

DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 18, 2007, Hunt Valley, Maryland

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Hooven at 5:50 PM. President Dick Wegman was absent.

Present:

Officers	Vice President	Jim Hooven
	Secretary	Judy Bates
	Treasurer	Steve Robinson

Unit Presidents: Fred King (147), Leo Cardillo (218), Skippy Callas (135), Jane Bauserman (proxy 147), Meg Massie (proxy 139), Bob Klein (proxy 231), Will Williams (proxy 109)

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

Non-Voting Members: Bill Cole (GNT/NAOP Coordinator), Michael Carroad (STaC Coordinator), Millard Nachtwey (District Tournament Coordinator), Don Berman (Webmaster)

MABC Reps: Lucy McCoy, Lynn Jones, Lorraine Holub, Patricia Wilson, Fred King, Judy Bates

Guests: Mike Cappelletti

Officers' Reports

Vice President: Jim Hooven welcomed everyone to the District 6 meeting and asked for an introduction of attendees which was given.

Secretary: The minutes of the N. Bethesda meeting (July 7, 2007) were accepted without correction.

Treasurer: Copies of the financial report were distributed by Steve Robinson. He pointed out that while the NAOP lost money; the GNT made money. The net was plus. Balance on hand as of August 13, 2007, was \$19,222.75.

Committee Reports

Tournaments:

Millard Nachtwey stated that the 2008 tentative sectional calendar needs confirmation from Williamsburg to be complete. He also needs NLM dates; Richmond new this year. The Charity game on Thursday evening had 63 tables; the Tuesday daytime game had 125 tables. He questioned the feasibility of having two "day" games rather than one in each time period. The disadvantage to having both day games would be catering to same market. Further discussion will take place in Virginia Beach. He believes we can run more than two with \$6 per table for charity. He stated that Hunt Valley was about 100+ tables ahead of last year.

Finance Cmmittee:

Michael Carroad advised that the STAC made \$1300 in June (\$200.00 increase). He has received complaints about no longer making hand records. For the future, District 6 alone won't make money but will to combine with District 7 to save director's costs.

GNT:

Lynn Jones advised that the District teams at national did well. Qualifying for 2007 begins on September 1st. Letters have been sent out. She presented recommended changes in Conditions of Contest citing problems with residency as well as some flight changes for the finals. She advised that there were no

major changes. A copy of the Conditions of Contest were distributed with changes highlighted. A motion was made to accept the changes; the motion passed.

NAP:

Barbara Doran reported that we were in the middle of qualifying games. Flyers are ready to be passed out. She requested that players should be encouraged as well as reminded of the new requirement to pre-register. Only one pair has pre-registered as of this date.

Education:

Jim Hooven announced that a new class of novices would play in the September sectional.

Table Talk:

No report.

Website:

Don Berman advised that Table Talk was now on the website.

District Director:

Nadine Wood

- New requirement – all non-profit organizations must file per IRS; if have less than \$25,000 gross income, send in postcard. This is also true for non-profit clubs. Next year the District as well as every unit must file 4 1/2 months after end of current year. If a problem occurs, contact Steve Robinson.
- The issue with masterpoint awards in Gatlinburg has been corrected and approved. A second reading will take place in San Francisco.
- The following have been eliminated: super club, 49er pairs, Unit championship team games. Special games have been increased from 16 to 24.
- District Charity games: 4 per year per unit; 4 per year per district.
- There will be a slight increase in Swiss team match awards.
- A cap of 6 points has been placed on Charity and International Fund games.
- Overall – 16 or more tables as much as 2.5 points; strength of field is more important.
- Match awards for Knock Outs will be increased for the first win; for the second win, the match award will be slightly less. There will be no change for Compacts.
- The playoff for 5-8 will not be done.
- A minimum of 6 points will be awarded for top in a bracket.
- It has been proposed to ban all cell phone use at tournaments because of texting. A plan will be drawn up and presented in San Francisco.
- A buyer has been found for the building in Memphis. Settlement is scheduled within the week. Relocation will give ACBL an opportunity to streamline and reorganize.

Old Business

Fred King announced that someone had been found to move tables to the regionals but will not be able to start until next year. Someone, therefore, will be needed for table transportation to Virginia Beach. The tables are stored in Washington D. C. He advised that the volunteer would have all expenses covered, paid \$15.00 per hour plus the rental of one 12' truck. There are 225 tables to be moved which will require two people to load. The tables need to be delivered on the Sunday before the regional starts on Monday.

Leo Cardillo proposed Carole Grob (BOD) and Dale Dallaire (Unit Treasurer) as co-chairs for the 2008 July 4th regional. Approved.

New Business

Millard Nachtwey advised that Mr. Parks with Metlife was in Hunt Valley and should be contacted if Directors/Officers insurance was needed. He passed out business cards for Mr. Parks. If you were signed up last year, the coverage automatically renewed.

Mike Cappelletti, who is running for District Director, assured the group that he would help small units. He advocates encouraging young people and added “bridge is the best game man ever invented.” As poker has been added to the Olympics, he felt that bridge and chess should be also.

Jim Hooven thanked Patricia Wilson for her hard work in achieving an excellent tournament.

The next District meeting will be in Virginia Beach, VA, on Saturday morning , November 10, 2007 at 10:30 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Judy Bates
District 6 Secretary