

DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

3 July 1999

The District 6 Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the President at 10:00 AM at Alexandria, VA.

Present: President: Andre L'Heureux

Secretary: Bette Dudka

Unit Presidents: Geoff Mallette (231), Jim Allen (147), Barry Connors (218),

Stu Kleiman (109), Pat Wilson (135) (proxy), Harry Yockey (146)

Representatives: Jerry Keller, Donna Bowser (135), Marge Wilson, Michael Carroad,

Jim Wood, Rae Dethlefsen, Barbara Doran, (147), Kay & Dar Afdahl, Gloria Brown (146), Margot Hennings (218)

Guests: Jennifer Christman (146), Mickey Kivel. Kathy Kruskal (147)

District 6 Representative: Nadine Wood

District 6 Coordinator: Millard Nachtwey

1. Minutes: The Secretary corrected the minutes of 29 May 1999 to include Jennifer Christman as a candidate for the MABC Board of Governors. With this correction, the minutes were approved as presented.

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2. Treasurer's Report: In Steve Robinson's absence, Michael Carroad distributed a written Treasurer's Report indicating a checking account balance of \$12,350.47 (this includes revenue sharing received from MABC).

3. District Coordinator's Report: Millard Nachtwey stated we were in good shape for 2000. All Units have submitted their Sectional dates and the calendar is set.

4. Election of District 6 Officers and Representative to MABC Board of Governors. Harry Yockey, Nominating Committee Chairman in lieu of Nancy Witschey, advised the Board that the four officers nominated were: President: Andr³/₄ L'Heureux, Vice President: Jim Hooven, Treasurer: Steve Robinson, Secretary: Bette Dudka. There were no nominations from the floor and it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. All four officers were re-elected by acclamation for a term of one year.

Representatives to MABC Board of Governors. The Secretary distributed ballots indicating 13 candidates for District 6 representatives to the MABC Board of Governors. Nadine Wood called for a weighted vote. There were no nominations from the floor. After tallying the votes, Mr. Yockey announced the following 10 District 6 representatives to serve a one-year term beginning 7 September 1999: Kay Afdahl, Jim Allen, Jennifer Christman, Margot Hennings, Jim Hooven, Jerry Keller, Geoff Mallette, Kathryn Rossman, Marge Wilson, Pat Wilson.

5. Finance Committee Report: Nadine Wood spoke re the contribution of 20% from the District for Easy Bridge. (Secretary's Note: This was approved at the 29 May 1999 meeting). (Excerpt from the minutes of 29 May 1999 -- "Easy Bridge: ACBL is donating 40% to the program and the ACBL Education Fund 20%. Mr.

Hooven made a motion that District 6 contribute 20% of the cost of the Easy Bridge program. Kay Afdahl seconded the motion. Motion carried).

6. GNTeams Coordinator's Report: Rae Dethlefsen stated plans were already in place for the GNT planning phase for next year. The District Finals will be held at Knights of Columbus Hall on 3 and 4 June 2000. The Hall has already been booked for this event. In accordance with the Planning Group's recommendation, Ms. Dethlefsen made a motion that reimbursement to winning teams should be a part of the GNT expenses, and that profits not be figured until that expense has been deducted. Ms. Dethlefsen stated the District was only paying a maximum of \$500 this year, and the team members were being short-changed. Traditionally, team members are paid 2 hotel nights and the cheapest available airfare. After considerable discussion, the motion was carried.

Ms. Dethlefsen stated she was preparing a pamphlet, "How to Become a GNT Coordinator", with check lists, etc. She asked that Unit Presidents appoint responsible people to serve as GNT Coordinators and that she be provided with a list of those serving Ms. Dethlefsen advised the Board that Flights B and C would continue to participate in Unit Finals.

7. NAPs Coordinator's Report: Barbara Doran stated that Richmond VA was holding the District 6 NAP Finals this year and suggested that a Consolation Event be held on Sunday along with the Finals. She also asked that the Board consider giving a percentage of the profits back to the Richmond Unit. A lot of discussion was had on the subject and since no agreement could be reached Jim Allen moved that the subject be tabled until Hunt Valley. Rae Dethlefsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Doran stressed that the NAP Finals be given a lot of publicity since it is being held in Richmond and since we are not having Unit Finals this year, so this event must be publicized. The President asked all Unit Coordinators for their cooperation.

8. StaC for Nationals Fund: Michael Carroad reported he had negotiated with District 7 about having a StaC with profits going to the Nationals Fund and they had unanimously agreed to join us in this venture. The StaC is scheduled 13-19 December 1999. We are also asking other Districts (Fla, Del, Ala, etc) to join us in participating in the StaC. Andr³/₄ L'Heureux is going to be the Tournament Chairman, Michael Carroad the Tournament Coordinator, and someone from the southern part of District 6 to join the management team. The funds will be handled by the MABC Treasurer (Pat Seiler) and any profits gained will be deposited in the MABC Treasury and earmarked for the Nationals fund. Andr³/₄ L'Heureux stated that MABC was only holding the purse and that all decisions will be made by Districts 6/7. Michael Carroad stated we hoped to raise \$25,000 in the coming 3 years before the 2002 Washington Nationals, then if Atlanta is asked to host the 2006 Nationals, the profits would go there.

9. District 6 Director's Report: Nadine Wood said she had nothing to report since the Richmond meeting.

10. District 6 Supplement: Nadine Wood advised the Board that the Committee was prepared to present a final report at Hunt Valley. Margot Hennings stated that all the suggestions made at the Richmond meeting were being incorporated.

11. Easy Bridge: The President stated he had appointed Donna Bowser and Leslie Shafer as Co-Chairs for Easy Bridge, with Ms. Bowser reporting to this Board. Ms. Bowser presented to the Board a chronicle of the Easy Bridge Program in the United States currently -- stating what expenses were involved, the "how to" of successfully operating the program, and the methods to make it work. She stressed that EB was a good program for getting new players.

12. Old Business:

District Hall of Fame: Jim Allen said he would present an organizational set-up on this topic at Hunt Valley.

Replacement Regional for July 4, 2000 NABC: The President asked that everyone think about where we could have this replacement Regional.

District 6 History: The President said that Jim Wood was looking through his records and compiling historical data for the web site or Supplement, thereby gradually building a history of District 6.

Policy and Procedures Manual: No report.

13. New Business: None.

The President congratulated and thanked Lee Jensen and Kathy Kruskal for hosting another successful Regional that everyone seemed to enjoy.

14. Date of Next District 6 Meeting: The next meeting will be held at Hunt Valley MD on Saturday, August 21, 1999, at 5:30 PM. Please notify the Secretary if you plan to attend. The Maryland Bridge Association has invited the District 6 Board for cocktails and light hors' d'oeuvres right after the session. Club sandwiches will be served at the meeting.

There being no further business, Pat Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bette Dudka seconded. The meeting stood adjourned at 12:20 PM. Kay/Darwin Afdahl Respectfully submitted,

BETTE DUDKA

District 6 Secretary

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