

## DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

**Saturday, August 20, 2011**

**Hunt Valley, Maryland**

Present:

### **Officers**

President	Bill Cole
Vice President	Tom Dow
Secretary	Judith Passerini
Treasurer	Ron Spieker

### **Unit Presidents**

Tom Dow [Unit 110], Jennifer Koonce [Unit 135], Don Berman [Unit 147], Mike Cappelletti [Unit 218]

### **MABC Officers/Reps Voting Members**

Fred King [MABC President],  
Steve Robinson [1<sup>st</sup> Alternate], Barbara Doran [Board of Governors], Will Williams [Board of Governors], George Lewis [Board of Governors]. Susan Bowles, Richard Deyerle, Lynn Jones, and Shawn Stringer [Reps].

### **Non-Voting Members**

Millard Nachtwey [District Tournament Director], Carol Guy [Charity].

### **Guests**

Melinda Dow, Patricia Wilson, Peggy Willett, Gloria Halstead

## **Officers Reports**

### **President**

Bill Cole called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. He requested a roll call and introductions of those present.

### **Secretary**

Judith Passerini requested that minutes from the previous meeting in Richmond be approved. A motion to approve these minutes followed by approval. Judith also distributed pertinent meeting documents.

### **Treasurer**

The treasurer's report was provided by Ron Spieker showing cash on hand and an end of year profit of \$3000+. A summary report was presented as well as a Budget report. A resolution was made to open a Certificate of Deposit for NABC funds at the Northwest Mutual Credit Union. Resolution was approved.

### **Elections**

Bill Cole reported that he has appointed Richard Deyerle to head the Nominations Committee. The committee recommends that the following officers be elected to serve: President- Bill Cole, Vice President- Tom Dow, Treasurer- Ron Spieker and Secretary- Judith Passerini. There were no other nominations and the slate of officers was approved.

### **MABC Report**

Fred King, President of MABC, reported that a committee was formed to consider a reimbursement formula change allocation for Districts 6 and 7. A recommendation was made to increase the District 6 amount with a decrease in District 7's at the last meeting in Reston. This will be a business item at the upcoming MABC meeting in Atlanta.

## **District Director Report**

Margot Hennings was unable to attend the meeting and asked that Barbara Doran highlight areas from her report [Margot's full report is in the Oct/Nov 2011 issue of Table Talk]. ACBL has identified a new CEO, Robert Hartman who assumes his duties on November 1, 2011. Mr. Hartman will put his plans in place for ACBL to Analyze, Communicate, Build and Lead. The recent NABC event in Toronto was very successful in terms of attendance despite high hotel and transportation costs for the players. NABC will be utilizing screens and pre-duplicating boards for many more events in the near future. many logistics involved- stay tuned. Baltimore is still under consideration as an NABC site for 2018-19. Marketing initiatives are progressing towards youth and Baby Boomers. Initial considerations for modifications to the Masterpoint Chart involving NABC Championship events and number of tables in club games for full rating awards was forwarded to the next meeting in Seattle. A new proposed concept for masterpoint awards called *Strength of Field [SOF]* was introduced. Responses to the proposal include MABC making a unified statement favoring, opposing or suggesting alternate strategies. Starting times for Regional "prime time " events will be changed from 1 PM and 7:30 PM will be 10AM and 3:30 PM was approved. A North American World Bridge Championship event will be supported by the ACBL Board and scheduled before 2020. Grand National Tournament Finals may now be hosted on the internet.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Tournament Coordinator**

Millard Nachtwey reported that the current tournament is doing well. A revised schedule of the District 6 tournament calendar was distributed.

### **Finance Committee**

Shawn Stringer, Chair of committee, reported that the committee continues to meet and is finalizing the budget for the next fiscal year.

### **Grand National Teams**

Lynn Jones reported on dates for Grand Nationals. There was discussion on "Conditions of the Contest"- slow play. Lynn will report on this at the next meeting. Increased attendance is desired.

### **North American Pairs**

Barbara Doran reported that the District finals for NAP are November 24-25, 2011. Barbara also stressed the continuing need to get NLM to participate as well networking with teachers.

### **Goodwill**

Bill Cole stated that in light of Nadine's recent death a replacement to Chair this committee will be made. It was noted that the Goodwill reception during the Reston tournament went well.

### **Charity**

No report at this time

### **District 6 Recorder**

No report.

**Table Talk**

Bill Cole reported that Table Talk is on schedule.

**Webmaster**

Don Berman requested that District members send him updates so he can keep data current.

**Policies and Procedures**

Bill announced that he has asked Gloria Halstead to Chair a new committee for Policies and Procedures. The P and P Committee will be reviewing existing policies and practices for our District and the Units. Areas including job responsibilities and reporting to MABC will be among tasks. The committee will recommend changes to the board.

**Congratulations to Tournament Chairs**

Bill congratulated the Hunt Valley Tournament Chairs Patricia Wilson and her committee for another great tournament. Special thanks for the cocktail reception which preceded the meeting. Thanks extended to Will and his committee for the successful I/N sessions. Bill would like to welcome all tournament chairs for District 6 to attend meetings. Bill introduced Amanda as a new tournament chair.

**Recognition of Nadine Wood**

Bill asked all present to be mindful of the many accomplishments of Nadine who worked tirelessly on behalf of our District 6 members, served on numerous committees and leadership roles at the local and national level, and who loved the game of bridge.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Saturday, November 12, 2011 in Virginia Beach, Va.

**Adjournment**

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Passerini