

**DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 7, 2007, N. Bethesda, Md.**

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Wegman at 10:59 AM.

Present:

Officers	President:	Dick Wegman
	Secretary:	Judy Bates
	Treasurer:	Steve Robinson

Unit Presidents: Carol Guy (Proxy 146), Fred King (147), Bob Klein (Proxy 231), Marie Burgess-Strauss (Proxy 135), Leo Cardillo (218)

Voting Members: Barbara Doran (Board of Governors), Nadine Wood (District Director), Steve Robinson (1st Alternate), Jennifer Lin (Board of Governors)

Non-Voting Members: Bill Cole (GNT/NAOP Coordinator), Michael Carroad (STAC Coordinator), Millard Nachtwey (District Tournament Coordinator), Don Berman (Webmaster), Nancy Witschey (MABC President)

MABC Reps: Lucy McCoy, Lynn Jones, Lorraine Holub, Patricia Wilson; (other reps present – Fred King, Judy Bates)

Officers' Reports:

President: Dick Wegman welcomed everyone to the District 6 Annual Meeting and asked for an introduction of attendees which was given.

Secretary: The minutes of the Richmond meeting (May 26, 2007) were accepted with the following correction: Bill Cole advised that 92 teams participated in the GNT rather than the 78 originally reported.

Treasurer: Copies of the financial report were distributed by Steve Robinson. Balance on hand as of June 28, 2007, is \$26,112.84. Balance on hand in September 2006 was \$26,659.58.

Committee Reports

Tournaments:

Millard Nachtwey said that the hotel was pleased with our group and that everyone was delighted with the playing site. Three hundred additional rooms are under construction. The regionals in 2008 and 2011 will be in Reston; 2009 will be the Washington National and 2010 will be in N. Bethesda.

The number of tables dipped on Wednesday (July 4th) as usually happens when a holiday falls in the middle of the week. He expects approximately 2400 tables, the same number as last year.

2008 is under control. Southwest needs to be nailed down.

A class for new directors was given the week before the tournament. It has been seven years since the last class was held. Thirty-two students were in attendance; twenty-one from District 6. Students from Districts 6 and 7 were charged \$50.00; others outside the two Districts, \$100.00. The net for the District was \$300.00.

Carol Guy questioned how the class sites were chosen. Millard stated that there would not be a market for the class time after time. Virginia Beach, he added, would be a good location in 2008 with a different pool of prospective students. The minimum number of students would be 8 to 10. Fifteen are needed in order to break even financially. Steve Robinson suggested putting the director's class advertising in Table Talk as well as in the flyers for the tournament. Nadine Wood remarked that TAP classes could be advertised in the same way but reminded that advertising needs to be done one year in advance.

Finance: The finance committee is composed of George Lewis, Michael Carroad, and Steve Robinson. Michael Carroad advised that the finance format will be ready by the next meeting.

GNT: Lynn Jones reported that the following are the dates for GNTs: 1st weekend – February 9 and 10 for Open, B, and C; semi-finals and finals – March 1 and 2 for Open, B, and C. For 0-5000 the 1st weekend is April 5 and 6; semi-finals and finals are April 12 and 13.

Fred King advised that our GNT does better in numbers than the rest of the country.

NAOP: Barbara Doran has sent e-mails to unit presidents and coordinators emphasizing the importance of publicity.

District Director: Nadine Wood advised that there has been an inquiry about the Memphis property. This prospect is more promising than the last with better financial backing. Work has begun to decide where to relocate. Sites being investigated include Las Vegas and Atlanta. Memphis is no longer a safe location which is affecting the ability to hire good staff members. Neighborhoods are deteriorating with many abandoned buildings and a lot of vandalism. The new building should be located near an airport with easy access in and out of the chosen city at reasonable prices and with a large base of bridge players.

A decision will also need to be made whether to rent, buy or lease. Nadine favors leasing as space requirements change over a span of time.

Nadine also discussed the allocation of masterpoints in the lowest brackets of the knockouts in Gatlinburg. Because the method of awarding these points is on a sliding scale and because of the large number of brackets, the lower three brackets received fewer masterpoints than are awarded to a one-session event in the I/N pairs competition. The current suggestion is that a minimum of six (6) points should be awarded for bracketed knockouts.

