

**DISTRICT 11
BOARD MEETING
October 1, 2016
for Review by Board**

In attendance:

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

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

Members – Beth Reid; AJ Stephani; Kit Overpeck; Potter Orr.

Call to order – Terrell Holt

- The President thanked all those who made arrangements for the Dayton meeting. New board members and alternates were recognized (both present and absent). Andra Gyor (new president 164); Bob Jiobu (new president 122, not present; alternate Larry Jones); Janelle Courtright (122 representative, not present); David Kennedy (representative 136); Jim Olson (227 representative, not present; alternate Sarah Sentman); Joyce Penn will be new Education Liaison (not present). Mike Lipp 124, alternate for John Meinking.
- The President called attention to the new 3-ring binders, one for each board member. In your binder, you will find important copies of all board documents which should be reviewed.
- Thanks to Steve Moese and Kit Overpeck for their work on the NAP.
- Appreciate board members agreeing to forego playing in evenings when we are running on the late afternoon schedule at regionals.
- District Director elections have been completed. Thanks to Beth Reid for representing us for nine years and for all the hard work she has put forth. Congratulations to AJ Stephani on his new role as District 11 representative to the ACBL Board of Directors.
- Review of meeting guidelines (see binder). Most effective meetings are ones in which everyone participates. Please come prepared and be ready to be part of the meeting. Everyone with pertinent comments will be allowed to speak. Please stay on topic and confine debate to the question on floor.

Minutes – Maribeth Ransel

- Corrections to your draft include replacing “Sondra Marlin” in attendees with “Sondra Holt;” and addition of pertinent information to Sondra Holt’s report in the Education Liaison’s report. Joyce Dennis was alternate for Dayton.
- Mike Lipp was the Cincinnati representative instead of Mike Purcell.
- Minutes approved as amended.

District 11 Financial Report – Adrienne Netherwood

Adrienne distributed the treasurer’s report which shows:

- Cash on hand is \$38,845.07
- Received second check for Grass Roots \$6,552.85
- \$215 received in advertising fees for Midwest Monitor
- Report accepted and filed for audit.

District Director’s Report – Beth Reid

- Convictions for cheating scandal. Going to trial is an expensive proposition but members demanded a resolution.

- Received an infusion of \$2 million because of an agreement negotiated with BBO (\$500,000 a year over 4 years.)
- Several issues still pending: reorganization of board and reorganization of Education Foundation still under discussion.

Tournament Coordinator Report – AJ Stephani

- Cincinnati Regional will move to the Ramada across the street from the Convention Center.
- Remember in your sectionals, you can run a Grass Roots game which ups the points by 40% and money comes back to the District. You can also run charity events at your sectionals. The extra cost is \$1/person. It can be paid by the unit or the player.

NAP and GNT Coordinator Report– Kit Overpeck

- Encourage units and clubs to promote NAP at the local level. West Virginia, Indianapolis, Evansville have had little attendance in the past. It would be great if there was greater participation.

Website Coordinator/Reporter – Steve Moese/Potter Orr

- Would be happy to have unit news and pictures on the web. Send Steve word documents and separate out any pictures or other files, sending them in a separate file.

Recorder – Potter Orr

- Little to report at present. Just one or two things from a unit that were easily resolved. Another incident required sending a matter to ACBL for final resolution.

Board of Governors' Report – Steve Moese

- Steve gave information about BOG and said it is the listening body that hears from the members, and then sends information on to the Board of Directors. If there is disagreement with any motion by the BOD, the BOG can discuss again and ask for reconsideration, and the BOD is required to review again.

Education Liaison Report – Joyce Penn (not in attendance)

- Joyce will be a valuable resource for our Board. She has some ideas and opportunities that she would like to present to the Board at a future meeting.

Youth Coordinator – Isaac Stephani

- Although Isaac was not here, the President recognized his accomplishments in participating in the international youth tournament. AJ said Isaac is a new college freshman and was unable to attend our meeting, however he did attend the successful second youth camp held in Indianapolis this past summer. Lexington had a successful youth camp as well. Isaac requests that people continue to send him information about upcoming activities.

Dayton Tournament Report – Cheryl Schneider/Georgia Banziger

- It was difficult to increase tables when the tournament occurred the week after the Ft. Wayne Regional. However, by the time of the District meeting, the Dayton Regional was just 1 ½ tables different from last year, indicating a surge of interest toward the end of the week. The final count by Sunday was down ten tables. Georgia gave kudos to Fast Results and to the help Jay Whipple gave her in preparing the bulletin. She thanked AJ for doing the flyer for the tournament.

