

**ACBL Board of Directors
Online Meeting via Zoom Webinar)
December 20, 2021
Special Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. CST.

Present: Leo Weniger #1, Flo Belford #2, Carlos Muñoz #3, Joann Glasson #4, Brian Ellis #5, Margot Hennings #6, Mike Kovacich #7, Georgia Heth #8, Jeff Overby #9, Larry Sealy #10, AJ Stephani #11, Dennis Carman #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Deana Liddy #14, Warren Smith #15; Paul Cuneo #16, Cindy Shoemaker #17, David Johnson #18, Tim White #19, Laurie Rowe #20, Stu Goodgold #21, David Lodge #22, John Jones #23, David Moss #24, and Carole Weinstein #25

Also Present: Doug Couchman, Advisory Council Chair, Joseph Jones, Executive Director, Peyton Dodson, Director of Finance, Linda Dunn, In-House Counsel, Greg Coles, Director of Bridge Services, Mary Stratton, Director of Marketing, Susie Cordell, Director of Information Technology, Stephanie Threlkeld, Marketing Manager, and Sabrina Goley, Administrative Coordinator.

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Item 21S8-04: Approval of Appointment to Online Ethical Oversight Committee

Franco Baseggio was appointed to the Online Ethical Oversight Committee to fulfill the remaining term of Marty Hirschman, which term will expire Spring 2022.

Carried unanimously

Item 21S8-03: Decision regarding online special games for January – June 2022

ACBL management presented to the Board a proposed special events calendar for January through June 2022. Virtual tournaments were scaled back to occur only over weekends. Clubs may rollover into 2022 any unused special games granted to them in 2021 in addition to the special games granted in 2022 (including the special games held during a particular month). The 1.25:1 online game multiplier was moved to 1:1 as of January 3, 2022. ACBL management explained that they had attempted to add special offerings of in-person games that award silver and gold masterpoints. The Board approved Paul Cuneo's request that the proposed ACBL Charity Foundation and ACBL Educational Foundation weekend games be expanded to one week. In addition, Junior Fund games were revised to take place over Thursday through Sunday. (Attachment A)

Carried unanimously

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The Board then convened into executive session. All members of the management team were excused other than the Executive Director, In-House Counsel, and Administrative Coordinator.

The Board considered and approved a District 7 reimbursement request.

The Executive Director and the Advisory Council Chair were then excused from the meeting.

Following discussion, the Board certified Dennis Carman as having been duly elected as Regional Director of the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a four-year term, January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

The Board adjourned sine die at 4:48 p.m. CST.

Event Schedule - 2022

	Week	Dates	VACB	Tournament		F2F
January	1	3-9	Junior Fund Weekend (8th & 9th)		- Junior Fund Weekend: 2x regular club points, 100% black. Extra \$4 per table charge. - Silver Linings Week: 2x regular club points, 100% silver. Extra \$4 per table charge.	Junior Fund Month - any and all sessions may be run as Junior Fund games. Points are ~2x to 3x regular club rating, all black.
	2	10-16				
	3	17-23	Silver Linings Week			
	4	24-30				
February	1	Jan 31-6			- Valentine's Weekend: 2x regular club points, 50% red, 50% black. No extra charge to clubs. - Ed. Foundation Weekend: 2x regular club points, 100% black. Extra \$4 per table charge.	Education Foundation Month - any and all sessions may be run as Ed. Foundation games. Points are ~2x to 3x regular club rating, all black.
	2	7-13	Valentine's Weekend (12th & 13th)			
	3	14-20				
	4	21-27	Ed. Foundation Weekend (26th & 27th)			
March	1	Feb 28-6		NABC Robot Individual (5th-7th)		
	2	7-13				
	3	14-20				
	4	21-27		Spring Online Regional (24th - 27th)		
	5	28-Apr 3				
April	1	4-10	Charity Weekend (9th & 10th)		- Charity Weekend: 2x regular club points, all black. Extra \$4 per table charge. - Stardust Week: 2x regular club points, 25% gold/75% black. \$4 per table extra charge.	Charity Month - any and all sessions may be run as Charitable Foundation games. Points are ~2x to 3x regular club rating, all black.
	2	11-17				
	3	18-24				
	4	25-May 1	Stardust Week			
May	1	2-8			- Grass Roots Weekend: 2x regular club points, all black. Extra \$4 per table charge.	Grass Roots FUNd Month - any and all sessions may be run as Grass Roots FUNd games. Points are ~2x to 3x regular club rating, all black.
	2	9-15	Grass Roots Weekend (14th-15th)			
	3	16-22				
	4	23-29				
	5	30-Jun 5				
June	1	6-12	NAP Qualifying (all month)		- NAP Qualifying: 2x regular club points, 50% red, 50% black. Extra \$4 per table charge. Online clubs have option to hold. - The Longest Day: 2x regular club points, all black. Extra \$4 per table charge.	NAP Games all month (up to two per session). Points are ~3x to 4x regular club rating, 50% red, 50% black. Extra \$4 per table charge.
	2	13-19	The Longest Day (18th-19th)			
	3	20-26				
	4	27-Jul 3				

- Of Note:
- Online Regional scheduled the weekend following the Spring NABC
 - Added Junior Fund weekend for Virtual Clubs (was not held last year)
 - Changed week-long Ed. Foundation Week and Charity Week for Virtual Clubs to weekend events (less conflict with F2F).
 - Changing "Silver Linings" and Stardust" weeks to once per quarter rather than every other month.
 - Noted highlighted events for face-to-face clubs but there are many more special games they are able to run.
 - Charity Club Championships once per session in March and June.
 - Quarterly Club Championship games
 - Propose giving clubs an ADDITIONAL 8 weeks of Club Championship rated and 2 weeks of Upgraded Club championship games. Same as we gave them for 2021.
 - STaCs as available in their area.
 - World Wide Bridge Contest the first weekend in June (if the WBF holds it).
 - The Longest Day
 - GNT qualifiers in January and February.