Work is being done to determine if overtime should be awarded to directors who work more than 40 hours.

Charity: No report

Education: No report.

STAC: Ron Geagley has received the check for February/March STAC but no expenses have been reported.

Novice/Intermediate: Fred King reported that Leslie Shafer held a "Bridge Festival" for the Intermediate/Novice group before the tournament with 21 tables on Wednesday and 19 tables on Thursday. Barbara Doran said that she was stunned at the numbers for knockouts from the Novice room. Frances Burke was praised for doing a wonderful job at the partnership desk. A pamphlet was published which cost \$750 for 5,000 copies; three-fourths of this expense was reimbursed by ACBL.

Leslie Shafer and Fred King were thanked for the huge, successful program in N. Bethesda.

TableTalk: Bill Cole would like to be advised if units have anything of interest to contribute. He particularly would like to begin a novice column but needs someone to volunteer to do it.

Dick Wegman noted that no other district puts out anything comparable to Table Talk.

Webmaster: Don Berman announced that he has posted on the web site all hand records, recap sheets and overalls for all events.

New Business:

- **Election of District 6 officers for 2007 – 2008**

Nadine Wood chaired the nominating committee which included Nancy Witschey and Leo Cardillo. The following were nominated and elected by acclamation: Dick Wegman, president; Jim Hooven, vice president; Judy Bates, secretary and Steve Robinson, treasurer.

- **Committee Appointments**

Dick Wegman advised that some units had not sent in their appointment for the Appellate Committee. The following appointments have been received: Jeff Roman, Unit 218; Gloria Brown, Unit 146; Wyatt Mapp, Unit 110 and Abby Heitner, Unit 147.

The president also announced that the District 6 Executive Committee would be comprised of Dick Wegman (president), Jim Hooven (vice president), and two unit presidents, Chuck Sadowski and Leo Cardillo.

- **Amendments to District 6 By-Laws**

Copies of the 2007 District 6 By-Laws with amendment and addition were distributed. A vote was taken and the Bylaws changes were adopted unanimously. The changes are listed below:

Article VIII (A) Duties of Officers (Amendment)

Whenever a vacancy occurs in the District Six offices of Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the President, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next scheduled election.

- *As long as the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference assigns to District Six the duty of the selection of representatives to the Board of the Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference, whenever a vacancy occurs in such position, the President, with the concurrence of the executive committee, shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next scheduled election.*
- *Should a vacancy occur in the positions of Second Alternate or Representatives to the ACBL Board of Governors, the President, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next scheduled election. (By ACBL rule, if a vacancy occurs in the position of First Alternate, the Second Alternate becomes the First Alternate and the position of Second Alternate is vacated.)*

Article XI Executive Committee (Addition)

The Executive Committee shall act on matters of urgency between meetings.

- **Change of Scheduled Meetings**

Dick Wegman advised that it had been suggested to him that the next meeting (Hunt Valley) was too close to the current one in N. Bethesda. Less than three months separated Richmond, N. Bethesda and Hunt Valley. He asked for a motion to cancel the Hunt Valley meeting and have the next meeting in Virginia Beach in November.

Pat Wilson, tournament chair from Hunt Valley, said that the breakfast was in her hotel contract and that it was too late to cancel. She also felt that it would damage attendance to lose the meeting.

The motion was not forthcoming and it was confirmed that the meeting in Hunt Valley would take place as scheduled.

Steve Robinson suggested that meetings alternate between Washington, DC and Hunt Valley in future schedules.

- **Staggered Terms for MABC Representatives**

Fred King will implement staggered two-year terms for MABC representatives. Those ending their terms this year are Fred King, Pat Wilson, Mark Dahl, Lynn Jones and Lucy McCoy.

Dick Wegman thanked Pat Wilson and Leo Cardillo for taking the lead in planning for the upcoming District 6 regionals at Hunt Valley in August of 2007 and Reston in July of 2008.

The next District 6 meeting will be in Hunt Valley, MD on Saturday evening, August 17, 2007 at 5:40 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Judy Bates
District 6 Secretary