OLD BUSINESS

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

- Unit 154 had their membership meeting and voted to delay a decision about leaving their current district. This year's FW regional was successful and they want to wait to see how things progress in the future before making a final decision.
- Larry asked about the benefits and the drawbacks of having Unit 154 in our District. Possible negatives: would eliminate the Ft. Wayne tournament; might create a need to divvy up current

tournament schedule in District 11. Positives: pick up of additional members for District 11; more people for STAC events.

- We are not required to take any action now because they have postponed their decision. Our straw poll vote at an earlier meeting indicated an interest and willingness to have further discussion if Unit 154 came to a final decision to move. However, District 11 had no formal vote to move forward since many items would have to take place before we would ever be ready to have any kind of formal vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws – Terrell Holt

- When we re-wrote the Bylaws, we failed to see some conflict in language in Sections 5.4 and 6.8. One issue deals with how often elections occur. We will leave the section as is for now, and when the Bylaws Committee does a formal review the issue will be addressed by amending the language.
- When the Dayton Regional was moved to its date this year, it created a conflict for the appointment of a nominating committee for election of officers since the Dayton Regional was later than normal. Terrell appointed a nominating committee prior to the Dayton Regional in order to comply with the Bylaws. This section will also be reviewed and the wording amended. It was recommended that the section should say the nominating committee will be appointed at the Dayton Regional and eliminate the part of the sentence which indicates the number of days involved.

Membership Growth – Terrell Holt

- It is recognized that we need to have a growth in membership. With additional Grass Roots Funds, should we consider having grants for units that host Learning Bridge in a Day? Cincinnati has had LBID but did not have success in retaining members once they attended the program. They have attempted another idea to have a program and then to provide individual's membership and a bridge book. Beth interjected that Grass Roots funds would not be able to be used to support such a program. Units can apply for a grant from the Education Foundation to support a variety of programs. Steve asked if we have ever had LBID at a regional?
- Other ideas: Steve suggested that perhaps we want to have meetings for sanction holders or directors at our regional events; Vangie and Maribeth expressed an interest in being part of further discussion in having round table events between sessions at regionals; could see if Joyce Penn would organize such an event; David suggested a sub-committee would be needed to plan such an event; Terrell indicated an interest in putting such committee together.

Conditions of Contest – Kit Overpeck

- Kit: We must have COC to ACBL very soon. We need to do this quickly so that we will not have to use the last version of the COC for the upcoming event.
 - After lengthy discussion, a final document was agreed upon and appears at the end of these minutes.
- ⇒ **Moved and seconded** that the amended COC (appended) be adopted as the District 11 Conditions of Contest (Moese/Overpeck). Motion carried. *(Thanks to Beth Reid for making the notations and corrections to the copy. Maribeth)*

2020 NABC – Columbus – Cheryl Schneider

- Completing work on the logo which will be done soon.
- As of March 2017, we can start having special games to raise money for the NABC. Cheryl is working out details with AJ. We can also have one week each year when extra points can be given at club games with extra dollar per person to be collected for the NABC committee. We are required to participate. There will also be a surcharge on regionals from March through the beginning of the NABC in 2020.

Proposals to Host GNT – Kit Overpeck

- Two proposals have been submitted for hosting during 18/19/20. Kit will review proposals and bring to Louisville/Lexington meeting. (There is also another proposal still to be submitted.) Larry asked if we are rotating the schedule. Since not all units are submitting proposals, we will work with the proposals that have been submitted. (If there are still people wanting to submit a proposal, send this to Kit ASAP.)
 - Steve asked that a formal motion be made to set the site for the NAP in Cincinnati for the next five years.
- ⇒ **Moved and seconded** that the NAP remain in Cincinnati for the next five years. (Smith/Lipp, motion carried.)

Nominating Committee – Terrell Holt

- Liz Brown, John Meinking and Billie Brown have been appointed to the Nominating Committee.

Additional Items for Discussion – Board

- **Ads from other districts and from outside vendors** - Some other units/districts have contacted Steve about running ads on the District 11 website and in the Monitor. There are outside vendors also requesting information. If we have ads from outside vendors, this would change the role of the webmaster/website and it would not be a good idea to accept paid advertising for the website. However, it was agreed that other tournaments and vendors can advertise in the Midwest Monitor. District 7 wants to advertise tournaments on our website. We will ask them for reciprocity and if we can advertise our tournaments on their website, we will do the same for them. (After the meeting, a discussion was held with Brad, and he agreed to add the District 7 tournaments to the Midwest Monitor if they get information to him.)
- **Charging for 5/6 man teams at regionals** – Discussion took place about having a District policy regarding the charge for fifth and/or sixth person(s) on a KO team. AJ recommends that it be worked out at the local level, that is, each tournament chair should make a determination as to whether there will be an additional charge/ ACBL strongly recommends that each member of a KO team pay an entry fee to participate (this does not apply to Swiss teams since point distribution is different.)

