

# **MINUTES OF THE ACBL BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL FALL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**November 7, 2021**

Doug Couchman, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. CST on Sunday, November 7, 2021. A quorum was present.

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Chairman Couchman opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. He advised the Board that the name change, to Advisory Council, would be effective as of the regular meeting to be held on November 28.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on July 19, 2021 were approved.

## **DISCUSSION**

Members were invited to discuss any items on the agenda for the Board of Directors' upcoming fall meeting.

Several members spoke about the conditions of contest for GNTs, particular with regard to the security requirements when the qualifying events are held online. Chair Couchman said he would convey the concerns to the Board of Directors. There was also discussion of difficulties various Districts had encountered in holding their events online.

Peter Marcus raised a concern that ACBL was not applying the same criteria to sanctioning of regional tournaments that it applies to its own NABC; discussion of this matter ensued. Several members expressed a desire for greater local control. Chair Couchman will discuss with management and the Board of Directors.

Several members expressed concern regarding the schedule for upcoming NABCs, specifically the conflict between the 10am/3pm and 1pm/7:30pm schedules, and the effect on the BoG/AC meeting. Chair Couchman will discuss with management.

## **ANTI-CHEATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Anti-Cheating Committee Chair Marty Hirschman presented that committee's report, which included findings of fact and recommendations for management and the Board of Directors. The Board of Governors received the report and the Chair thanked the committee. Discussion ensued. Chair Couchman will present the report to the Board of Directors at the upcoming fall BoD meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm CST.