

**ACBL DISTRICT 11
BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2017 – Louisville/Lexington Regional
DRAFT**

In attendance:

Officers - Terrell Holt, President; Cheryl Schneider, Vice-President; Maribeth Ransel, Secretary.

Voting Members - Unit 117 Vangie Smith, John Van Cleve; Unit 122 Janelle 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, Sondra Holt; Unit 193 Billie Brown, Bill Lea; Unit 227 n/a.

Members – AJ Stephani (District Director); Ryan Schultz (NAP/GNT Coordinator).

Special Guests – ACBL President Bob Heller, and Barbara Heller; Hannah Davis, Louisville/Lexington Co-Chair.

Call to order – Terrell Holt

The President called the meeting to order and asked District Director Stephani to introduce special guests, ACBL President, Bob Heller and his wife Barbara. Bob is a Grand Life Master, and is a “player’s player.” Bob thanked the hosts for the royal treatment they have received and complimented the tournament staff on a great tourney.

ACBL President

Secretary’s Report – Maribeth Ransel

- Minutes from the Dayton meeting were approved as written.
- Units were asked to send new officers lists if this is the time for annual election.

Treasurer’s Report – Potter Orr

- Secretary stated that on the second page of Treasurer’s report, there is no title. Please write across the top of the page that this is the GNT/NAP Summary for 2014-2017.
- Treasurer’s report for November shows Total Checking/Savings of \$26,128.21, with accounts receivable of \$1,620 (billing for MWM which was just sent to units). Of these funds, \$13,780.86 is in escrow for Grass Roots account.
- GNT/NAP four-year report shows total of \$6400 paid out for NAP pairs awards, and \$16,000 paid out for GNT teams awards.
- Steve asked if the treasurer’s report should be published to the website. President asks Steve to wait until Potter can confirm the payment of everything that is outstanding to make certain the report is completely up-to-date. After all the payouts for NAP have been completed, then reports may be published on the website.
- Report accepted, as written, and filed for audit.

District Director’s Report – AJ Stephani

- Report from Toronto is available on the website.
- Stop card is going away at the end of the year.
- REACH event will take place next week. If your club participates in Common Game, the club can offer this event. For REACH, players pay additional \$25 to play in this event, and it will pay gold points to a certain number of players. It is an experiment and your feedback is appreciated. (Only those participating in the Common Game are eligible. Only afternoon games involved.)
- Remember to get your sanctions caught up. Kudos to U193 for establishing dates through 2022.
- AJ requests that we start replacing District bidding box card inserts.
 - ⇒ **Moved that District pay for/replace 25% of the District’s bidding box card inserts at this time. (Moved and seconded Lipp/Van Cleve. Ayes unanimous.)**

Tournament Coordinator Report – AJ Stephani

- Concern expressed that NAP finals occurred too close to time of Louisville/Lexington Regional. Ryan is aware of the problem and will work to establish a better date for the future.

NAP and GNT Coordinator Report – Ryan Schultz

- Reviewed sample survey that he plans to send out. (Please provide Ryan feedback before the end of the year.) He will present final version in January.
- GNT Conditions of Contest were submitted to ACBL and ACBL made some minor changes. The final copy is on the District 11 website for your review.
- NAP: Trying to work with Unit 124 to accommodate the concept of the Rainbow Event for the NLM Regional in 2018. They are currently doing the planning for the event including dates and how the C Flight of the NAP can be accommodated within the NLM Rainbow Regional concept. The current proposal is that C Flight would take place on Sunday of the NLM Regional. Ryan will still have to determine how A and B flights will be accommodated. It was agreed that this plan is experimental for this year. The Board agreed, again, to allow Ryan to put the experimental plan for the C Flight in place for one year; to determine how A/B flights will be accommodated; and then to re-evaluate after the NLM tournament.
- Georgia and Ryan completed a template for units to use when creating a proposal to submit to the District asking to host GNT or NAP events. This template will be mailed in the next packet.
- NAP payouts – Not recommending any changes to payouts at present. GNT payouts: recommending that District cover the entry fees for GNT in all flights. Also, at present, District pays \$500 up front to teams and another \$500 if the team's unit matches. Ryan recommends District pay entire \$1,000 without regard to what the unit pays/doesn't pay. Unit's additional payment will be up to their discretion. Final discussion to take place in Indianapolis.
- NAP results for this year: 51 ½ tables across all flights which is a 16% increase. Increases were in A and C Flights. He thanks all units for extra publicity. Final financials are not yet available.
- GNT Louisville posters ready to go back to units. Please promote the event.

Webmaster Report– Steve Moese

- Potter provided a report on the usage of the website over the past ten months. During months that the Midwest Monitor is published, hits have run from 40,000 to 53,000. In months other than the MWMonitor publication months, hits run from 21,000 to 33,000. Steve added that when the MWMonitor is added to the website, an email reminder goes out which helps to boost the reader numbers.

ACBL Board of Governors Report – Steve Moese

- Emphasis right now is on discussion of advertising and promotional ideas to bring people into the game.
- Steve asked earlier for contact information on teachers. He believes he only has information from Cincinnati and Lexington though Louisville and Indianapolis say they also sent the information. He will check. If you haven't sent information, please comply with the request.

Recorder Report – Potter Orr

- No incidents reported during the past year other than minor infractions.

Education Committee Report –

- The demonstration on Pianola that we had hoped to have at this meeting could not be accomplished because of the cost of setting up the video conferencing. Links to Pianola have been sent to each board member and you are encouraged to take a look at what Pianola can provide. The “free” aspect of Pianola that has been available to Districts/Units for the past two years will expire at the end of February. It is hoped that ACBL and Pianola can work out means for continuing to offer this great service to our District/Units even at some type of small fee. (Clubs already pay a fee for the services they use through the company.)

Youth Coordinator – Isaac Stephani

- No report.

Louisville/Lexington Tournament Report – Sondra Holt/Hannah Davis

- Down 58 tables (6%).

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 Columbus NABC – Cheryl Schneider

- No new information to report.
- Judy Auer asks that units send their sectional reports/\$1 per table check to her asap after the event so that she does not have to track down the information.

Communication in the District: Midwest Monitor – Terrell Holt

- Question: Does this District NEED a stand alone publication such as the MWM or Ziggy?
Discussion – Prefer having own website (several comments); only read our own unit information; people seem to just be pulling a lot of unnecessary information just to have an article to include.
- Steve reminded us that we are still missing 13 copies of the magazine for the archives.
- Contract for MWM is up in July so we must make decision on how to proceed in Indianapolis.
- Our challenge is what we do in the future: do we have one website where everyone can send their unit information? Do we use something like Ziggy or Pianola? Or do we need anything? As long as we have the current District Website, Steve can continue giving us one-click access to all the unit websites through our District site.

NEW BUSINESS:

New ACBL Rules – Terrell Holt

- A great deal is coming from ACBL on the new changes. Must continue encouraging managers and directors to become knowledgeable about these rules. Many training videos are available online and we should encourage the use of these helpful materials.

College Challenge - Terrell Holt

- ACBL President has challenged districts/units to establish a team at each university where possible.
- Terrell challenges each unit to establish at least one college team. ACBL will have funding available.

Adjournment

- ⇒ Moved that the meeting be adjourned. (Lipp/Banziger – ayes unanimous)

Next Meeting: Saturday, February 3, 2018, between the afternoon and evening games at the Indianapolis Crossroads of America Regional