Adjournment

- Next meeting, Saturday, November 12, 2016, after the afternoon game, Louisville/Lexington Regional.
- ⇒ **Moved and seconded** to adjourn the meeting. (Kennedy/Jones moved/seconded. Motion carried.)

District 11 GNT CoC

Version: October 1, 2016

Effective: January 2017

A. The District 11 Board approved these conditions of contest in Dayton, 2016.

B. The authority and responsibility to enforce the following conditions is hereby granted to the D11 GNT Coordinator.

C. Purchase of an entry to this event--and participation in this event--therein assumes that the participants have reviewed the GNT conditions of contest for both D11 and the ACBL. This being true--ignorance of all conditions contained in either the D11 CoC or the ACBL CoC is not a permissible excuse for not adhering to these conditions.

D. The authority of the D11 GNT Coordinator begins at the commencement of this event and continues until the DIC of the GNT National Finals assumes the mantle of responsibility for this GNT event.

E. All players entering this event must be members in good standing with D11 and the ACBL. Each team must name a captain and all players before the beginning of play. Each team will be comprised of not less than 4 and no more than 6 players. Due to the ACBL CoC, the common practice of ACBL team events, and the overall appearance of ethics and fair-play--all players listed in the team roster must play a minimum of 50% of the hands played by that team each day. Failure to do so voids that person's MP awards and eliminates them from the roster. Furthermore, all players are expected to play all sessions of the District Qualifying event for which their team qualifies. There is one session on Saturday and up to two sessions on Sunday. Players who do not play in the preliminary session may not play in the semifinal or final. Players who do not play in the semifinal may not play in the final. Players who do not play in the final session may not represent D11 in the NABC. In addition, a team that cannot maintain 4 players will be considered to have withdrawn (except in the case of section I.)

F. The following apply to all 4 flights (Championship, A, B and C):

- 1) A preliminary round of Round Robin or Swiss Play will reduce the field to four teams who will play a knockout the following day. (See the chart on page two for specific details.)
- 2) The ACBL Mid Chart governs Championship and Flight A, and the General Convention Chart governs Flights B & C.
- 3) All RR and Swiss Matches will be scored by IMPs and converted to Victory Points using the WBF 20-Point Continuous Victory Point Scale.
- 4) If at the conclusion of the preliminary round a tie exists that materially affects who qualifies for the final session/day--the tie will be broken by one or more 4-board playoff rounds that will continue until the winner is determined. Playoffs begin immediately once the tie is verified.
- 5) After a preliminary round ending in a 4-team final, the first-place team may choose from the 3rd and 4th place team as their opponent in the semifinal round.
- 6) When 3 or more teams qualify for the second day, there will be no imp carryovers. When 2 teams qualify for the second day, there will be a 100% imp carryover from the first day.

- 7) All ties in the knockout round of the semi-finals or finals will be resolved by a 6-board playoff. If after 6 boards a tie still exists, 4-board playoffs will continue until the winner is determined.

G. The details for each flight are determined by the number of teams entered in that flight as follows:

# Teams:	10+	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
Championship Preliminary	Swiss 8Bx8R	8 Board RR	9 Board RR	10 Board RR	12 Board RR	15 Board RR	20 Board RR	30 Board RR	60 Board KO
Championship Finals (KO)	2 - 30 Board Semi Final Matches (4 Teams) 1 - 30 Board Final Match (2 Teams)						60 Board (2 Teams)		
Flight A Preliminary	Swiss 8Bx8R	8 Board RR	9 Board RR	10 Board RR	12 Board RR	15 Board RR	20 Board RR	30 Board RR	60 Board KO
Flight A Finals (KO)	2 - 30 Board Semi Final Matches (4 Teams) 1 - 30 Board Final Match (2 Teams)						60 Board (2 Teams)		
Flight B Preliminary	Swiss 7Bx8R	7 Board RR	8 Board RR	9 Board RR	11 Board RR	14 Board RR	18 Board RR	28 Board RR	56 Board KO
Flight B Finals (KO)	2 - 28 Board Semi Final Matches (4 Teams) 1 - 28 Board Final Match (2 Teams)						56 Board (2 Teams)		
Flight C Preliminary	Swiss 6Bx8R	6 Board RR	7 Board RR	8 Board RR	10 Board RR	12 Board RR	16 Board RR	24 Board RR	48 Board KO
Flight C Finals (KO)	2 - 24 Board Semi Final Matches (4 Teams) 1 - 24 Board Final Match (2 Teams)						48 Board (2 Teams)		

Swiss: 8Bx8R = 8 Boards for 8 Rounds. 7Bx8R = 7 Board for 8 Rounds. 6Bx8R = 6 Boards for 8 rounds.

