

**DISTRICT 11
BOARD MEETING
June 6, 2015**

In attendance:

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

Voting Members - Unit 117 Vangie Smith, Kit Overpeck; Unit 122 Judith Auer, Larry Jones; Unit 124 Steve Moese, John Meinking (alternate); Unit 130 Liz Brown, Bob Lyon; Unit 136 Georgia Banziger, Joanne Deutsch; Unit 164 Sondra Holt, Andrea Gyor (alternate); Unit 193 Billie Brown, William Lea.

Members - Beth Reid, AJ Stephani, Isaac Stephani, Potter Orr

Contractor – Brad Bartol

Call to order – Terrell Holt

The meeting was called to order and guests and alternates were greeted. Terrell acknowledged the good work of several board members.

Minutes – Maribeth Ransel

Minutes from the January 2015 meeting in Indianapolis were reviewed. Steve Moese asked that the minutes show that the URL sent by the ACBL to announce the availability of the Monitor was wrong but was corrected within 24 hours. With this correction, the minutes were accepted as corrected.

District 11 Financial Report – Adrienne Netherwood

- Current bank balance is \$27,899.40
- NAP Pairs were awarded \$4000
- 2014 Grass Roots available to be earmarked is \$1,014
- 2015 Grass Roots available to be earmarked is \$986
- \$17,000 earmarked for future NABC in ACBL District 11

Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

District Director Report – Beth Reid

- The Director's prior report is available on the District 11 website.
- Beth is planning to run for the presidency of the ACBL Board in the upcoming election.

Tournament Coordinator – AJ Stephani

- Our three District 11 STACs are currently operated by the Dayton, Cincinnati and West Virginia Units. Because the ACBL only allows units to run STACs, these units can choose the amount of the sanction fee charged to participating clubs (just raised from \$5 to \$6 per table). The recommendation from the Tournament Coordinator was to make this sanction fee uniform across the District, and the recommendation was endorsed by the Board.
- The question arose about whether all units could schedule STACs if they wanted to. District 11 has a tradition of specifically authorizing STACs at the Board level, and the District Board has limited the number of STACs that can take place. Although the District cannot sanction a STAC itself, it can instruct the District Tournament Coordinator to approve or decline a specific sanction request and thus exercises some degree of control over how many STACs will be sanctioned.

- At the request of the STAC Tournament organizers, AJ researched the stratifications used for STACs in our size class and recommended that the bottom strat be raised from 500 to 750. The upcoming Summer STAC will use the strats 750/2000/unlimited as a trial with a final recommendation coming after the results have been evaluated.
- In open events held in conjunction with Gold Rush events, it is recommended that District Regionals follow the new ACBL stratification guidelines: 1500/3000/unlimited.

NAP and GNT Coordinator – Larry Jones

- NAP will be in Cincinnati on November 14/15, 2015. B flight will be on Saturday and A and C flights will be on Sunday. GNT will be in Cincinnati on January 30/31, 2016.
- Promo material will be provided to Steve for website and Larry will send information to units by mail.
- The district reimbursements for NAP/GNT stipends were only voted on for one year. The Grass Roots changes will impact the funds we have available for reimbursements for future GNTs.
- We will need to decide each year what the stipends will be for the following year.
- The upcoming stipend for the 2016 GNT has been promised and is in line with the budget and will be paid.
- It was pointed out that the District may not be able to afford stipends for the NAP in the future. The Board will need to look at the next NAP stipends. Terrell asked Adrienne to prepare some options to present at the Dayton meeting for approval. (Stipends for these event winners will need to be approved on an annual basis in the future.) The ACBL stipends were not affected.
- Larry suggested that Grass Roots games could be run at each tournament and participants would receive upgraded awards.
- Dayton has submitted a proposal to host the GNT in 2017.
 - ⇒ **Moved and Seconded** to accept the Dayton proposal to host the District GNT in 2017. (Jones/Smith – Passed unanimously.)

Website Coordinator/Reporter – Steve Moese/Potter Orr

- Fort Wayne information will be added to District 11's website.
- A Google calendar will be added soon.

