

Western BCA Pool Players Association  
Regular Meeting – June 25th, 2023

**Opening:** Quorum was established and President Darin Walding called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm via Zoom

**Members Present:** Becky Potter, Arlyn Groshong, Bill Henderson, Johnnie Landis, Tammy Culbertson, Vic Albertson, Rose Wilson, Sue Leger, Raquel Minarez, Suzanne Mackey, Doug Schulz, Michelle Jensen, Patrick Bennett, Amber Davis, Ryan Huntoon, Shelly Huntoon, Jeff Potter, Camatha Groshong, Elaine Eberly, Robin Adams, Nikki Bisconer, Dave Chavez, Brittany DeWalt, Julie Fraser, Tim Fraser, Michael Littman, Jackson McDonald, Shirley Morgan, Bob Olson, Melissa Olson, Melissa Reeves, Dave Schneider, Linda Carter, Lawrence Frampton, Nancy Measor, Kristi Palmer, Kai Rayburn, Ed Slade, Kathy Stanley, Steven Weakly, Michael Choe, Ray Cunningham, Michael Deitchman, Izzy Lemus, Steve Marker, Darin Walding, Stephanie Crystal, Tami Conibear, Angela Busenbark, Doug Gibb, Trudy McCaffrey, Chris Moreno, Sam Rabito, Jim Roberts, Tommy Fulton, Trina Chavez, Lisa Van Winkle, Carlie Watrous

**Guests:** Calvin Hatfield, Dylan Deitchman

**Agenda:**

Adding Nancy Measor's agenda item to unfinished business  
Agenda Approved as presented unanimously

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from 5-7-23 meetings were presented and approved with one abstention.

**President's Statement:** Darin Walding

I have little to add to what has already been said, but a good friend reminded me of a saying the other day. It goes like this, "If you can't accomplish great things, then do small things greatly"

This characterizes how I feel about this whole upcoming vote on tables. It is my belief this association is not ready to accept the 5-year vision laid out a previous meeting. I know in my heart that the best course of action is to at least try the Predator tables for one year, and then if the association wishes return to Diamonds, then do so. The smart thing to do would be to bank the savings you receive next year and use it to purchase 40 tables of your choice. This way going forward, you would only have to rent half the number of tables.

This would force BB and Diamond to have to come up with a more competitive offer to meet our long-term needs, and if I was them, I would do just that.

A quick note about the upcoming item #3 and 4 on the agenda. WBCA has never voted to accept divisions, only Leagues as a whole. The last time we voted on our territory we only allowed leagues in Oregon and Washington. The voting membership has since voted to embrace leagues in Idaho, Alaska and NW Nevada. However, in so doing, we did not specifically vote to expand our territory to those states. I need everyone to fully understand that league operators start divisions all the time without permission of the Western BCA and our permission is not currently required to start a division, unless a LO tries to start a division in a bar where another LO already has a relationship.

I want to announce the formation of a new committee on Bylaws, Policies and Procedures. This committee will consist of roughly 7 members, and the Chair of the committee will be Bill Henderson. Sam Rabito, our current Policies, Procedures and Bylaws leader will also serve on the committee. If anyone with an eye for details in reading and writing policies and procedures wishes to serve on this committee, please raise your hand.

Tammy, our event coordinator has chosen Dave Chavez to be our head tournament official.

**Vice President's Statement:** Tammy Culbertson

Not much for the Vice President statement. Moving on to the Tournament Registrars report. I will have the player's information sheet out very shortly for October. Along with the dates and hopefully within two weeks, hopefully we will be able to start doing entries online. So it's definitely going to start moving that way. Anyway, I also need to know if all the prices and everything for the event. Are entry fees and greens fees going to be the same? Caps? Darin: I believe so, I haven't heard anyone talking about raising them. Caps will be out real soon too.

