

**DISTRICT 11
BOARD MEETING
June 4, 2016
Cincinnati
(Approved and Corrected)**

In attendance:

Officers - Terrell Holt, Cheryl Schneider, Adrienne Netherwood, Maribeth Ransel

Voting Members - Unit 117 Vangie Smith; John Van Cleve; Unit 122 Larry Jones; Cheryl Schneider (voting as alternate); Unit 124 Steve Moese; Mike Lipp (alternate); Unit 130 Maribeth Ransel; Unit 136 Georgia Banziger; Joyce Dennis (alternate); Unit 164 Sondra Holt; Andra Gyor; Unit 193 Billie Brown; Bill Lea; Unit 227 Bill Sentman; Sarah Sentman.

Members – Beth Reid; Isaac Stephani; AJ Stephani; Kit Overpeck.

Call to order – Terrell Holt

The President thanked all those who had made arrangements for the Cincinnati meeting, and gave special thanks to Steve Moese and Potter Orr for their work on the website. He also acknowledged the work of AJ Stephani on our tournament scheduling and Adrienne Netherwood for the work she does as treasurer. New members and alternates were welcomed.

Minutes – Maribeth Ransel

Minutes from the Indianapolis meeting were accepted as written. (Jones/Smith move/seconded; passed.)

District 11 Financial Report – Adrienne Netherwood

Adrienne distributed the treasurer's report which shows:

- Cash on hand is \$35,858.38
- Grass Roots - \$6,689.33
- \$17,000 earmarked for future NABC

The treasurer's report was accepted and filed.

District Director's Report – Beth Reid

Beth's report from Reno has been sent and is in *The Monitor*. She had a few copies of the schedule of fee raises for the last ten years, and a copy can be placed on website for reference. She noted that ACBL club fees stayed the same for ten years. Mike Lipp asked about ACBL score which doesn't yet seem to be up-to-date for unit games. Beth said a glitch in the software caused recent problems, but she feels they have turned the corner. If anyone continues having problems with Score and club games, please call Beth and she will refer you to the correct person. Steve asked about new criteria for determining cheating which changes the basis of decision making from "preponderance of evidence" to "comfortably satisfied" and not to "beyond reasonable doubt." Steve's concern is that we are going to be asked to follow punishment standards complementary to WBF, but Beth says that, in her opinion, this will not happen. Beth feels the change to "comfortably satisfied" is a positive change. She supports Steve's opinion that we should not be tied to the WBF point of view, and said that she would not support a vote to make that kind of change.

Tournament Coordinator Report – AJ Stephani

- **Moved and seconded** that Evansville will split a regional with Dayton from September 3-9, 2018; that Evansville will split a regional with Cincinnati from June 8-14, 2020; and that the schedule will proceed following this rotation every two years thereafter. (Moese/S. Holt moved/seconded; motion passed.)

- There is a definite downward trend in entries in KO events. Regional chairs should take note.
- 2020 Regional dates are now set and on calendar.
- Indianapolis Regional had been held February/March. New hotel works well and to keep the hotel, Indy must move the regional to end of January/first week of February. Future Indianapolis

regionals have been sanctioned through 2021. GNT will now be moved to about the last week of February/first week of March when Indianapolis regional used to take place.

- There are three clocks which belong to the District. They are available for use at regionals.
- Some wanted to have more discretion at the local level regarding setting strats for regionals; others feel the current guidelines should be followed. To allow some local leeway the following motion was passed.
 - **Moved and seconded** that the District Tournament Coordinator has the authority to grant a deviation from the District's tournament stratification for a regional for a single year. (Jones/VanCleve - moved/seconded. Motion passed)
- Also related to this topic is the question of entry fees. All regionals are at \$13 except Louisville which is \$12. Do we want to allow anyone to go higher? Costs of regionals are going up (for example, ACBL fees, venue costs) raising the question of whether or not local chairs should have the discretion to raise fees, if needed. It was agreed there should be local control of pricing of entry fees within reason.
- There was a question regarding ability to have mid-flight pairs event. Though we are allowed to have one District tournament a year with mid-flight pairs, most agreed we don't have a regional that is large enough to consider this option.
- There was a question about how teams with five/six members should be charged at our tournaments for their entries. What should we do within the district? There was agreement that this is also a local issue. Beth urged that we charge each member of the team an entry fee. ACBL has urged regional chairs to do this. As with other pricing, this should be a matter of local control and left to each regional chair.

