

DISTRICT 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
Saturday, November 12, 2011

**MINUTES**

**Virginia Beach, VA**

Present:

**Officers**

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

**Unit Presidents**

Tom Dow [Unit 110], Zeke LeTellier [Proxy Unit 135], Don Berman [Unit 147],  
Judy Bates [Proxy Unit 146], Bob Klein [Unit 231], Leland Nettles [Proxy Unit 139]

**MABC Officers/Reps/  
Voting Members**

Fred King, Margot Hennings, Steve Robinson, Barbara Doran, Will Williams,  
George Lewis, Susan Bowles, Richard Deyerle, Lynn Jones, Shawn Stringer,  
Gloria Halstead and Mark Dahl.

**Non-Voting Members**

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

**Guests**

Patricia Wilson, Eldon Clayman and Peggy Willett.

**Officers Reports**

**President**

Bill Cole called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. He requested a roll call and  
introductions of those present.

**Secretary**

Judith Passerini requested that minutes from the previous meeting in Hunt  
Valley, MD. be approved. A motion to approve these minutes followed, the  
minutes were approved. Judith also distributed pertinent meeting documents.

**Treasurer**

The treasurer's report was provided by Ron Spieker. Ron referred to the  
comparative analysis provided which shows a \$6000 plus revenue based on a  
Cash Basis. A summary report of the NAP's/GNT's /STAC's was presented as well  
as a Budget report. A request was made for District 6 Board members to provide  
addresses for use in filing IRS documents.

**MABC Report**

Fred King, President of MABC, reported on MABC activities and responsibilities:  
Districts perform due diligence on site selections for Regional tournaments, a  
committee has been developed to evaluate equipment such as playing tables,  
cards and bid boxes evaluation and replacement is being done at tournaments  
in D6 by board volunteers- progress is being made. Fred provided updates on  
Strength of Field currently being considered by the ACBL Board of Directors  
[BOD] including: historical data, creation of an ACBL BOD committee to analyze  
point assignments in various locales, creation of a local D6 /MABC committee to  
evaluate anomalies and make recommendations. The original formula  
presented in Toronto at the Summer NABC resulted in a formula which  
subsequently appeared to the local committee to have a less than desirable



impact on NLM events. A meeting of the BOD in Toronto reviewed the original concept and suggested modifications are up for final review at the next ACBL BOD meeting in Seattle.

### **District Director Report**

Margot Hennings followed up on the SOF discussion and stated that there is an immediate need for District 6 to continue to provide input to the revised formula prior to the Seattle meeting. The MABC and District 7 especially initially opposed the formula recommendations, but now we have been presented with revisions and need to express our approval/disapproval. Margot advised that she, Bob Heller [District 7 representative] and Craig Robinson [current ACBL President] submitted a motion to the BOD for consideration in Seattle, to rename the Volunteer of the Year award to the Nadine Wood Award for Volunteer of the Year.

Margot indicated that this year's election for ACBL President is a contested race. The ACBL Board of Governor's [BOG] asked in Toronto that the ACBL BOD reconsider a motion regarding funding disparities for NAP/GNT events. The District 6 members gave a show of hands in support related to removing funding disparities at NAP/GNT events- this will be considered in Seattle.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Regional Committee**

Tom Dow reported that he has spoken with Bob Heller regarding an extra Regional D6 tournament release due to a NABC event scheduled in DC. in 2016. Tom is providing information in the event there is interest in this released Regional and providing scheduling permits.

#### **Tournament Coordinator**

Millard Nachtwey reported that the current tournament is doing great with an excess of tables in play than planned. The revised District calendar is functioning well there are a few events needing placement such as Lexington and Eastern Shore. The dates for the Charity Games need to be identified. Millard requested tentative approval of dates [3/28 and 3/29/12], a motion was made by Leland Nettles, seconded by Tom Dow, approved unanimously. Millard stated that there will be a Youth Symposium during the Gatlinburg Tournament. It is time to think about the 2013 calendar

#### **Finance Committee**

Shawn Stringer, Chair of committee, reported that the committee has accomplished the task of creating a budget.

#### **Grand National Teams**

Lynn Jones reported that "Conditions of Contest" are still a matter being discussed. There is still a need to increase participation.



## **North American Pairs**

Barbara Doran reported on pairs going to the finals from the D6 area. Participation at the southern site [Richmond], especially in the 0-2000 event has not met expectations. Indeed this year we were forced to hold a 2- session event in the South while the north held a 4-session event. Richard Deyerle and others worked hard on the promotion of increased attendance in the Richmond area, but attendance fell short of the mark. Barb proposed a -NLM District Final continue to be held at split sites but that the participation in the 0-2000 event might indicate that the southern 0-2000 category be eliminated. Bill Cole suggested that this requires a full discussion and suggested this be an agenda item for the next meeting in Williamsburg. The goal of the NAP events is break even and currently we are in a loss situation and it is the responsibility of Unit Directors to hold the qualifying events.

Barbara advised that a GNT and NAP Coordinator's Forum was formed by the ACBL to address issues and formulate solutions to present to the BOD to improve GNT and NAP events throughout ACBL. Mark Acquino [D25] will chair and Barbara will be on this committee as co-chair along with other Coordinators from other areas of the country.

### **Charity**

No report at this time

### **District 6 Recorder**

No report.

### **Table Talk**

Bill Cole reported that our D6 publication and Table TALK are on schedule.

### **Webmaster**

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

### **Policies and Procedures**

Gloria reported that she has been assisting with checking accuracy of web site data, writing a D6 policy on free plays, looking at existing Bylaws, terms of representatives and job descriptions. She has been looking at the relationships between Units and Districts and Districts and MABC to enhance communications.

### **Congratulations to Tournament Chairs**

Bill congratulated the Virginia Beach Tournament Chairs Judy Bates, Jennifer Christman and their committees for another great tournament. Thanks extended to Will and his committee for the successful I/N sessions.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Saturday, February 25, 2012 in Williamsburg, Va.

**Adjournment**

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Passerini