**Discussion:**

- Darin: Does anyone feel that we should be raising the fees?
- Weakly: One thing we could propose is optional side pots in each bracket that wouldn't be required for entry but would be an additional fee that would pay out to the highest members that are contributing to the pots
- Darin: We would need to get the computer set up for that and I haven't done that, I didn't know you were going to say that. I might be able to get the computer set up for that by March. Out of curiosity, who else is interested in side pots? \*several people raised their hands I worry that if it is built into the website where people sign up for the tournament, they might accidentally enter, then we will need to refund and that will make the process more complicated
- Izzy: We could have them enter a side pot at the coast
- Darin: We could do an opt in with a check mark and then you pay at the coast. It would say, "Yes please send me information about the side pot" and then you would get an email.
- Weakly: This would be a way for players in the Elite to add a little into the side pot without having anything to do with Calcutta, it would be a separate entity.
- Darin: We would need somebody to lead this, so if we have a leader, let me know and I will work on the computer side of it.
- Elaine (chat): I think many players would be interested in side pots
- Nikki: When was the last time the entries did go up?
- Darin: We raised them right before covid and then we cancelled some events. So the prices we are paying right now are from the last time they were raised.
- Johnnie: Whatever happened to Wild Horse casino? Darin: They are no longer interested
- Tammy: They are also building their second tower, so we would be split into two rooms and they are using that second area for storage and it keeps getting pushed back.
- Darin: When they get all their improvements done we should consider approaching them again. Until then they are ruled out.
- Ray: We glossed over this very rapidly, I want to know why the decision was made to replace Steve Marker as Head Tournament Official.
- Darin: There have been lots of problems through the last several events, I don't feel like it is appropriate to give a detailed list of problems to this group. I will give a detailed list to the Board and if they want to discuss them further we can. But I'm not going to say negative things about someone.
- Ray: It wasn't so much about Steve, it is how did - this in nothing against Dave, I don't know him from Adam – but how was that decision made.
- Darin: Tammy made the decision to choose Dave.
- Ray: Fair enough, again nothing against Dave, I'm sure he's a nice guy, I have nothing bad or anything to say about him. Nothing against Steven Weakly, I think he is doing an amazing job as Chair of the Board, but in light of all of this, I resign. From everything, I'm out
- Darin: Okay, I'm sorry to hear that.
- Nikki: I think this deserves a little bit more talk about why this all happened. I am on the Board and if I am supposed to be aware of why this just happened, I am not. Neither has anyone else on the Board. I am curious as to what just happened.
- Darin: He quit because I remove Steve

- Nikki: Why was there a change without the Board knowing until just now and why would Ray quit over it.
- Darin: He is close friends with Steve, I notified Steven Weakly this morning, so he hasn't had much notice, but I did notify him before I did this. This has been being discussed for a year and a half, this isn't new.
- Nikki: It's very new to the Board because I was 100% not aware of this and it might be a great decision, but we are not made aware of these things, we are in the dark until these meetings, where it doesn't matter whether we are a Player Rep or Board Member, we are just watching these things.
- Sam: Point of order, hello, um picking a Head Referee or Tournament Director is not a Board issue at all. You can talk about this later, but I want to get through this meeting. I applaud that the Board is interested in the procedures, that's great but we have a meeting and a lot of stuff to get through
- Ed: Point of order, this is a membership item. This membership runs the association, not one or two or three people.
- Darin: I disagree, when I replaced several others people in the past, I have done that to try and make a better experience for our players and historically there has never been any feedback from this group around staffing changes.
- Julie: I don't know anything about Dave Chavez, I don't know him either, but I don't think that we can vote on every committee change. Yes the membership runs the association and maybe there should be more of a discussion on Dave's abilities or how he is able to do that job but I don't see how we are able to vote on every change like that.
- Darin: The President is assigned by the bylaws to handle the day to day operations, regardless of what Ed thinks. I just do what I am supposed to be doing. Sam can correct me if I'm wrong and if you guys want to change the policies and procedures and by laws at the beginning of this meeting I appointed a committee to work on that. Until then, I am going to follow the rules that this organization laid down for me to follow. I have no choice but to do so.

#### **Treasurer's Statement:** Jackie Maze

Report submitted.

Julie: Jackie sent in a list of the uncashed checks that she still has. I didn't know if I was supposed to send that out or name the names now?

Darin: From our past events, we have people who failed to cash their checks and in order to close out our books for each tournament, we are asking that after you win money at a tournament you cash those checks. Julie will read out the names and if any of you know any of these people, please ask them to email Jackie at [Treasurer@westernbca.org](mailto:Treasurer@westernbca.org) and she will get them a new check.

List: Sheila Rogers, Dustin Wilson, Patricia Tipton, Jeffrey Trefry, Dale Hatwan, Joshua White, Harold Dillon, John Gunn, Rita Miller, Kevin Hubbard, Michael Fucci, Clifford Maxson, John Krause, Robert Hoiberg, Jeffrey Mee, Sandro Menzel, Kelsey Joe, Steve Tune, Aimee Wilson, Jerry Fettig, Christian Younger, Alfreda Amyotte, Luis Alberto

Elaine: How long can they keep a check before they can't cash it and we have to write a new one? That just makes more work. Can an organization say your check has to be cashed within a certain amount of time, or else?

