

**DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MAY 23, 2009     RICHMOND, VA**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Hooven at 10:35 AM.

**Present:**

<b>Officers</b>	President	Jim Hooven
	Vice President	Bill Cole
	Secretary	Judy Bates
	Treasurer	Steve Robinson

**Unit Presidents:** Ed Tomlinson (139), Lorraine Holub (231), Carol Guy (146), Don Berman (147), Tom Fukawa (110), Doug Jennings (109), Alan Breed (218 – VP)

**Voting Members:** Steve Robinson (1st Alternate), Barbara Doran (Board of Governors)

**Non-Voting Members:** Michael Carroad, Dist. 6 Finance; Millard Nachtwey (District Tournament Coordinator)

**MABC Reps/Officers:** Lynn Jones, George Lewis, Kaye Krebs, Eldon Claymon (Pres.), Fred King (VP)

**Guests:** Peggy Willett (tournament chair, Virginia Beach), Tom and Melinda Dow (tournament co-chairs, Williamsburg), Pat Wilson (tournament chair, Hunt Valley), Judi Passerini (Unit 119, Outer Banks, NC), Betsy Ruele (Unit 139), Margot Hennings (2009 Washington National)

**Officers Reports**

**President:** Jim Hooven welcomed attendees and thanked Jacki Shuman and George Lewis for a great tournament.

**Vice President:** No report

**Secretary:** Judy Bates asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Charlottesville meeting. As none were given, the motion to accept the minutes as written was made and carried.

**Treasurer:** Steve Robinson distributed a detailed financial report showing a balance on hand of \$21,469.21 as of May 2009. The report was approved.

**Committee Reports**

**North American Pairs**

Barbara Doran stated that the club qualifying period extended from June through August. She encouraged clubs to hold as many qualifying games as possible and to send the dates to both Barbara and Don Berman. It was decided to defer a rate raise.

### **District Director**

Fred King, filling in for Nadine Wood, reported on the following:

- ACBL has decided on property outside Memphis, across the state line into Mississippi. The building, currently only a shell, will be leased for three or four years and then can be purchased for \$1. Extensive renovations will allow the space to accommodate ACBL needs.
- Charity Foundation has earmarked \$20,000 to 3 or 4 districts suggesting that the funds be used for something local. \$5,000 will be given to the Youth Tournament at the National in Washington, DC. It was suggested that \$5,000 of the remaining \$15,000 be given to the National Food Bank
- Bridge In Schools still has \$10,000+. If anyone has been doing anything regarding this program, please send in receipts. Carol Guy will let Nadine know about the school program being run by Lee Miller in Unit 146 in hopes that some of her expenses can be reimbursed.

### **2009 National Washington DC**

Margot Hennings reported on the following:

- National Fund Week held throughout District 6 raised over \$4,000. She thanked Richmond and other units for contributions. Richmond will be hosting the hospitality suites.
- Peter Boyd will be honored the first Friday night.
- Volunteers are needed throughout
- New ideas are needed for raising money.

### **Education**

Lorraine Holub will be hosting a bridge camp at Radford University on June 19 and 20. She thinks this should qualify for subsidy from Bridge in Schools.

### **GNT**

Lynn Jones advised that the GNT competition had made money but found that advertising did not seem to be effective and new ideas were needed.

Carol Guy said that there had been complaints from Unit 146's "C" team about the site and poor food.

Lynn replied that expense was a problem as they continued to try to break even. An attempt will be made to find a place for people needing rooms.

### **Tournament Coordinator**

Millard Nachtwey reviewed the following:

- The sectional schedule for 2010 is nearly completed.
- The Outer Banks has been approved by Unit 119 and District 7 to move to District 6, Unit 146. Some residents of this unit have to travel 400 miles to compete in District events. A motion was made and accepted by Barbara Doran to send the proposal to the next national board meeting for approval.
- Millard passed around a handout explaining new regional rotation giving 1 year in 4 to Williamsburg, 1 to Charlottesville, 1 to Ocean City, and 3 in 4 to Virginia Beach. MABC wants to maximize attendance and chose places that serve all areas. Melinda and Tom Dow, tournament co-chairs in Williamsburg, stated that it would be much harder to negotiate a good contract with hotels when they were only going to have a tournament every fourth year. They felt that they would

lose bargaining power with the hotels and not be allowed to bring in food as a result.

Millard explained that the number of regionals is determined by the number of members in MABC. It would require 3000 additional members to receive another sanction.

The motion to accept the new schedule was made and carried with some members unhappy with the change for Williamsburg. Millard suggested that a split tournament might be held.

Barbara Doran and Nadine Wood will look into getting an extra sanction so that Williamsburg and Charlottesville could hold tournaments every other year.

### **New Business**

A motion by Carol Guy was made and carried to give \$5,000 to the Washington Food Bank. Ed Tomlinson suggested that units should select their own Food Banks.

Nadine Wood (by telephone) advised that only three charities could be chosen as \$5,000 must be given. The decision must be finalized by Hunt Valley meeting.

Steve Robinson said if money goes to Bridge in Schools, we can give smaller amounts for education.

Don Berman recommended United Way with instructions on how we want the money distributed.

Lynn Jones made a motion to give \$5,000 to Virginia, \$5,000 to Maryland and \$5,000 to Washington. The motion passed.

The next District 6 meeting will be in Hunt Valley, MD on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 10:30 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Judy Bates  
District 6 Secretary