

## DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

10 November 2001

The District 6 Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 10:35 AM at Virginia Beach, VA..

Present: Vice President: Bill Cole  
Treasurer: Steve Robinson  
Secretary: Bette Dudka

Unit Presidents: Lynn Rattinger (231), Ethel Klavens (135), Mike Fine (109)  
Juanita Strawn (110), Jennifer Christman (146), Ed Tomlinson (139),  
Barbara Doran (147) (proxy Rae Dethlefsen)

Representatives: Patricia Wilson (135), Gloria Brown (146), Michael Carroad, Jim  
Allen (147), Margot Hennings, Kathryn Kiley (218), Dianne Morton (110),  
Geoff Mallette (231), Andre L'Heureux, Past President

Honored Guest: Jim Kirkham, President of ACBL  
District 6 Rep to National Board: Nadine Wood  
District 6 Coordinator: Millard Nachtwey

**1. Minutes:** The minutes of 25 August 2001 were approved as presented.

**2. Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Robinson distributed a written report to the Board indicating a checking account balance of \$8,241.28. Mr. Robinson said he was filing an application with the IRS to classify District 6 as a non-profit organization (Cost: \$500). He is also filing an IRS application to classify District 6 as a charitable organization, this will make contributions to the District tax-deductible, right now they are not.

**3. District Coordinator's Report:** Millard Nachtwey said all Units should be thinking about when they want to have Sectionals in 2003, and he would like to have a tentative schedule by January in Williamsburg.

**4. Finance Committee Report:** Andre L'Heureux stated that after a review of District 6 books, all of the records are in order. This was for a two-year period since there was no review last year. Nadine Wood and Steve Robinson are members of the Committee. Our income derives from three main sources: 1) proceeds from table count of all District 6 held Regionals, 2) NAP events, 3) GNT events. Most of our expenses go for sponsoring GNTeams and NAPairs to the NABC. Our insurance is paid from May 2001 – May 2002,

Mr. L'Heureux made a motion on behalf of the Finance Committee that we sponsor any youth recommended by their Unit President to attend the 2002 Junior Bridge Camp at Frostburg University (MD) from July 29 thru August 5 not to exceed \$250 per youth. Kay Afdahl seconded. Motion carried

Andre L'Heureux made a motion that Margot Hennings (NABC Chairman) be granted the sum of \$1,000 to be dedicated solely for advertising for our up-coming Nationals. The motion was seconded and carried.

**5. GNTs Coordinator's Report:** Rae Dethlefsen stated that since the time period was extended from October to April, a lot more work was created. Since this is an experiment, we'll just have to wait and see how it is going to work out.

**6. StaC:** Michael Carroad announced that the dates for the MABC StaC had moved to Tuesday, December 11 through Monday, December 17 so as not to interfere with the Red, White, and Blue bash. The profit-sharing District 6 STaC runs from 1 to 7 April 2002.

**7. District Director's Report:** Nadine Wood stated this was the time of year she made her Goodwill and Charity Committee appointments. This year she has appointed Jim Allen, Kathryn Kiley, and Don Hennings to the Goodwill Committee, and Fletcher and Linda Smoak to the Charity Committee. Ms. Wood stated another happy announcement was that the After School Youth project received a grant in Toronto from the Educational Foundation. Since that time, we've selected a person to head the project – Beth Resaid. To assist in the initial research, we selected David Eidleman

from the Baltimore Unit. We hope to get contracts finalized in Las Vegas. Ms. Wood also reported that the World Bridge Championships which were originally scheduled for Bali were re-scheduled by the WBF for Paris since our American team did not want to go to Bali after the 9-11 tragedy. She added, the U.S. Team won 3 gold medals out of the four events.

Nadine Wood introduced Jim Kirkham, ACBL President, to the Board. Mr. Kirkham thanked everyone and gave brief comments on volunteerism and what an asset volunteers are to the league. Mr. Kirkham also advised the Board of current business before the ACBL Board this year, mainly lawsuits for damages. The search for a new CEO is on-going, but the Board is in no hurry and this will probably not take place until March 2002.

**8. Charity Report:** Gloria Brown reminded the Board that our dates for the District-wide Charity Game are May 1 and 2.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Hall of Fame:** Jim Allen stated that we have had a lot of discussion on the Hall of Fame and he was going to propose a motion shortly to re-ratify or eliminate the Hall of Fame. But, first where we stand. We have reached the consensus that at least 5 people would be eligible to become charter members. We are going to wait until Williamsburg. But, the first item of business, if we have a Hall of Fame is charter members (dead members). A description of the H/F can be found on the web page. The bottom line is that we would have a certain number of charter members. We reached an agreement with Bill Cole to use the GNTeams sanction and ACBL has approved this. Jim Allen made a motion that the District 6 Board ratify or cancel the Hall of Fame project at the meeting in Williamsburg. Unit Presidents are asked to discuss this with their boards and come to some conclusion. Patricia Wilson seconded the motion. Carried.

**College Competition:** Steve Robinson, as stated in his Treasurer's Report, has applied to the IRS for a 501C(4) Form to designate District 6 as a non-profit organization. After the forms are completed and approved by the IRS, we can then establish our college competition foundation. Mr. Robinson will have a report in Williamsburg.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Possible Meeting Site/Date:** It was brought up that if we don't schedule another meeting in Williamsburg, it will mean that with this year's schedule, we will go from Williamsburg to Hunt Valley before we have a meeting. Both Gatlinburg and Raleigh were mentioned as possible meeting sites. Bill Cole asked all board members to think about possible dates between January and August where the meeting could be held.

The Vice President on behalf of the Board thanked Jennifer Christman and Judy Bates for hosting another successful and enjoyable Virginia Beach Regional.

**Date of Next District 6 Meeting:** The next meeting will be at the Williamsburg Regional on Saturday, 12 January 2002. It will be a dinner meeting between sessions. Please advise the Secretary if you plan to attend.

There being no further business, Patricia Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bette Dudka seconded. The meeting stood adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTE DUDKA  
District 6 Secretary