

**DISTRICT 11
BOARD MEETING
November 7, 2015 – Louisville/Lexington Regional**

In attendance:

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

Voting Members - Unit 117 Vangie Smith, John Van Cleve; Unit 122 Judith Auer, Larry Jones (alternate); Unit 124 Steve Moese, John Meinking (alternate); Unit 130 Liz Brown, Bob Lyon; Unit 136 Georgia Banziger, Joyce Dennis (alternate); Unit 164 Sandra Marlin, Sondra Holt; Unit 193 Billie Brown, Doris Mills (alternate).

Members - Beth Reid (District Director), AJ Stephani (Tournament Coordinator), Isaac Stephani (Youth Coordinator), Kit Overpeck (NAP/GNT Coordinator)

Guests – Hannah Davis (Regional co-chair); Jim Bachelder (Columbus)

Call to order – Terrell Holt

The meeting was called to order. Terrell welcomed the new representative from Unit 117, John Van Cleve, and alternates Joyce Dennis, John Meinking, and Larry Jones. He also thanked Kit Overpeck for assuming the job of NAP/GNT Coordinator, and thanked the tournament chairs and several other board members for their continued outstanding work.

Minutes – Maribeth Ransel

Minutes from the September, 2014 meeting (Dayton) were reviewed and were accepted with no additions or corrections.

- Maribeth stated that one of the hardest tasks of the quarterly board meetings is the determination of attendance. Please make sure that when you respond for the dinner, that you give the name of the person who will be attending (member or alternate) and that if there is a change, the secretary is notified before the meeting. This is a courtesy to dinner organizers who must have an accurate count of attendees.

District 11 Financial Report – Adrienne Netherwood

- Current bank balance - \$23,305.12;
- Increase in cash (Dayton Regional) \$587.24;
- Decrease in cash (supplies, Midwest Monitor, board dinner, website) \$2,230.39;
- \$17,000 earmarked for future NABC within District 11;
- Available to be earmarked 2014 Grass Roots funds of \$1,014;
- Available to be earmarked 2015 Grass Roots funds of \$986;
- Treasurer's report accepted and filed for audit.

District Director Report – Beth Reid

- Full report of most recent board activities is available on the District 11 website
- ACBL is taking a hard look at the cheating scandal. Two players have received suspensions.
- Initial Finance Committee conference call on budget has taken place. An area of major concern is the IT budget which is in need of being shored up. Emphasis on security is requiring additional targeting of funds toward IT issues.
- Beth feels current dues are too low and she would like to see the dues of incoming members be raised.
- Beth is heading to Denver in two weeks and invites all comments and questions.

- ✓ Steve stated his objection to the motion under review for STACS and also asked that Beth vote against a motion to move the day of the Board of Governors meeting. The motion, as written, creates travel issues for those attending the BOG meetings.

Tournament Coordinator – AJ Stephani

- Everything is in place for the GNT game in Cincinnati; flyers are available for distribution to units.
- Instructions for storage of the bidding boxes have been laminated and will be sent with the boxes to each regional site. Please follow instructions so that boxes are packaged correctly.
- Cards are supplied by the directors for each tournament. When playing cards are deemed too dirty for play, ask the director to replace the cards.
- Georgia said they are working on changes to dates for the Dayton Regional for the future to avoid the conflict with the marathon which presented hotel issues this past year.

NAP and GNT Coordinator – Kit Overpeck

- Kit asked for motion to designate Grass Roots funds for NAP and GNT.
 - **Moved and Seconded:** That existing (2014/2015) and future Grass Roots funds will be used to fund current and future Awards until further notice from the board.
(Marlin/Overpeck – Passed unanimously)
- Kit requests that someone at each Unit be designated to handle questions at the Unit level and to receive information such as flyers.
- Kit also asks that reps request all clubs in the Unit to print qualification strips for their players.
- District NAP event will take place next week in Cincinnati. Please encourage participation.
- District GNT event will take place in Cincinnati in January, 2016; Dayton in 2017; and 2018 has yet to be determined.
- Terrell asked that Kit and Steve work to find solution to ongoing issues with identifying who is qualified for events.

