

# MINUTES

## District 6 Board of Directors Meeting Hunt Valley, MD

August 16, 2014

### Those Present:

<b>Officers:</b>	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer	Don Berman Richard Deyerle Julie Marquette Ron Spieker
<b>Unit Presidents</b>	Harry Gellis (Unit 109), Ron Alldaffer (Unit 110), Suellen Poland (Unit 135), Richard Ferrin (Unit 147), Ron Kral (Unit 218), with Units 139, 146, & 231 not represented.	
<b>Other Voting Members</b>	Margot Hennings (District 6 Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors), Shawn Stringer (District 6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate to the ACBL Board of Directors), Fred King (District 6 Representative to the ACBL Board of Governors), and Tom Dow (District 6 Past-President)	
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	Lynn Jones, Bill Cole, Zeke Letellier, Melinda Dow, Mark Dahl, David Rodney, Tom Cogan, Marie-Burgess Strauss, Doug Grove, Lucy McCoy,	
<b>Guests</b>	Betty Alldaffer, Amanda Carter, Andy Strauss, Chris Moll	
<b>Welcome</b>	Don Berman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.	
<b>Secretary</b>	Minutes from the Bethesda meeting were approved as submitted.	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ron Spieker presented the treasurer's report which was approved as submitted.	
<b>MABC Report</b>	Tom Dow, MABC President, reported that the Hilton Head and Bethesda regionals had an excellent turnout. The Columbia regional was down 200 tables. ACBL reports show nationwide attendance at regionals is down slightly over last year. Tom Dow is overseeing the regionals for MABC through the end of 2014. Chris Moll is now Vice President of the MABC and also in charge of the transition for the current structure to the revised structure that will be in effect after January 4, 2015.	
<b>District Director</b>	Margot Hennings said the District Director's report will be coming out in the next issue of TableTALK and will also be available on the website. There is an ongoing discussion concerning the restructuring of the masterpoint system and there is an addendum about this that will be emailed to everyone as well as available on the D6 website. Grass Roots Fund month will now be in May starting in 2015. Margot mentioned that the ACBL Education Foundation has grants available for the Learn	

Bridge in a Day (LBIAD) program developed by Patty Tucker. Every year the ACBL Charity Foundation gives \$1000 grants to each District. This year, D6 will be giving this money to the Fisher House for military families since there are facilities throughout MD, VA, and DC that benefit all areas of our district. Margot has asked Susan Bowles from the Norfolk area to be the co-chair for the Summer 2016 NABC in DC.

**Committee Reports:**

**Tournaments:** Lucy McCoy-Possible new sectional for unit 139.

**GNT/NAP:** Bill Cole discussed the possibility of compensating the 4<sup>th</sup> place pairs based on the new ACBL BOD decision that both Flights B and C are allowed to send 4 pairs to the national NAP finals at the NABC in the Spring of each year. Lynn Jones said the letters will go out next week about GNT. We will get extra money from the Grass Roots Fund based on participation by D6 units and clubs in Grass Roots Fund events.

**TableTALK:** No report

**Recorder:** Mark Dahl spoke of how his talks at sectionals and regionals helps beginner and intermediate players understand director calls. He offered his services at future tournaments. There are no pending Recorder actions.

**Appellate:** No report

**Regional Selection:** MBA would like to change the schedule next year at the Hunt Valley Regional to 9:00 am, 1:00 pm, & 7:00 pm. Bill Cole suggested it go to a D6 committee to decide. Next year, the MBA would like to replace the Senior Pairs with the Daylight Pairs. Fred King asked for input from the units as to when and where future regionals could be held.

**Charity/Goodwill:** The annual D6 Goodwill reception will be in Norfolk, Friday, Nov. 14. David Rodney will be sending out invitations.

**Webmaster:** No report

**STAC:** No report

**Finance:** No report

**New Business:**

**MABC Reorganization:** Shawn Stringer spoke at length about the D6 Proposed Committee Structure that she put together. She would like input from everyone. She said that many of the MABC policies will be kept intact and the basic look and feel of the regionals will stay the same. Tom Dow commended Shawn for the thorough job she did in putting together the 32 page financial study of the MABC and gave her 30 free plays as a formal thank you. Chris Moll spoke of the proposed motion he will put forward in the next MABC meeting in Atlanta at the Labor Day Regional to divide approximately

\$400,000 of the monies in the MABC treasury by giving 60% to District 7 and 40% to District 6 based on historical and current participation by the size of each district. Don Berman made a motion for the District 6 members to the MABC Board to vote for District 7 to receive 60% and District 6 to receive 40% of the monies agreed in Atlanta to be distributed at this time. Motion approved.

Don Berman announced he was appointing Margot Hennings as the temporary liaison from District 6 to the MABC for advertising.

Don Berman and Doug Grove gave a special thank you to Diane Jaworiwsky and the local committee for doing an excellent job with the entire Hunt Valley Regional, especially considering the many problems with the hotel facilities over the course of the week.

Chris Moll mentioned that the ACBL has a pending motion to allow 2 session gold point events to start on Monday afternoon. Regional schedules may include this new gold point structure with a comment that this is pending ACBL BOD approval in Providence this fall.

The next meeting is at Norfolk on Saturday, November 15. Breakfast at 9:30 and the meeting at 10:00.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.