Darin: They have 90 days,

Elaine: So maybe we need to hand something out that says they have 90 days.

Julie: It's on the check

Melissa: We do tell them that.

#### **Secretary's Statement:** Julie Fraser

No statement

**Board of Directors Report: Steven Weakly**

We discussed proposed event dates for 2026, 27 and 28. We also proposed event date changes for 2025 which would require Chinook Winds approval and our voting membership ratification. We proposed that the dates be moved back to get us back into the winter rates for hotels. We called around to VRBO and housing companies and they really start creeping their prices up throughout the month so not much we can do there so we just focused on the Chinook Winds date there. We discussed moving our NFR date to three weeks prior to our event start. This would allow us to provide the tournament direction team with their final data 14 days prior to our event which is in our contract, currently. We could then require the tournament team to draw and post brackets no less than five days after they receive the data. This would allow our players approximately nine days to finalize their travel arrangements. We have had a lot of complaints recently, the last couple events about not having enough time to prepare travel arrangements. We discussed separating the table supply and set up and tournament direction contracts for our events to prevent single point vendor leverage in future contracts. We've discussed creating a code of conduct language to be included in all of our vendor contracts. Throughout the contracts, basically any vendor that we deal with, whether they be retail vendors, table vendors or streaming vendors. We are also working on specific streaming requirements that would be helpful and boost our brand and make ourselves a little more marketable while trying to seek bigger sponsor contracts for our association. So we prepared the cost comparison charts for the two table vendors which is Bad Boys Billiard products and CSI. Using the cost comparison and all other relevant information that we could confirm, I would stress again that we did not consider any information that we did not have on paper, if it's not written down it did not get considered. So using that we generated a recommendation that we are going to make to our members to continue with Diamond tables and Bad Boys at this time, pending the renegotiation of their contract to separate table services and tournament direction services as outlined above and providing language to enforce our vendor conduct policy that we are currently creating and will have out soon. As part of our research process for the table recommendation, I spoke with Chad at Diamond tables and he reaffirmed his commitment to not only helping WBCA flourish but expand when possible. He confirmed that he would support WBCA's decision to run our own events if that is how it worked out in the future but he would require us to use Bad Boys for table supply, transport and set up. That is just because he has an established history with them as care takers of his equipment. He lets us use \$300,000 worth of tables for free we just have to pay for set up and maintenance and you know, it's a good deal, hard to argue with that. Lastly, we are exploring the viability of WBCA running our own events, in house, this would allow for the use of CTS on Demand which is administered by CSI, which would provide our players with a familiar platform and continuity with other BCA run event data. It would also allow the option for expanded tournament formats, such as group play which could greatly benefit all of our Elite divisions as each entrant would be guaranteed a larger amount of matches for their entry fee. That's just something that we've been talking about, anything to help build the Elite division and group play seems like it would be a good format to explore. At this time, all that discussion is ongoing we don't really have anything to present, we are still trying to flesh out the details

Discussion: Time Stamp 24:00

**Unfinished Business:****1. Bylaws change request to allow voting for officers.** – Elaine Eberly

First I will apologize I had some family issues I was dealing with, I finally got myself in gear, I've contacted the members which are Darin Walding, Nikki Bisconer, Michael Hall, Julie Fraser, Kelly McMinn, Traci Self and myself. We are arranging to have a zoom meeting and we will keep you posted.

## **2. Discussion to add women's singles divisions to our Regional tournament** – Nancy Measor

It's kind of an old thing we've always had women's divisions before and then all of a sudden they kind of disappeared. I've listened to people talk recently on Facebook and I don't think anybody is wanting to bring them back except me so at this point I just don't see going forward with it because of lack of people being interested. So this agenda item is withdrawn.

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Discuss proposed Event dates for 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028** – Darin Walding

Weakly: The October dates which stayed around the same time that we were traditionally holding our events. The March dates were move back to try to accommodate our events to be held in the winter session, it's just a cheaper time for our players and all of the housing providers around there. Typically the earlier we can go in March, the lower the rates are going to be. We didn't really take hunting season into consideration or Nationals other than in regards to table supply issues.