Website Coordinator – Steve Moese

- 70% of hits are coming from Midwest Monitor.
- Steve asked that if you have a friend who is a vetted authority and would like to provide articles for the website, that you contact Steve with the name.

ACBL Board of Governors – Steve Moese

- Steve presented a written report about the purpose and functioning of the BOG, along with Steve's notes on the August 9, 2015 meeting. This report was distributed. Steve indicated that the meeting notes were his and that other attendees might have different viewpoints.
- If we want a District voice at the BOG meetings, members are encouraged to send their ideas to any of our District BOG representatives for their consideration.

Education Liaison – Sandra Marlin

- No report.

Youth Coordinator – Isaac Stephani

- No report but requested that if anyone knows of any clubs at colleges in our unit, Isaac would appreciate knowing about these efforts.

Tournament Chairs (Louisville/Lexington) – Hannah Davis and Sondra Holt

- Hannah reported that there were more than 1,000 tables played through Saturday afternoon. The total represents about a 6-7% decrease from last year. Reasons for the decrease are unknown at this time, although Beth indicated tournament attendance is down throughout the country.

OLD BUSINESS

District 11 Representatives to the National Board of Governors – Terrell Holt

- As of January 1, 2016, the District's representatives to the BOG will be Joyce Penn, Steve Moese and Judith Auer.

Legality of E-Mail Voting State of Ohio – AJ Stephani/Beth Reed

- AJ and Beth have researched the issue of e-mail voting by corporations in Ohio. It is not permissible under Ohio law.

Update – Unit 154 Northern Indiana – Terrell Holt

- Terrell met with Kim Grant, President of Unit 154, to discuss their desire to move to a new district. Their interests are primarily geographic since they are located at the outskirts of their current district and players from their unit are more likely to play in/feel affiliated with Districts 11, 12, or 13. They are exploring possibilities with each of these Districts. The Unit 154 board voted to move if it is feasible and if the request is approved. They feel it will increase their membership. Right now, they have a heavy emphasis on recruitment and have a 1:3 ratio of A:C players.

Board comments

- ✓ Beth indicated that there are some issues with disputes among the membership which would require more investigation.
- ✓ If we accepted them into the District, their membership would not warrant having a fifth regional in the District.
- ✓ ACBL might be concerned about the decrease in membership in District 8 and might not be in favor of a change.
- Consensus is that we can continue exploring, but that Terrell convey to Kim Grant that if they joined District 11, Unit 154 would not be given a regional allocation.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming NABC in Columbus 2020 – Cheryl Schneider

- Cheryl will be the chair of the NABC in 2020. Jim Bachelder will not be a co-chair because his business creates a conflict of interest.
- They are getting ready to review information and have an organizing meeting. Much more information will be available soon.

Additional Information/Questions

Evansville Regional Request – Doris Mills/Billie Brown

- Doris Mills and Billie Brown asked for consideration of allowing Unit 193 to conduct a split regional every other year instead of every three years. They pointed out the following:
 - ✓ Their first efforts in Owensboro in 2015 were highly successful and drew 340 players and generated 530 tables.
 - ✓ There were some Illinois and Indiana players but most came from the South and West (Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee). Very few persons came to the Regional who would have gone to Cincinnati because of distance, and some of those spent time at both regionals.
- AJ will have further discussions with Evansville and report back at the Indianapolis meeting in February.

District 11 Disciplinary Action – Terrell Holt

- Two District 11 players have recently appeared before a District Disciplinary Committee pursuant to an altercation at the Dayton Regional. While the committee issued its recommendations for

action, the two individuals are appealing, and a final report will be available when all action by the parties involved has been finalized.

Adjournment

- **Moved and seconded** - that the meeting be adjourned. (**Van Cleve/Marlin** - passed unanimously.)

Next Meeting: Saturday, February 27, 2016; Indianapolis.