NAP and GNT Coordinator Report– Kit Overpeck

- Kit asked that we table the discussion of Conditions of Contest until Dayton. He would like to introduce them with a start date at the beginning of 2017. He asked that everyone review materials carefully. He has researched a lot of material and he would like each member to think of how we can mitigate increased costs and he asks that we also concentrate on the facts at hand and not on the emotions or opinions that might be shared. Terrell requests that everyone read the COC and be ready to discuss in Dayton.
- Kit asked for a budget to do flyers for GNT/NAP. Terrell asked that Kit have flyers ready for the Dayton meeting to send home with the unit reps. Steve suggested that there be an ongoing operating budget for publicity. Kit also asked for the name of a unit representative from each unit that he can be in contact with.
 - **Moved and Seconded** that the GNT/NAP coordinator be given \$200 to pay for advertising for these events for this year, with the ability to review this motion for coming years. (Smith/Moese moved/seconded. Motion passed.)

Website Coordinator/Reporter – Steve Moese/Potter Orr

- No report.

Board of Governors' Report – Steve Moese

- No report. If someone has information for discussion by BOG in Washington, let Steve know.

Education Liaison Report – Sondra Holt for Sandra Marlin

- Sondra Holt reported that Unit 164 and the Bridge Club of Lexington are presenting a beginning bridge program in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) through the University of Kentucky. This class is being taught in October at the Bridge Club of Lexington by Sandra Marlin. The class was filled within 24 hours of open enrollment and there are 22 enrollees on the wait list for January 2017.

Youth Coordinator – Isaac Stephani

- Indianapolis is having another youth camp this summer and Isaac is hoping to attend. Sondra Holt also reported that Lexington is having their twelfth bridge camp in June.

Cincinnati Tournament Report – AJ Stephani

- It seems that Cincinnati's table count is up about 2% this year. They tried "pre-sales" for non-life master games and sold these at a discount. AJ thinks they have doubled their nlm tables as a result. Next year they will have a two-day pairs championship to try something new.

OLD BUSINESS

Unit 154 Information Update – Terrell Holt/Beth Reid/Board

- The Unit 154 Board has voted to move forward to ask for membership in District 11. They must now take this to the Unit membership. They understand that there will not be a place on the schedule for a 154 regional if the move is successful.

2020 NABC in Columbus – Cheryl Schneider

- Entire committee is in place but they have not met at this point.

NEW BUSINESS

Determine Assessment for Regionals to D11 – Terrell Holt/Board

- Our bylaws require that we determine each year what the District assessment is for each regional. The treasurer was asked if the current fee of \$250/regional and .40/table was sufficient, and she said it was. The board agreed it should stay at this rate for the coming year.

Reminder: Each Unit Secretary Submit Names/Addresses/

Phone Numbers to D11 Secretary After Unit Elections This Year – Terrell Holt

- Reminder that each unit should send their unit roster to the District secretary and make the needed changes on the ACBL website after this year's unit elections. This District will elect a District Director this year and ACBL must have contact information for voting members as soon as it is available so that ballots can be sent to voting members of each unit.

Midwest Monitor – Terrell Holt

- The contract for the publication has been signed for two more years. The editor was at our last meeting and said that he was having difficulty with people getting articles in after the deadline. There is a statement in the new contract which says that the editor has the authority to move forward if the deadlines for the units are not met. If the editor does not meet his deadline, there is a fee assessed. Cheryl suggests that everyone get their articles in on time to avoid any conflict for the board and for Brad.

Additional Items for Discussion – Board

- No items offered for discussion.

Adjournment

- Next meeting, Saturday, October 1st, 2016, after the afternoon game, Dayton Regional.
⇒ **Moved and seconded** to adjourn the meeting. (S. Sentman/Moese moved/seconded. Motion passed.)