The Board recommends the following dates:

2025: 3-7 thru 3-16 and 10-10 thru 10-19

2026: 3-6 thru 3-15 and 10-9 thru 10-18

2027: 3-5 thru 3-14 and 10-8 thru 10-17

2028: 3-10 thru 3-19 and 10-6 thru 10-15 or 10-13 thru 10-22

Discussion: Time Stamp 37:00

Motion 2023-4 To accept 2025 dates:

Abstained: 2

Opposed: 1

Motion Approved

Approved: 49

Motion 2023-5 To accept 2026 dates:

Abstained: 3

Opposed: 0

Motion Approved

Approved: 49

Motion 2023-6 To accept 2027 dates:

Sam Rabito requested to table this motion, it was seconded. After some discussion it was determined that a vote was required to "table" a Motion.

Discussion: Time Stamp 1:20:00

Motion 2023-7 To table Motion 2023-6:

Abstained: 5

Opposed: 37

Motion Opposed

Approved 10

Motion 2023-6 To accept 2027 dates:

Abstained: 1

Opposed: 10

Motion Approved

Approved: 41

Darin: We are not going to vote on the 2028 dates. The casino is not ready for them and we can bring this back when the Casino is ready for them. Anyone opposed? NO

## **2. Discussion of Exceptions to require BOD or CC to approve exceptions** – Ed Slade

Ed withdrew this agenda item

## **3. Discussion of Division qualifying out BC through Players Club in 2020,**

They applied to be a league and they were denied. They were allowed during Covid, we said at the meeting during covid that we would revisit the issue in a year and we did not. I'm responsible for not bringing it up in a year and Julie didn't remind me. I had received a call that the players that could not cross the border wanted to play in BC to qualify and they wanted to start that week. I made the decision to allow it and announced at the meeting that I did that and we would revisit. We failed to do so. For those of you who don't know, there is a division of pool players out of BC of players who previously qualified out of the Village Inn, in the very top portion of WA. The Village Inn location was closed down and those players then requested to play out of BC under Player's Club Limited. We have lots of problems with this issue. The WBCA currently does not require LO's to get WBCA approval to start a division. They have to get our approval to be started as a league. But if each LO wants to start a new division at the bar down the street they don't have to call us. That is the current situation. On one hand we have to resolve the issue that we promised to revisit in what would have been a couple years ago and didn't on the other hand we need a long term resolution as to how this organization handles leagues in certain territories. I would like to start with a brief discussion if we can keep it brief and then start talking about motions and stuff. I lean on the side of allowing them to continue to be a division only because this group of players has been active long before the change was made and they have been members for a long, long time.

Discussion: Time Stamp 1:55:00

After discussion, it was decided to allow this division to continue. Darin asks the Board to come up with a long term solution/plan for this kind of issue and bring it to a future meeting. We need a long term plan on territories and divisions and what can and can't be done and are there limits to where a league can grow to. When does a league have to ask our permission? Because currently, they don't. I'll let the Board come up with their recommendations and bring it to a meeting. The short term solution is that this league can stand as it is.

## **4. Request to allow Rollers Pool league to join Western BCA**

We had a request from Rollers Pool league to join WBCA, for those of you who don't know, Rollers pool league is up in Canada, they are a separate league. Rollerspool.com is there website. To me this issue is going to tie into the Board's plan on what we are going to do with divisions and growth.

\*Ed: Rollers is also a division of Players Club Limited

This item is being moved to unfinished business for the next meeting

## **5. Sanctioning request to allow Mountain Home Pool League to join Western BCA.**

In Idaho about 30 minutes south of Boise. This league contacted Suzanne Mackey about being a division of her league.

This item is being moved to unfinished business for the next meeting

## **6. Discussion of any new news & vote regarding accepting CSI's offer to use Predator tables for 2024** Darin Walding

The only new news regarding CSI is that they did offer to provide us with the tables for free for both events in 2024, at the prior meeting that Ozzy spoke at, he was only offering them for one event for 5 years. He is now offering them for both events for 2024 and one event for the following 4 years. Are there any questions regarding CSI's offer?

Discussion: Time Stamp 2:41:30

After discussion Darin requested a motion from the floor to accept or reject CSI's offer to use Predator tables for 2024. Moved and seconded

Discussion: Time Stamp 2:50:00

Motion 2023-7 To accept or reject CSI's offer to use Predator tables for 2024

Abstained: 2

Reject: 46

Accept: 8

Next Meeting Date: Location and date TBD

Meeting adjourned: 3:48