

DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 23, 2010
Williamsburg, Virginia

Present:

Officers	President	Jim Hooven
	Vice President	Bill Cole
	Secretary	Judy Bates
	Treasurer	Steve Robinson
Unit Presidents	Doug Jennings (Unit 109), Tom Dow, proxy (Unit 110), Ron Daringer, proxy (Unit 135), Betsy Ruehl, proxy (Unit 139), Carol Guy (Unit 146), Don Berman (Unit 147), Bob Boyd (Unit 218), Lorraine Hobub (Unit 231).	
Voting Members	Nadine Wood (District Director), Steve Robinson (1st Alternate), Barbara Doran (Board of Governors), Fred King (Board of Governors)	
Non-Voting Members	Millard Nachtwey (District Tournament Director), Michael Carroad (District 6 Finance/STAC), Mark Dahl (D6 Recorder)	
MABC Officers/Reps	Eldon Clayman (MABC President), Fred King (MABC Vice President), Lorraine Holub (Secretary), Richard Deyerle, Lynn Jones, Shawn Stringer, George Lewis, Judi Passerini, Wyatt Mapp	
Guests	Margot Hennings (NABC DC 2009), Tom and Melinda Dow, (Tournament Co-Chairs, Williamsburg). Peggy Willett (Tournament Chair, Virginia Beach)	
Officers Reports		
President	Jim Hooven called the meeting to order at 10:40. He welcomed all attendees; introductions were made. He announced that he would be moving to Hilton Head.	
Vice President	No report	
Secretary	Judy Bates advised that corrections had been made to the published minutes from information received by email. There were no additional corrections. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as presented. Don Berman (webmaster) stated that the minutes would be on the website from now on.	
Treasurer	Steve Robinson submitted a detailed financial report showing a balance on hand of \$19,034.78 as of January 2010.	

Financial Report on NABC

Margot Hennings - \$31,564.33 National balance carried over.

Committee Reports

Tournament Coordinator

Millard Nachtwey made the following recommendations and observations:

- The 2010 schedule is complete. The Richmond sectional was moved from October 22-24 to November 19-21 because of a conflict with the Columbia, SC Regional (October 18 – 24).
- The Southern site for the NAP has been moved to Richmond.
- A committee meeting was held in the morning prior to the board meeting to discuss regional rotation. The report given restated that at the Charlottesville regional it was decided to give a regional to Charlottesville every fourth year; to Williamsburg every fourth year; to Virginia Beach three of four; and to Ocean City, one of four. No representative from Maryland was present for the discussion and a letter was received from Maryland saying that they had been “blindsided.” The tournament chairs from Williamsburg dissatisfaction with the new schedule.

A chart displayed at the committee meeting showed attendance at the above cities’ most recent regional to be: Virginia Beach 2017.5, Williamsburg 1925, Ocean City 1497.5 and Charlottesville 1568.5. Williamsburg’s attendance is building each year. Eldon Clayman has signed contracts for Williamsburg for 12, 14, 16, 18. Virginia Beach will keep contracts for 10, 11, 12 with 14, 15, 16 on the table for discussion in Bethesda. Decisions on Charlottesville and Ocean City were deferred until Bethesda as well. Eldon announced that District 7 will have an extra Regional.

- Penny Tucker wants to do something for youth at the holiday tournament.
- District 6 would like to reinstate the sectional in Cambridge. A sectional on the Eastern Shore is desirable.

Finance

Michael Carroad advised that the STAC held in March made money at \$6.00 per table and there is no reason to raise prices.

Millard Nachtwey commented that the STACs are doing well in DC. He talked to the man running the December STAC and found that Monday through Thursday had an increase of 25+ tables.

Grand National Teams

Lynn Jones would like to have a coordinator for the Southern site. She reminded everyone that the District finals would be held February 20-21 for open, B and C; April 10-11 for A.

North American Pairs

Barbara Doran agreed that a Southern coordinator was needed for NAP as well.

District Director

Nadine Wood reported the following:

- She has been appointed Chair of Special Games.
- She noted that this was her eighteenth year on the National Board; she has decided not to run for another term.
- She noted that anyone interested in serving as District Director should inform ACBL.

Jim Hooven expressed his appreciation for her long and effective service.

Education

- Richard Deyerle pointed out that bridge in Richmond is thriving, particularly with the 0-300 group.
- Lorraine Holub remarked that good, friendly teachers are essential to bringing in new players. She complimented Shawn Stringer on book written for 0-20 group with short lessons which gets them over their fear.
- Tom Dow related his experience with young college students that were challenged to play at the Williamsburg regional. They accepted the challenge and all but one won their first masterpoints.

Charity

Millard Nachtwey said that two charity games would be held – Monday, April 5 (morning) and Thursday, April 8 (evening).

Recorder

Mark Dahl complimented Rich Deyerle and Ed Kinlaw on their very popular Sunday and Tuesday game in Richmond.

He would like to reintroduce conduct and ethics education for “little people” that will help reduce incidents where they feel their rights are stepped on.

Margo suggested that he write something to appear in Table Talk about ethics and general rules for newcomers.

Fred King observed that asking question during the auction by opponents cannot be done and this point should be included in the discussion.

Table Talk

Table Talk was out the first week in February. Bill Cole thanked everyone for getting information to him early.

Webmaster

Don Berman reported that the results of the tournament are online. He will post the minutes as well.

New Business

Jim Hooven advised that a new committee has been established for regional rotation.

He congratulated Tom and Melinda for their successful tournament.

Wyatt Mapp resigned as MABC Representative; he is moving out of the area.

He recommended that Tom Dow serve in his place.

Carol Guy thanked the District for donation to the Food Bank.

The next meeting will be in Bethesda, Maryland on Saturday, July 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Judy Bates

Secretary, District 6