: Russ Jones, Larry Sealy, Pat Williams, Robert Whiting, Vicki Willis and Judy Knox, secretary.

The following motions were approved unanimously:

- 1) WHEREAS Donald L. Sealy was elected president of the Mid-South Bridge Conference by vote of the delegates in Orange Beach, AL on January 24, 2020, be it RESOLVED that Vicki Willis be removed and replaced by Donald L. Sealy as an authorized check signer on the checking accounts maintained by the Mid-South Bridge Conference maintained at Regions Bank. (Larry Sealy re-cused himself for this vote)
- 2) Greg Frank will replace Don Kemp as the new District 10 Web Master for a stipend of \$120 per month.

The motion to replace Russ Jones on the D10 Executive Committee with Ned Irving was approved unanimously. After the vote, Russ Jones left the meeting and Ned Irving was conferenced in to attend the remainder of the Executive Committee meeting. The following District 10 members were in attendance for the District 10 Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting which continued:

Larry Sealy, President

Robert Whiting, Vice President

Pat Williams, Treasurer

Judy Knox, Secretary

Ned Irving, ACBL Board Member

Vicki Willis, Past President of D10

Charlie MacCracken, Tournament Coordinator

Jerry Burford, STAC, GNT/NAP Coordinator

Greg Frank, D-10 Web Master

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Opening Remarks/ Purpose – Larry Sealy

The reason for this Executive Committee Meeting is to discuss the Corona Virus situation for District 10 and ACBL. There have been many bridge tournaments and local bridge games cancelled due to the corona virus.

This means that some bridge games and tournaments have been cancelled until further notice. Assuming Montreal is still on, ACBL has moved the NAP finals there and pushed GNTs to Tampa.

ACBL Update – Ned Irving

- 1) Time for Districts to determine their GNT representatives was extended to October 1. NAP will be in Montreal for now.
- 2) Big news is that restructure did pass on first reading, 20 favor, 4 against and 1 abstained. It has to pass on second reading at the next Nationals to become effective. The Board of Governors must approve after the second reading as it was their motion to begin with.
- 3) BBO is supporting clubs with special games where 80% of profits go to clubs at 9am, 4pm and 6:30pm. "BBO Support Your Club" games. 80% of entry fees go to the club that the club players have played in.
- 4) BBO has a substantial capacity problem now, as way more players are playing online. They are unable to accommodate enough players. Improvement is expected in the next few weeks.
- 5) ACBL and BBO are collaborating to develop virtual club technology, so clubs can run their own game profile and pricing. Start date to be asap, once BBO overcomes capacity issues. ACBL has information on these games and BBO tutorials for players who have never played on line.
<https://www.acbl.org/clubsupportonlinegames/>. They will need to create an account and fund the account with a credit card.
- 6) We have to have a lot of team work to get this done. ACBL, BBO and local clubs must work together.

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7) We are hoping Clubs will do conference calls with bridge players and walk them through how to play online. ACBL is helping clubs to make some profit. Club managers have some time on their hands and are uniquely positioned to take advantage of this right now. Once the clubs are up and running, as capacity issues are alleviated they can run as many games as they want on BBO if they can get the players involved and get it set up.

Grand National Teams Qualifying- Flights A and C

Jerry Burford/all

- a. District finals for Flights A and C were scheduled to occur at the May 11-17 Jackson Regional, which has been canceled.”
- b. We had a lot of discussion regarding GNT. We did not eliminate anything as a possibility. We left it up to Jerry to determine how to do it, bringing it back to the executive committee only if he deems it advisable to do so.

“We discussed having two sites for each game. For Flight A, this would not be feasible, since the district can only send 1 team to the national finals. For Flight C, we can send 2, but only if we have 8 teams competing. Since we haven’t had 8 teams playing in the district final in a number of years, 2 sites would likely require a playoff (either at another site or online). Jerry Burford will investigate and report back to the Executive Committee.

- c. In the future, we would like to look at the possibility of pre-registration and possibly holding Flt B (and maybe Flt C) at 2 sites. Ned suggested that we contact District 20, which has used online bridge and therefore pre- registration for several years. That would not be for this year. Jerry Burford will investigate this area as well.

District 10 Sectionals

A lot of District 10 Sectionals have been cancelled. We ask that for your units, please make sure you notify both ACBL and Greg Frank so he can put them on the web site. If everyone will please notify your local units to notify tournaments@ACBL.org and Greg Frank hgfrank@icloud.com if a tournament is cancelled.

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June STAC second week of June.

Do we have latitude to change that date? Jerry will get notifications out ASAP. If clubs are still closed can we move it to the end of the month? Jerry will get an email out to clubs now and will give them a couple of weeks' notice for actual dates. We can move to the end of June or middle of July. Jerry will investigate moving the STAC if it is necessary.

Pat Williams pointed out that we might run into a scheduling issue with respect to the New Orleans NABC fund raiser games. Charles MacCracken noted that we had traditionally held a third STaC in the years leading up to a District 10 NABC. Pat Williams encouraged that if it came down to choosing between a STaC and a week of NABC fundraising games that we prefer holding a fund raiser as opposed to a STaC, since the fund raisers yield more money raised.

D10 Financial Impact – Pat Williams

We don't have a lot of fixed expenditures. We get about \$14,000 from Grass Roots games. It is scheduled for May this year. We might not be playing live games in May. We should address moving this to a different time of the year. Hopefully, we'll be back playing by late spring or early summer. We pay about \$1350 per quarter for stipends to Treasurer, Secretary, Special Events (NAP/GNT, STaC) Coordinator, Tournament Coordinator, and Webmaster.

Web Site Suggestions

Greg Frank is our new web master. Everyone should check out the new web site. www.D10Bridge.org or www.bridgewebs.com/acb110/ There were several comments on how great the web site looks.

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Regional Supplies

There was much discussion regarding this topic. District 7 will no longer provide supplies. Supplies are not provided by the District. Many units need to find a way to get supplies for Regional Tournaments. Discussion regarding whether the District should become involved in providing supplies to Units for Tournaments. Units are responsible for their paper supplies.

We came to a consensus that if Units don't have enough sets of boards or Bridge Mates (and don't want to purchase enough to cover regionals), they should contact neighboring units and arrange to borrow – paying for wear and tear and transportation costs. Those arrangements should be made between units (not the District) and the fees should be folded into the budget.

The Executive Committee has been empowered to purchase time clocks and over- sized table mats. Pat Williams had a phone number and name of someone to call about this. Time clocks are \$420 each. Pat will also buy padded cases for the clocks in case they need to be shipped. The Executive Committee approved for Pat to buy the cases for 2 time clocks. Ned Irving sent Pat the contact number for him to buy the time clocks and cases.

If we can buy them this year then Foley would be able to use them in January. Pat will go ahead and look into purchasing these. Larry Sealy said he will be able to make sure they are delivered to wherever they should go. We may have to mail them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm CST.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Knox,

Secretary District 10