

DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
November 13, 2010
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Present:

Officers	President	Bill Cole
	Vice President	Tom Dow
	Secretary	Judy Bates
	Treasurer	Ron Spieker

Unit Presidents Peggy Ward (Unit 109), Tom Dow (Unit 110), Zeke Letellier (proxy 135), Lee Nettles (proxy139), Jennifer Christman (Unit 146), Don Berman (Unit 147), Alan Breed (proxy Unit 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), Mark Dahl (Recorder), Carol Guy (Charity)

MABC Officers/Reps Eldon Clayman (MABC President), Fred King (MABC Vice President), Richard Deyerle, Lynn Jones, Shawn Stringer, Judi Passerini, Pat Wilson

Guests Margot Hennings (Tournament Chair Reston), Peggy Willett (Co-Chair Virginia Beach), McKenzie Myers (Tournament Chair Charlottesville), Gloria Halstead.

Officers Reports

President Bill Cole called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM. He asked for introductions from attendees.

Secretary Judy Bates asked that the minutes be accepted. A motion was made and passed.

Treasurer The treasurer's report was given by Ron Spieker showing cash on hand of \$17,584.81. Ron thanked Steve Robinson for his service and his help.

New Business

Bill Cole advised that because the Hunt Valley regional had exceeded 3000 tables, an additional regional was now available. One disadvantage to accepting the extra regional was its possible effect on sectionals; one advantage - people like them.

- A motion was made to accept the additional regional. The motion was seconded and passed
- A motion was made to hold a regional in Charlottesville in March 2013. The room rate would be \$96. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Tom Dow asked that the Williamsburg regional be moved from January to March (or end of February) citing the usual bad weather in January and the fact that there was no one using the month of March. He made the motion which was seconded and passed.

Eastern Shore Regional

The question about where to hold the Eastern Shore regional was explored. Pat Wilson, wanting to retain the Ocean City site, advised that there was a brand new convention center attached to the Marriott Hotel. She added that a move to mid-October would be best as there would be a gap week between Lancaster and Ocean City. Ocean City pulls from New Jersey, Baltimore and Philadelphia

Gloria Halstead, a guest advocate for the Ocean City site, pointed out that there would be good lighting, a dining room with an ocean view and spa facilities at the Marriott. The room rate would be \$115 in 2013. She showed a brochure of the hotel being considered.

. Steve Robinson pointed out that the Ocean City tournament is poorly attended and will decline further. He felt it must be because of the location.

Shawn Stringer advised that if the regional is moved to Cambridge, MD, the site would be at the Hyatt across the Bay Bridge on Route 50 in a revitalized area. Millard Nachtwey described the Hyatt as having a good playing area, free parking, good lighting, and a large ballroom. The hotel is six years old. There is a bay view. Bill Cole said that there were 10-12 mid-range restaurants in the area. Millard added that there were hotels just a few miles away with cheaper prices which would be convenient for travelers. The hotel room rate is \$109. The time under consideration is November 11-17 with a gap week between Lancaster and Cambridge.

- A motion was made to move the Eastern Shore regional to Cambridge, MD which was seconded and approved.

Bill Cole thanked Shawn Stringer and Pat Wilson for their presentation. A Cambridge regional was proposed for January 2016 if the hotel is willing to sign two contracts and contingent on MABC approval.

The regionals proposed for 2016 are Cambridge – Williamsburg – NABC – Hunt Valley – Virginia Beach.

- A motion was made to postpone the decision on 2016 November rotation until 2013. The motion was seconded and carried.

Committee Reports

Tournament Coordinator

Millard Nachtwey said that it was time to start thinking about 2012 dates. There was a need to consider Williamsburg's move to March as it might affect sectional dates. He advised that he would get electronic schedule to the secretary to get out to members. Winchester is a new sectional scheduled for May 20-22. He also noted that Virginia Beach is up 160 tables from 2008. The record is 2162 tables.

Finance Committee

Shawn Stringer pointed out that the STACs are thriving; also doing very well with GNT and NAP. She has asked the treasurer to do reports in comparison from year to year. The Finance Committee's goal is not to interfere but to serve as another set of eyes and ears and to encourage more participation in STACs.

The Finance Committee met on Friday evening. The following motion was made

That, out of the profits of the annual GNT event, in lieu of providing meals at the Southern site, the following amounts be awarded:

1. \$50 per person up to a maximum of \$200 to the winning "B" team and to the winning "C" team from the Southern region (or elsewhere in the District) who travel more than 75 miles to play in the finals in the Northern region.
2. \$50 per person up to a maximum of \$200 to an Open Team and to a 0-5000 team from the Southern region (or elsewhere in the District) who travel more than 75 miles to play the second weekend in the Northern region.

- The above motion was seconded and passed.

Grand National Teams

Lynn Jones advised that the Southern site would be Glen Allen (Richmond area). She recommended that money must be paid and teams registered nine days in advance. The fee for the event will remain the same at \$100 per team.

North American Pairs

Barbara Doran announced the winners in the NAP District Finals and reviewed how the selection and ordering of the pairs from the Northern and Southern sites were determined. The entry fee was raised to \$50 per session, which provoked some comment from the players. She said there had been improved participation and a good financial outcome. Discussion regarding compensation followed. ACBL pays \$700 to the first place pairs and \$300 to second place. District 6 pays \$200 to second place pairs and \$300 to third. Participants will receive reimbursement at the National unless there is a specific need to be paid in advance.

She thanked Rick Deyerle and Peggy Ward for Richmond's Southern site participation.

Charity

Millard Nachtwey announced that Carol Guy will be the Charity Chair replacing Gloria Brown. Rotating dates for 2011 will be Tuesday, April 5th for daytime; Thursday, April 7th for the night game.

- A motion was made to approve these dates; seconded and passed.

District Director

Nadine Wood announced the following appointments: National Charity Committee – Kathy Feiock and Jim Summers; ACBL Goodwill – Tom Dow, Melinda Dow, Shawn Stringer and Peggy Ward.

Bill announced that this was Nadine's last official meeting and thanked her for all her work and accomplishments.

He also thanked tournament chairs Peggy Willett and Judy Bates.

Regional Contracts

- A motion was made to defer signing any additional contracts for 2016 and beyond as there are still issues to be decided about the Regional rotation. The motion passed.

Election of MABC Representatives

The following were elected to serve as new MABC reps: Lee Nettles, Herb Fallin and Susan Bowles (1-year term). Returning reps are Shawn Stringer, Lynn Jones, George Lewis, Pat Wilson, Tom Dow, Rick Deyerle and Judi Passerini.

Eldon Clayman invited all MABC reps to the meeting/dinner at 4:30 PM.

The next meeting will be in Richmond, May 29, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.

Judy Bates
Secretary, District 6