

**MINUTES**  
**District 6 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Cambridge, MD**

**November 16, 2013**

**Those Present:**

<b>Officers</b>	President	Don Berman
	Vice President	Richard Deyerle
	Secretary	Melinda Dow
	Treasurer	Ron Spieker

**Unit Presidents** Melinda Dow (Unit 110), Ron Kral (Unit 218), Richard Ferrin (Unit 147), Lynette Regan (Unit 146), Suellen Poland (Unit 135), Scott Tumperi (Unit 139 Proxy), with Unit 231 not represented

**Other Voting Members**

Steve Robinson (ACBL 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate to District 6 Rep), Fred King (ACBL Board of Governors), Tom Dow (Past-President), Margot Hennings, (ACBL District 6 Rep), Barbara Doran (ACBL Board of Governors), Will Williams (ACBL Board of Governors)

**Non-Voting Members/**

Bob White, Lucy McCoy, Jennifer Koonce, Doug Grove, George Lewis, Zeke Letellier, Shawn Stringer, Bill Cole, Bill and Myra Cook, Eldon Clayman, Judy Passerini, Mark Dahl, Susan Bowles and

**Guests**

Dick Wegman

**Opening Remarks:** Don Berman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:00. A moment of silence followed in honor of Mike Cappelletti, who passed away yesterday. Mike served as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate to District 6 Rep so Steve Robinson will now move up to that position. This is a self nominating position and we should poll other units to see if anyone is interested in serving. By ACBL rule, the position should be filled within 60 days and if not done in that time frame, the president of the Board of Governors can fill it for us.

Don reminded everyone to let us know in advance if they plan to attend the meetings so that we can provide an accurate count for the meal.

Introductions were made around the room with a special welcome to our ACBL President Bill Cook and his wife Myra.

**Secretary:** Minutes from the Reston meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer:** Ron Spieker presented the treasurer's report, which was approved as submitted.

Dick Wegman said he had been invited today to present the progress he has made in creating a District 6 Educational Foundation. This will require a corporate foundation with application made to IRS for designation as a charitable organization. Dick said he has consulted with Joel Weintraub, an attorney from Virginia Beach who specializes in this area. Joel advised the foundation had already been created about 11 years ago and the only thing needed now is to file with IRS to achieve tax deductible status.

**MABC Report:** Bob White reported the he had received official notice from the Cavalier hotel in Virginia Beach that the 2014 and 2015 contracts have been cancelled. The hotel is under new management with plans for extensive renovation or possible demolition. We have a proposed contract from the Marriott in Norfolk but we need to decide on a location. In the cancellation letter from the Cavalier, they said they are looking forward to seeing us back in 2016.

Bill Cole provided an update on what's going on in the MABC and recapped his discussion in Charlottesville and actions taken at the Charlotte regional. For those who were not in attendance, Bill provided copies of the motions that were passed.

In response to Bill's report, Richard Deyerle said a policy has been implemented which provides volunteers to assist directors at tournaments, such as giving directions to the correct playing area, assisting with long lines at registration desk, and getting bridge mates on the tables in the NLM section.

**District Director's Report:** Margot said she hopes everyone has had an opportunity to meet Bill and Myra Cook and was pleased they could attend. The Phoenix meetings will start next week and one of several changes they are working on is creating a 10K event, for players with less than 10,000 master points. This should encourage those people to attend Nationals by playing with others in their peer group. A motion in Atlanta failed, which had to do with the number of teams allowed to represent at the National level. The next meeting will include discussion about increasing the teams from one to two in flight C only, when the district has at least 6 teams participating in the district finals.

The ACBL has been working on a Youth Protection and Prevention policy for the Bridge at Schools program as a result of concerns by the schools and that will also be voted on.

TourneyTrax is still a work in progress and hopefully a lot of changes will be made by the end of the year.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Tournaments: Don Berman proposed that during the October/November time frame Regional tournaments be held at Chesapeake and Norfolk in alternating years, with Norfolk in 2014 and Chesapeake in 2015. We still have a contract with Virginia Beach

for 2016. We also had a request to use the District 7 allocation for an additional regional in Charlottesville in the March 2015 time frame.

Following lengthy discussion, Don Berman made a motion Charlottesville be allocated a Regional tournament March 2-8, 2015. Motion carried.

Don Berman made a motion to host the 2014 tournament in Norfolk and the 2015 tournament in Cambridge. Motion carried.

- NAP: Barbara Doran reported the attendance in pair's district finals was slightly down and they're working on ways to increase participation.
- Mark Dahl said he enjoyed having the opportunity to speak at various tournaments and felt it helped to reduce violations with Zero Tolerance.
- GNT: Lynn Jones presented the Conditions of Contest, which was approved.
- Finance: Shawn Stringer said she had completed a handbook on "Doubles" that the District approved last year and had 1200 copies printed. Those books will be given to Unit presidents for distribution at their clubs.

Don said at this meeting we are supposed to approve the MABC Reps. Barbara Doran said she is the nomination chair and Susan Bowles, Melinda Dow, Richard Deyerle, George Lewis and Judy Passerini are up for re-election. There were no other candidates and the existing officers were approved by acclamation.

Don said volunteers are the backbone of our organization and occasionally someone goes beyond the call of duty. Don thanked Shawn Stringer for the exceptional job with this tournament and recommend that we award free plays at the NAP and GNT events for the next 2 years. Approved unanimously.

Shawn said she was extremely pleased with the turnout and thanked Jennifer Koonce as Hospitality Chair and Zeke Letellier for handling partnerships to help make it a success.

Next regional tournament will be in Williamsburg.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