Swiss = Swiss teams; RR = Round Robin Format – each team plays the other once.

H. One team from each flight, as determined according to the above guidelines, will proceed to the National Finals. The District requests that no members of a team that cannot participate in the National Finals participate in the District Finals. Therefore, all team rosters are considered immutable from the commencement of the D11 contest except where specifically mentioned in these conditions (See I, J, K and L.) Any team that cannot maintain 4 of its original members will be considered as withdrawing (Please note the exceptions in Section I & K.). If the first-place team is withdrawn, then the second-place team will be offered the qualification. If the second-place team declines, then the third-place team--as determined by imp differential--will be offered the qualification. If the third-place team declines, then the fourth-place team will be offered the qualification. If the fourth-place team declines, then it becomes really interesting. D11 will always field a team for the National GNT Contest. If none of the top four finishers accept the invitation, then the GNT Coordinator will select a 6-man team from all appropriate members of D11 in good standing with the ACBL. This team will be approved by D11 in a vote during a special D11 Board Meeting.

I. During the event of the D11 Finals, a substitution to a roster is permissible due to a verified sickness, injury, personal death, or Force Majeure. Only one such substitution is allowed. All substitutions must be approved by the D11 GNT Coordinator in consultation with the DIC of the event. The substitute must not substantially increase or decrease the overall strength of the team. This condition allows for an exception to the participation guidelines above for one session. Any player who misses more than this one session--for any reason--will be removed from the team's roster. If due to this condition, a substitute plays for more than one session--then the substitute's name and ACBL number will be added permanently to the team roster. The ramifications of this condition also change the participation requirements for a team from four of the original members to three of the original members. Only one substitution is allowed per this condition, and any team that utilizes this condition and does not maintain the participation requirements as outlined in this condition is deemed to withdraw.

J. After the event of the District Finals and before May 31, a team may decide to reduce its roster--for any reason--to a minimum of 4 players. Any team using this condition must coordinate with the D11 GNT Coordinator. Any team that cannot maintain 4 players (except as mentioned in section K) will be considered as withdrawing from this competition. Players removed from a team will not be removed from its roster until the GNT coordinator receives confirmation from said player. This confirmation must be in the form of an email. Any team that adjusts its roster in accordance with this condition will not be allowed to subsequently augment its roster for any reason.

K. After the event of the District Finals, a team may permanently replace a player due to a verified sickness, injury, personal death, or Force Majeure. Any team using this condition must coordinate with the D11 GNT Coordinator. Under this condition, a 4 or 5-person team may not substitute for more -than one player. Under this condition, a 6-player team may not substitute for more than two players. It is strongly preferred that all substitutions--within reason--come

from the second, third, or fourth place finishers of the same flight. This condition--due to a verified catastrophe--will still allow a team to augment its roster.

L. After the event of the District Finals and before May 31, D11 will permit the qualifying team to add 1 or 2 players at the qualifying team's sole discretion (except where disallowed by section I). Preference will be given to pairs and individuals who participated in the District 11 finals.

M. All decisions made by the D11 GNT coordinator to enforce the conditions set forth--not only by the D11 CoC and the ACBL CoC, but also in all items which may not be fully covered by these CoC--is final. However, acknowledging that to err is human--the following appeal process will be available. The GNT coordinator will select 7 voting members of the D11 board to serve on a special committee. These 7 members may not be selected from the Unit of the appealing team. In addition, if there is any other team that will gain a substantive advantage from the outcome of the appeal, then members of the committee will also not be selected from that unit. In the case of a lack of eligible committee members, any D11 member in good-standing may be asked to serve. The appealing party may reject up to three members of the D11 coordinator's committee. This hearing will be based on fact as determined by the explicit intent of all relevant CoC. Opinionated and emotional appeals will be frowned upon. After hearing from all parties, the 7-person committee will hold a secret argument and vote. The results of the vote and a majority opinion will be given to both the GNT coordinator and the team without insight into the private workings of the committee. If the appeal is denied, the committee will then consider if the appeal was frivolous. Due to the time cost to the members of the committee and the fiduciary resources required to hold an appeals committee, if an appeal is deemed to be frivolous--then the entire appealing team will be suspended from participating in any D11 GNT contest for the following two years.