

DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 18, 2008, Williamsburg, VA

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 A.M. by Fred King, President of Unit 147. President Dick Wegman and Vice President Jim Hooven were unable to attend.

Present

Officers: Secretary Judy Bates
Treasurer Steve Robinson

Unit Presidents: George Lewis (109), Charles Sadowski (110), Zeke Letellier (proxy 135), Leland Nettles (proxy 139), Jim Vroom (146), Fred King (147), Leo Cardillo (218).

Voting Members: Nadine Wood (District Director), Steve Robinson (1st Alternate), Barbara Doran (Board of Governors), Gloria Brown (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: Lynn Jones, Mark Dahl, Wyatt Mapp, Fred King, Judy Bates

Guests: Dan Morse (President ACBL), Margot Hennings (NABC 2009)

Officer's Report

President: absent

Secretary: Judy Bates asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Virginia Beach meeting. As none were given, the minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer: Steve Robinson distributed the financial report showing a balance on hand of \$14,685.00 as of January 2008. National Fund is \$12,682.86. The report was approved as submitted.

Remarks by Dan Morse, President of ACBL.

Following an introduction and welcome, Mr. Morse complimented Mid-Atlantic regionals by saying they were famous throughout the ACBL. His goal this year will be to encourage non-players, particularly baby-boomers, to learn the game. He would like to see publicity committees formed, units and clubs to publicize outside the immediate bridge world, and advertising placed in local newspapers. The ACBL will fund 75% of the cost of advertising for bridge if the ACBL logo appears in the ad.

Committee Reports

Tournaments:

Millard Nachtwey announced that the Richmond sectional slated for February 3rd has been cancelled and rescheduled for May 15-17. There is no hotel contract for Charlottesville for 2008. He asked all tournament chairs to see him before leaving Williamsburg for available sectional dates.

Finance Committee:

The treasurer's report will be available on the District 6 website.

GNT:

Lynn Jones advised that a flyer will be put out listing dates and qualifiers. She will need a lot of help, particularly with participation, to keep all of the sites.

NAP:

District Finals will be held on September 20 -21 at the same locations as last year. Barbara Doran added that she had received many compliments about the director at the Newport News site in 2007 – Cathy Hildebrand, and thanked Judy Bates for her help in recruiting participants. Barbara recommended that pre-registration continue.

Wyatt Mapp would like to see tee shirts and caps advertising “US Open Bridge” to spur further interest in the competition.

District Director:

Nadine Wood advised

- There will be a change in the number of pairs a district can send to the NAOP. It will be based on the percent of pairs that participate vs. the number of people in the district.
- Unit finals can be held, not for qualification, but rather for extra masterpoints. A special sanction will be needed and it would be a one-day, red point event.
- Nothing yet has been decided on banning cell phone use at tournaments. One suggestion was to place cell phones in the middle of the table at the beginning of the game to verify that they were turned off.

Charity:

Gloria Brown proposed that the District Charity games be Thursday, April 3rd (night) and Monday, April 7th (daytime). A motion was made and passed. She asked that the units please advertise.

Education:

No report.

STAC:

Michael Carroad advised that the STACs would be run from Memphis. The District has to collect money, provide hand records for printing, and advertise. Old fees were \$2.86 a table plus director; new fees are \$4.00 - \$4.25 going to ACBL (not directors). The fee for District 6 will remain \$6.00 per table. The difference in the fee is administrative costs.

Fred King, chair of the subcommittee charged with making a recommendation about hand records, advised that District 6 will supply hand records electronically. It will be completely at the clubs’ discretion whether to use these or to shuffle and deal.

Steve Robinson will be the District volunteer coordinator. Barbara Doran will send the invitations to Steve for distribution. Checks should also be sent to him.

District 6 Recorder:

Mark Dahl advised that he handles two types of problems – behavioral and ethical. Directors need to let him know as soon as possible if problems occur so he can deal with them right away. He would like to have someone at District 7 tournaments/meetings to see if behavior is consistent.

Novice/Intermediate:

Donna Bowser will no longer be able to serve as I/N coordinator. Ron Kral will take her place.

Table Talk:

No report.

Webmaster:

Millard Nachtwey has sent the GNT qualifiers to Don Berman for the website.

Old Business

Jim Vroom expressed concern about the issue of ABA (and other non-ACBL) points not being included in the totals for the Mini-McKinny and Ace of Clubs contests. He has attempted to get information from the ACBL without success. Millard Nachtwey will follow up.

New Business

Margot Hennings made a presentation on what was being done to prepare for the 2009 Summer NABC in Washington D.C. (Please see her attachment forwarded with these minutes for details)

The next District 6 Board meeting will be in Reston, VA on July 5, 3008.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Judy Bates
District 6 Secretary