

DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

July 10, 2010
Bethesda, Maryland

Present:

Officers	Vice President	Bill Cole
	Secretary	Judy Bates
	Treasurer	Steve Robinson
Unit Presidents	Peggy Ward (109), Tom Dow proxy (110), Jennifer Koonce (135), Betsy Ruehl proxy (139), Judy Bates proxy (146), Don Berman (147), Bob Boyd (218)	
Voting Members	Nadine Wood (District Director), Steve Robinson (1st Alternate), Barbara Doran (Board of Governors), Fred King (Board of Governors), Will Williams (Board of Governors)	
Non-Voting Members	Millard Nachtwey (District Tournament Director), Michael Carroad (District 6 Finance/STAC)	
MABC Officers/Reps	Eldon Clayman (MABC President), Fred King (MABC Vice President), Tom Dow, Shawn Stringer, Richard Deyerle, Judi Passerini, Pat Wilson, Lynn Jones	
Guests	Richard DeMartino (President ACBL), Bob Heller (District Director-D7), Mike Cappelletti, Margot Hennings, Ron Spieker	
Officer's Report		
Vice President	Bill Cole called the meeting to order at 10:35. He introduced Richard DeMartino, ACBL President, and then asked for introductions from attendees.	
Secretary	Judy Bates advised that corrections had been made to the published minutes from information received by e-mail. There were no additional corrections. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as presented.	
Treasurer	<p>The treasurer's report was given by Steve Robinson. He advised that three signatures were needed to sign checks. Currently these individuals are the president, treasurer and secretary. He suggested that it made more sense to have the president, the treasurer and someone the board selected. The treasurer should also decide to whom the bank statement is sent. It was decided that policy should be checked to see if a decision needed to be made.</p> <p>Bill Cole asked if the District was in the same place as last year. Steve replied that the District was a little lower: GNT plus; NAOP -900.</p> <p>Rebates: District 7 - \$72,000, 12,000 members; District 6 - \$42,000, 7000 members. Gatlinburg made \$16,000 this year; had a loss last year.</p>	

Richard DeMartino commented that a false rumor had been circulating that Gatlinburg had lost \$10,000.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee (Nadine Wood, George Lewis and Margot Hennings) presented the following slate: Bill Cole, President; Tom Dow, Vice President; Judy Bates, Secretary and Ron Spieker, Treasurer.

The above were accepted by acclamation.

District Director

Nadine Wood advised that she had spent a good deal of time working on New Orleans and regional allocation, which was approved 23 to 2.

She said that District 6 may get another regional as Hunt Valley has had over 3000 tables for 3 out of 4 years.

DeMartino added that there is a limit of 9 regionals a year.

Bob Heller noted that District 7 does not want 9 regionals. "We are maxed out with 7."

Tournament Coordinator

Millard Nachtwey advised

- Currently the calendars for 2010 and 2011 are firmed up.
- 2011 GNT dates are confirmed
- A sectional in Salsbury, MD is scheduled

Finance Committee

Michael Carroad announced that there were 1378 tables in June STAC. He noted that the directors are pleased with ACBL software. Results and hands are on ACBL website and also sent to Don Berman for District 6 and to MABC website.

Bill Cole is setting up Finance Committee to 1.) find places to save 2.) provide more than one set of eyes for oversight and 3.) get information to all units. So far members are George Lewis, Jennifer Koonce, Ron Spieker, Nancy Lowry, Tom Dow, Lee Nettles, Shawn Stringer and Rick Deyerle.

GNT

Lynn Jones stated that dates for GNT's 2010-2011 competition. 0-5000 (A bracket) will be February 12-13 and Open, B and C brackets March 5-6 and March 25-26. There were 90 teams last year in four flights at District level.

Fred King asked if any other district had more teams. DeMartino said that 90 was the largest in the country. He doesn't understand why the numbers in other places are small but feels communication is the problem.

NAP

Barbara Doran advised that the Southern site would now be in Richmond. No Southern coordinator has been found. She wants unit coordinators to talk up the event to clubs. The finals - October 24-25.

Charity This position is open with the retirement of Gloria Brown. The Charity Chairman runs two district-wide events in the spring, works with Millard to get dates and decides what charities are deserving money every five years.

Education Lorraine Holub is moving and needs replacement in this position. Bob Boyd will assist.

Recorder No report

Table Talk Bill Cole advised that George Lewis's company is our new printer for Table Talk.

Webmaster Don Berman reported on Northern Virginia's proposal to Walter Reed Hospital to teach bridge to returning soldiers – all volunteer. He will be working with Bob Boyd.

New Business

Fred King made the following comments concerning Bridgmates

- Doug Grove sent notices to MABC advertising their use: players like them, fast scoring and results, fewer mistakes, ease of transporting, saves on caddies and directors.
- A committee met in Reno to review three possible suppliers. Bridgmate II came out ahead as they are sturdier, heavier, \$100 per unit, \$150 per server. Software for Swiss Teams is being worked on.
- Millard noted that in Raleigh the savings was easily \$3000. There is pressure from the units to have them. Costs include \$.50 per table, \$1.50 per table for printing, hand records and score sheets, and \$.30 schleppage.
- DeMartino discussed the Spinner (www.Bridge4People.com) and noted that it was impressive. The screens are larger and can be used in multiple rooms, boards can be played simultaneously. He suggested that districts wait on their decision. Jay Baum (ACBL CEO) will have a position in November. Demonstrations will be provided in New Orleans and Orlando. Currently the price per unit is \$1,900.

Bill Cole had asked Pat Wilson to hold a meeting in Hunt Valley in August but feels it may not be needed as so much was covered in this meeting.

Pat Wilson will run an ad to rent scooters for \$35.00 a day or \$100 per week.

Millard advised that if passed in New Orleans, the District will have another regional in 2013.

A decision on Charlottesville/Ocean City was deferred again.

Bill Cole noted that the Regional Site Committee needs to meet to keep updated.

Margot Hennings noted that the 4th of July regionals were confirmed for Reston in 2011, 2013 and 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM. The site of the next meeting was left open with a decision to be made at a later date.

Judy Bates
Secretary, District 6