

DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

7 July 2001

The District 6 Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the President at 10:20 AM at Alexandria, VA.

Present: President: James Hooven
Vice President: Bill Cole
Secretary: Bette Dudka

Unit Presidents: Lynn Rattinger (231), Jim Callas (135) (proxy Patricia Wilson),
Bruce Culmer (218), Barbara Doran (147), Mike Fine (109),
Ed Tomlinson (139), Juanita Strawn (110 (proxy Joe Lane)

Representatives: Toni Rosenblatt (135), Darwin & Kay Afdahl, Gloria Brown (146),
Rae Dethlefsen, Michael Carroad, Jim Wood (147), Margot
Kathryn Kiley, Cecily Kohler, Andre L'Heureux, Past
(218), Geoff Mallette (109).

Hennings,
President

District 6 Rep to National Board: Nadine Wood
District 6 Coordinator: Millard Nachtwey

1. Minutes: The minutes of 26 May 2001 were approved as presented.

2. Treasurer's Report: In Mr. Robinson absence, no oral report was given, but his written report was distributed to the showing a balance on-hand of \$14,426.80. Not much change since the May report.

3. District Coordinator's Report: Millard Nachtwey reported we were pretty well firmed up for calendar year 2002, an should start working on 2003. One thing we have not yet done officially is select a District 6 Charity date, and Gloria I and I are working on that. Also, the District 6 StaC is tentatively set for the week 1-7 April 2002.

4. Finance Committee Report: Andre L'Heureux reported that the Committee found no reason to meet this time. However he did want to reiterate that our clubs look very favorably on holding StaCs, it makes money for the clubs and makes money for the District.

5. NAPs Coordinator's Report: Barbara Doran had nothing to report on NAPs. She asked that all Unit Presidents encourage their club managers to notify Don Berman (District 6 Web Master) of their club games and when they are held so he could put that information on our web site.

6. GNTeams Coordinator's Report: Rae Dethlefsen said they had their Annual Planning Committee meeting and phenomenal turnout compared with other Districts in the country. The Committee decided they were not going to tinker with any format this year, going on the philosophy that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". One thing we do have to consider is the award for Flight X since we did not have anything to base it on last year. That will be ready for Hunt Valley, along with the Conditions of Contest for approval. The dates for the competition are set -- the first one is going to be Flight B in the North February 2002, the Open and Flight C will be in the North 16-17 February 2002. All three flights for the District competition (A,B,C) will be in the South 2-3 March 2002, the Open, Flight B and Flight C will be 6-7 April 2002. Flight X the first will be in the North 4-5 May 2002, the 2d weekend for Flight X will be 18-19 May. She urged everyone to publicize and promote participation in the Southern sites. We're going to be back in Hampton, VA. and hope to get a few more tables.

Margot Hennings said she had attended the meeting and she had sent a notice out to her Board (Unit 218) and there was quite a bit of confusion on the part of the Board members about the extension of the Club qualifying. Rae Dethlefsen reported that, in the past, players and club managers have not been pleased with December as the qualifying month because there is so much going on -- Christmas holiday, parties, et al. The GNT technically starts Sep 1st. We proposed an extended

qualifying period from October thru January. There is no pressure on Club Managers to hold any extra games. Bill Cole there are two reasons for doing this: (1) The reason we are going past the February dates is because we have an X Flt in and people put together teams in April for this and we want them to have club games to participate in. (2) The second reason is flexibility for the clubs. We are going to clearly put out in the letters to the clubs that we are not asking them to hold any games than they normally hold, what we are giving them is flexibility by extending the period of time so that the clubs can have the time that is best for them to run a game.

7. District Director's Report: Nadine Wood said she would have a report in Hunt Valley after the meeting in Toronto.

8. Charity Report: Gloria Brown still working on 2002 dates -- days will be the same, Wed AM, Thurs PM. Ms. Brown reported that District 6 had 208 ½ tables in play this year and raised \$1281.00 for the Charity Foundation. Richmond reported that their Regional Charity Game raised \$234.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

District 6 Elections: Barbara Doran said she had received no new nominations for the current officers and move forward to be declared elected. Gloria Brown seconded. The current officers were re-elected by acclamation. President, James Hooper; Vice President, Bill Cole; Treasurer, Steve Robinson; Secretary, Bette Dudka. Ballots were distributed for the election of MABC Representatives. The following were elected: Kay Afdahl, Jennifer Christman, Anne Duty, Margot Hennings, Kay Kiley, Cecily Kohler, Geoff Mallette, Barbara Moomy, Dianne Morton, and Patricia Wilson.

Hall of Fame: Bette Dudka stated she did not know if the Hall of Fame was a "done deal" yet and would like to be revisited. The President said he would ask Jim Allen to come to Hunt Valley and inform us what's going on. Andre L'Heureux informed Ms. Dudka that her objections were noted at the time it was created and \$300 had been allotted for this purpose. Andre replied that at the MABC meetings, the "multi-2 diamond bid" was brought up 3 successive times and voted down, and at the time, it finally passed. She felt nothing was set in cement.

2002 NABC FUND RAISING: Margot Hennings, NABC Chairman, said she had received a very enthusiastic response from Unit Presidents agreeing to charge an extra dollar on Sectional Saturdays for the Nationals. She listed some of the names and said she was very pleased.

NEW BUSINESS:

College Competition: The President stated that at the last meeting, Andre L'Heureux brought up the idea of creating a separate fund for District 6 accounting that would allow people to make contributions that would be tax deductible for the purpose of having a college competition for the Nationals. Mr. Hooven said he was contacting a lawyer to inform us how to set up the account. He is going to ask Unit Presidents of District 6 to be ambassadors to that fund -- have them go to their units and local club games and get contributions. He said he would have a full report at Hunt Valley.

For your Information: ACBL has an insurance policy that may cover a Unit's loss of money due to crime or theft.

The President thanked and congratulated Lee Jensen and Kathy Kruskal for hosting another very enjoyable Alexandria Regional.

Date of Next District 6 Meeting: The next meeting will be in Hunt Valley, MD, between sessions, on Saturday 25, After the game, the Board is invited to the McCormick Suite for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before the meeting, courtesy Maryland Bridge Assn.

There being no further business, Bill Cole moved that the meeting be adjourned. Barbara Doran seconded. The meeting stood adjourned at 11AM!!.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTE DUDKA
District 6 Secretary

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