

Special Meeting Concerning Financial Interest in Bridge

August 21, 2020

Called to order at 5:05

Attendance: Carol Gumpert, Julie Clark, Donna Givner, Rob Vetter, Vard Nelson, Ed Yosses, Rita Simas, Wayne Eckerling

Issue – Tom Purl was asked to be a candidate for the Denver Board. He is a director in Philadelphia and has directed at some national tournaments. In the past, the Denver bylaws have been interpreted as no one can have any financial interest in bridge and serve on the Board of Directors. Penny Coffman, legal counsel to the Denver Board of Directors, sent a detailed legal opinion to all the board members about this.

Rob approached Tom Purl about the issue. He would agree not to direct any local tournaments, but will still be going back to Philadelphia a few times a year to direct there.

The following motion was made and seconded: A Denver Board of Directors member may not be paid as a bridge director anywhere in District 17 while on the board. This motion was passed 7-1.

The following motion was made and seconded: No active bridge director may hold a Denver Board of Directors position while working anywhere for the ACBL. This motion was defeated 5-3. Therefore, a director who only directs outside of District 17 may be on the Denver Board of Directors.

The following motion was made and seconded: The mentor/mentee program is not considered having a financial interest in bridge, as long as the remuneration is only having the member's card fee paid. This passed 8-0.

The following motion was made and seconded: No active Denver Board of Director member may accept any payment over and above the payment of card fees for bridge related education. This passed 8-0.

Currently the President of the Denver Board of Directors may be in conflict with the motion concerning bridge related education. Rob Vetter will speak with both him and Penny Coffman. Rick Gardner will be given the option to cease receiving payment for bridge related education no later than October 1, 2020, or he will be asked to leave the Denver Board of Directors.

The bylaws are currently in the process of being rewritten, and the motions that were passed during this meeting will be incorporated into the revised bylaws.

Rita Simas will draft a Conflict of Interest Policy paper to be considered by the board at a future date.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05.