

DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MAY 28, 2011
RICHMOND, 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], Jennifer Koonce [Unit 135], Betsy Ruehl [proxy 139], Judy Bates [proxy Unit 146], Don Berman [Unit 147].

Voting Members Steve Robinson [1st Alternate], Margot Hennings [District 6 ACBL Rep], Barbara Doran [Board of Governors], Will Williams [Board of Governors], George Lewis [Board of Governors].

Non-Voting Members Millard Natchwey [District Tournament Director], Nadine Wood [Goodwill], Carol Guy [Charity].

MABC Officers/Reps Fred King [MABC President], Susan Bowles, Richard Deyerle, Lynn Jones, Judith Passerini, Shawn Stringer

Guests Melinda Dow, Jackie Shuman, Peggy Willett

Officers Reports

President Bill Cole called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM. He requested a roll call and introductions of those present.

Secretary Judy Bates requested that minutes from the previous meeting in Virginia Beach be approved. Motion to approve and minutes were approved. Judith Passerini will be taking minutes of the current meeting.

Treasurer The treasurer's report was provided by Ron Spieker showing cash on hand to be \$58,846 to date. Revenue sharing shows an increase, and indicated a proposed budget has been created by finance committee. An adjustment to Goodwill activities has been increased by \$500. Shawn Stringer will report on Finance Committee report.

New Business Bill Cole reported that an MABC Committee has notified him of a recommendation for revenue change District 6 will increase and District 7 will be somewhat less than last fiscal year. This MABC recommendation will need approval.

Committee Reports

Tournament Coordinator

Millard Natchwey reported that he has checked with most sites dates and scheduling for upcoming tournament and sectionals. A schedule of these dates will be forwarded to the Secretary shortly. Numbers are up so far for this tournament by 75 + tables from 2 years ago. Tentative dates for GNT are 5000 event- March 3-4 first week, Open event March 10-11, B/C events May 5-6. Final on June 2-3. Final pairs October 13-14 [which may need adjustment]. STAC dates are 2/6-2/12, 6/11-17, 8/6-12 [option 8/20-26] and 12/10-16.

Finance Committee

Shawn Stringer, Chair of committee, reported that the committee has met and developed a proposed budget which the committee deems necessary and has approved. The budget begins with fiscal year September 2011. The budget includes Goodwill and Education which are deemed important. A question arose regarding use of MABC and ACBL funding to use for education and youth programs. The committee recommendation for approval motion was made by Will Williams, seconded by Barbara Doran. Motion was approved.

Grand National Teams

Lynn Jones reported that "C" team participation has dropped, but a profit has been realized. There is a need for increased NLM participation. Consideration is being given to adding Charlottesville, VA as a site.

North American Pairs

Barbara Doran reported that the District finals for NAP are September 24-25. Richmond pricing is somewhat high. Barbara and Peggy Ward are working on alternative Richmond area locales. Pair teams are regulated by ACBL. Barbara also stressed the need to get NLM to participate as well networking with teachers. Margot Hennings added that ACBL has considered an increase in expense reimbursement from \$2000 to 2500. Bill Cole suggested that a check on Masterpoint test analysis is important and to please send changes to persons responsible for tournaments.

Charity

Carol Guy indicated there is no report at this time.

Goodwill

Nadine Wood reported that the Goodwill committee has been somewhat dormant. There are exciting plans to reverse this. District 6 pins have been developed, a reception will be held at Reston tournament, invitations have been sent and certificates will be presented all in attempts to re-invigorate the Goodwill program. Carol Guy will be assisting Nadine with project. Steve Robinson suggested having a "Goodwill Thought for the Day" quote be placed in Daily Bulletins.

District 6 Recorder

No report.

Table Talk

Bill Cole reported that table talk is on schedule and thanks to Lucy Cole.

Webmaster

Don Berman requested that District members review the data regarding their areas of responsibility and send a report to him so it can be updated.

MABC

Fred King provided an update of recent activities. An MABC meeting was held in Gatlinburg. A decision was made to increase in table fees of \$1.00. The last increase was in 2000, since that time cash flow has decreased and expenses have increased. A large purchase included acquiring Bridge Base scoring devices. During the Richmond Tourney, volunteers have succeeded in reviewing bridge boxes for content and replacement of bidding items. Plans call for continuing this activity at next Regional. He is hopeful the ACBL will evaluate P and E, the last increase was in 2005 there is a need for additional funding.

Unit 109 Proposed Name Change

Peggy Ward reported on behalf of Unit 109 the proposed change in the terminology from Richmond to the Central Virginia Bridge League. Peggy explained that Richmond covers a huge geography and the name change will accommodate the area surrounding and including Richmond. The Unit will be forwarding this recommendation to the Board. Bill Cole suggested the District support the recommendation and called for a motion to approve the name change for Unit 109, Barbara Doran moved, seconded by Lee Nettles, motion approved.

ACBL

Margot Hennings provided a report regarding her orientation and activities in her new role. Interviews are being conducted for a new CEO of ACBL. Will be writing reports for Table Talk as well as ACBL web site for everyone to access and feel free to contact her if you have questions or have input. One of the hot buttons continues to be ONLINE points and amounts awarded. Online games have promoted senior and youth participation. District 6 has received a \$1000 grant and is accepting Unit suggestions. One of the recipients being considered is Fisher House that specializes in support and services to Vets and their families. A decision regarding use of Hunt Valley is being held and ideas or suggestions are welcome. The Maryland Bridge Association is requesting a venue in Baltimore. ACBL will be sending representatives to evaluate sites for 2018. Margot requested that all present read the recently produced Club Manager newsletter and provide input.

Congratulations to Tournament Chairs

Bill congratulated Richmond Tournament Chairs.

Next Meeting

Bill indicated that the next meeting will be at Hunt Valley. He has requested that Nadine, Carol and ? be the Nominating committee for upcoming year and please notify them of interest or suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Passerini

