

DISTRICT 22 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2024-2PM

The meeting was held at the Palm Springs Regional site. Attendees included Margot Hennings (ACBL President), District Board Members Lamya Agelidis, Millie Garrison, Vicki Graves, David Lodge & Richard Picheny and approximately 10 guests.

DISCUSSION:

Lamya welcomed everyone and said that the District's priorities were Tournaments, Membership Recruitment and Communication.

Richard reported that the District has \$188,441 in the bank as of December 7. He said that we were operating at a loss of \$41,919 for the year but expected that to be reduced to some degree by the income from the Palm Springs Regional.

Lamya reviewed the financial results of the San Diego, Labor Day and Ventura regionals this year and talked about the challenges of increasing attendance levels back to approximate pre-COVID table counts. She also talked about efforts underway to improve table counts at the GNT & NAP events.

Margot said that Tournaments were a major priority at ACBL—an analysis of schedules, scheduling, staffing, the types of events offered, etc.

David reviewed the EDGAR program which was developed to reduce on-line cheating.

The District's Educational Grant Program was referenced and Mitch Dunitz also provided information about what ACBL's Educational Foundation was doing to grow bridge. David said Mitch had personally implemented a program to get college students involved in the game and it had grown to 20 campuses. Margot reported that Patty Tucker had initiated "Jump Start Bridge" to bring the game to gifted and talented groups in high schools.

Lamya referenced the D22 Connection and the information it contains each month.

Questions from the floor were addressed throughout the meeting.

The Annual Meeting was Adjourned at 2:45PM.

Submitted by: Vicki Graves