

**DISTRICT 11  
BOARD MEETING  
February 4, 2017 – Indianapolis Regional**

**In attendance:**

**Officers** - Terrell Holt, Cheryl Schneider, Potter Orr, Maribeth Ransel

**Voting Members** - Unit 117 Vangie Smith, John Van Cleve; Unit 122 Judith Auer (alternate for Jiobu) Cheryl Schneider (voting for Courtright); Unit 124 Steve Moese, Michael Lipp; Unit 130 Liz Brown, Maribeth Ransel; Unit 136 Georgia Banziger, Donna Moore (alternate for Kennedy); Unit 164 Andra Gyor, Terrell Holt voting for Sondra Holt; Unit 193 Billie Brown, Bill Lea

**Members** – AJ Stephani (District Director), Kit Overpeck (NAP/GNT Coordinator), Joyce Penn (Education Chair)

**Call to order – Terrell Holt**

- The President welcomed Education Chair, Joyce Penn, alternate Donna Moore from Dayton, and announced Mike Lipp as the new unit rep from 124.

**Announcement of New Officers**

- Welcomed AJ as the new District Director from District 11, remaining as tournament chair at present; Potter Orr who is beginning his term as District treasurer; re-elected in Louisville were Terrell Holt, President; Cheryl Schneider, Vice-president; Maribeth Ransel, Secretary.
- AJ had held role of 1<sup>st</sup> alternate to the ACBL board. That role will now fall to Cheryl Schneider who has been the 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate. New 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate needs to be appointed to finish the term. Next election is this year. If you are interested, contact Terrell.

**Secretary's Report – Maribeth Ransel**

- Corrected to show attendance of Bill and Sarah Sentman at meeting.
- No further corrections noted, and minutes accepted as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report – Potter Orr**

- Profit for 2016 is \$5093.69.
- \$41,944.29 balance on hand (of this, \$17,000 is reserved for Columbus NABC).
- Report filed for audit.

**District Director Report – AJ Stephani**

- CEO Hartman has resigned and search committee is seeking candidates.
- Complaint about extra fee for STaCs heard. \$1.00 extra fee for STaCs will roll off at time of Spring STaCs.
- Hotel availability is a problem for the next two NABCs; concerns have been expressed, but no solution yet.

**Tournament Coordinator – AJ Stephani**

- Asks everyone to promote the NLM Regional in Lexington.
- Can do this NLM event every year. AJ would like to hear from others interested in sponsoring in the future. Several might be interested after they see the number who attend this year to see if they can accommodate in their club venues.

### **NAP and GNT Coordinator – Kit Overpeck**

- Has applied for sanction for D11 NAP 2017 finals.
- Has applied for sanctions for 2018, 2019, and 2020 D11 GNT finals.
- All are asked to please promote the GNT at the club level.
- Louisville submitted its written proposal to host the 2018. Kit submitted it and the secretary, with embarrassment, acknowledges the proposal has now been found. (Sorry, Kit.)

### **Website Coordinator – Steve Moese**

- Problem with ACBL website tournament links - - if a schedule is changed after the link has been created on the D11 website, a new page is generated through ACBL, but it does not update the link to our site. Very complicated to create a solution, but Steve will continue to work on a way to see if the updates can appear on our District site as they occur.
- MWM generally uploaded to site within 24 hours.
- Updated Board of Directors, and Board of Governors summaries page added, as well as audio recordings from BOG meetings.
- Will work with Potter to get an activity summary report generated for the website.
- Want to discuss at next meeting who can read/write to the documents files on the site.
- Need to have Brad send past editions of MWM to update to the archives on the site.

### **Recorder Report - Potter Orr**

- No activity at this time.
- AJ stated the Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) is to be re-written this coming year.

### **ACBL Board of Governors – Steve Moese**

- Richard Popper new chair of BOG.
- BOG Teachers and Sanction Holders Committee formed. Steve is chair and Joyce Penn is a member. They would be happy to have input from our board members for future discussion.

### **Education Chair – Joyce Penn**

- Committee of Joyce, Terrell, Vangie, Steve and Maribeth met to discuss how we can create ideas to help clubs increase/retain membership.
- We will begin with a roundtable/brainstorming session at the Cincinnati Regional targeting club owners, unit officials and teachers to discuss needs and possible ideas.
- One idea might be to sponsor a TAP at a future Regional.
- Joyce asked to work with AJ to figure out accommodations for the roundtable in Cincinnati.

### **Youth Coordinator – Isaac Stephani**

- No report.

### **Tournament Chairs (Indianapolis Regional)– Maribeth Ransel and Liz Brown**

- Down a little from last year. Normally we are around 750-780, and last year we had over 930 tables. This year we will be around 850.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **2020 NABC– Cheryl Schneider and Judy Auer**

- Please let Cheryl know if any clubs are disbanded so her that mailing list is up-to-date.  
⇒**Moved that:** All regionals starting in March, 2017 up to the NABC in 2020 have a \$1 per table surcharge to support the NABC. (Banziger/VanCleve) (passed unanimously)

⇒**Moved that:** All sectionals (not including STaCs and NLM tournaments) starting March 1, 2017 up to the NABC in 2020 have a \$1 per table surcharge to support the NABC. (Lipp/Smith) (passed 13/1)

⇒**Moved that:** Week of May 8-14 will be designated as NABC Promotional Week. Participation is voluntary and clubs will charge \$1 per person more to be sent to Judy Auer, NABC treasurer. Extra points will be available. (Moese/Lipp) (passed unanimously)

#### **Finalize Ethics Publication Report – Steve Moese**

- Steve sought the assistance of board members who would assist in making the Ethics publication more attractive and user friendly. A final copy will be available at the Cincinnati meeting.

#### **Reciprocal Advertising D11/D7 – Steve Moese**

- Steve has worked with D7 for reciprocal advertising. All is going well.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Hand records for STaC games - Mike Lipp**

- To save money, coordinators have decided not to have hand records, and to use the Common Game files instead. Much discussion pro and con. Many do not want to have STaCs where we are not all playing the same hands.  
⇒**Moved that:** For future STaCs, that clubs use Common Game files rather than use ACBL files. (Lipp/Lea) (passed with abstentions)
- Can the STaC coordinator establish the hand records through the Common Game and share them with all participating clubs? Mike said it could probably happen. Terrell suggested we try it that way this time.

##### **On-line regionals for gold at clubs – Terrell Holt**

- Very complicated to accomplish. Must have correct technology at clubs to accomplish this type of event. Cincinnati Regional will try this event on Monday morning, but no one in District 11 will be eligible to play. If our clubs participate in these tournaments in other districts, we must give permission for their participation so that our own district tournaments are not adversely affected. There is an additional two-year trial that will take place via ACBL until a final disposition is made.

##### **Adjournment –**

⇒**Moved that:** the meeting be adjourned. (Smith/VanCleve) (unanimous)

**Next Meeting: Saturday, June 12, 2017 – Cincinnati Regional**