Education Liaison – Sandra Marlin

- No report

Youth Coordinator – Isaac Stephani

- Indianapolis will sponsor a youth camp in June and Isaac will attend as a District representative.
- Sondra reported that Unit 164 and the Lexington Bridge Club will host their 12th youth bridge camp June 22-July 6. Information will be sent to Isaac, and to Steve for inclusion on the website.

Tournament Report (Cincinnati) – AJ Stephani

- Through Saturday afternoon, the Cincinnati half of the split is down about 50 tables.
- Everyone has commented on the banner that was made to announce future district tournaments. The banner will travel from tournament site to tournament site.

Tournament Report (Evansville) – Billie Brown

- The tournament in Owensboro has been very successful so far with 8 new LMs and a great venue. Through Saturday, the table count was up about 48 tables.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of District 11 Bylaws Rewrite – Terrell Holt

- Terrell asked for any final comments on the bylaws revision draft that was mailed to board members.
 - It was suggested that there was an inconsistency in the vote needed to adopt and the vote needed to change the bylaws and that this number should be made consistent, and it was recommended that a 2/3 majority be adopted.
 - Beth suggested that where language was changed to “soften” the role of the District as decision-maker, that language be returned to the language as written in the earlier drafts so as not to leave any confusion about the authority of the District.
- ⇒ **Moved and Seconded** that the Revision of the District Bylaws, as corrected, be adopted by the District 11 Board.
(**Moese/S. Holt** – Approved unanimously.)

Financial Review Committee Report – AJ Stephani/Adrienne Netherwood

- AJ reported that he met with Adrienne on two occasions to review the District accounts. No problems or irregularities were found. (AJ asked that it be noted that he is not a financial professional.) The report was accepted and filed.

Issue of Rotating GNT Among Units – Terrel Holt/Maribeth Ransel

- At an earlier meeting, Bob Lyon asked about a prior vote that was taken in which the Board moved that the GNT would rotate between units. A review of the minutes found no motion **requiring** rotation to occur, but the discussion indicated the board’s interest in having a rotation, if possible. A unit can still submit a formal proposal to the Board for consideration if there is interest in holding a future event.

Regional Tournament Guidelines Booklet Approval - Board

- AJ reported that the Regional Tournament Guidelines Booklet is on the website. Further discussion was tabled until the Dayton meeting. AJ asked that everyone read the booklet and send him comments **BEFORE** the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

STAC Game Fee Increase – AJ Stephani/Board

- See Tournament Coordinator’s Report above.

Fees for Split Regionals –Terrell Holt

- Discussion took place about whether or not both sites would be charged the District fee and the table fee if the regional was split.
 - ⇒ **Moved and Seconded** that when there is a split regional, both sites are responsible for the fee to the District (currently \$250) plus the table fee (currently .40 per table.)
(**Lyon/Overpeck** – Approved – 9 ayes, 5 nays.)

Proposed Draft of District 11 Standing Rules – Terrell Holt

- Discussion on Draft of Standing Rules for District 11 was tabled until the Dayton meeting.
- Please send any comments to Terrell.

GNT/Grassroots Change from ACBL – Larry Jones/Beth Reid

- See GNT/NAP Coordinator’s Report above.

Election of District Director, 1st and 2nd Alternates and Reps to Board of Governors – Terrell Holt

- Terrell distributed a handout on the election of District Directors/Alternates/Representatives so that all would understand the ACBL process.
- Bill Sentman has resigned as Representative to the Board of Governors. As of this meeting, it is unclear if the other representatives have asked to be re-appointed. Beth said it is up to the President to make appointments to fill vacancies. Terrell will determine how many vacancies have occurred and make decisions on appointments. At this time, Joyce Penn and Anita Torrence are the other two representatives to the BOG. Their terms expire on December 31, 2015.
- Judy Auer filed her candidacy with the ACBL by the required deadline and was automatically elected on June 1, 2015 as a District 11 Representative to the National Board of Governors. Judy's term runs from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019.

Adjournment

⇒ **Moved and Seconded** that the meeting be adjourned.
(**Smith/Overpeck** – approved unanimously.)

Next Meeting:

Dayton - Saturday, September 19, 2015 – Hope Conference Center.