

# MINUTES

## District 6 Board of Directors Meeting Norfolk, VA

November 15, 2014

### Those Present:

#### **Officers:**

President	Don Berman
Vice President	Richard Deyerle
Secretary	Julie Marquette
Treasurer	Ron Spieker

#### **Unit Presidents**

Barry Fratkin (Unit 109 proxy), Ron Alldaffer (Unit 110), Lynn Jones (Unit 135 proxy), David Butler (Unit 139 proxy), Lynette Regan (Unit 146), Richard Ferrin (Unit 147), Leo Cardillo (Unit 218 proxy), Rich Rio (Unit 231)

#### **Other Voting Members**

Margot Hennings (District 6 Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors), Steve Robinson (District 6 First Alternate), Shawn Stringer (District 6 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate to the ACBL Board of Directors), Will Williams (District 6 Representative to the ACBL Board of Governors), Barb Doran (District 6 Representative to the ACBL Board of Governors), Fred King (District 6 Representative to the ACBL Board of Governors), and Tom Dow (District 6 Past-President)

#### **Non-Voting Members**

Susan Bowles, Bill Cole, Zeke Letellier, Melinda Dow, Mark Dahl, David Rodney, Lucy McCoy

#### **Guests**

Kevin O'Brien, Marie Burgess-Strauss, Jim Gerding, Joel Weintraub, Jane Farthing, Jim Villaneuva, Chris Moll, Doug Grove, Owen Doster, Barbara Doster, Joel Weingard

#### **Welcome**

Don Berman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

#### **Secretary**

Minutes from the Hunt Valley meeting were approved as submitted.

#### **Treasurer**

Ron Spieker's report included the following: (1) District 6 had a profit of over \$8,000, (2) D6 received an \$80,000 distribution from MABC, (3) The new budget is being worked on-pending input from the tournament committee, (4) Regionals will need to make around \$45,000 each year to cover publishing expenses, (5) Ron Spieker requested authorization to spend around \$1000 for attorney and accountant fees for the District 6 Foundation. We may need CPA assistance since the District will have a much larger income. The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

#### **MABC Report**

Tom Dow, MABC President, reported that the Augusta Regional had an excellent turnout. Charleston will be the final tournament run by MABC.

**District Director** No report

**Committee Reports:**

**Tournaments:** Lucy McCoy reported that all sanction requests for 2015 are in except for Richmond. She is ready to start taking requests for 2016. Lucy would like all tournament chairs to enter their own information into TourneyTrax.

**NAP:** Barb Doran spoke of the numerous problems that occurred in September's NAP involving scoring issues and a late start on Sunday due to the building not being open at the correct time. Lunch was purchased for the players on Sunday due to the late start of the game. Attendance was high and there was a profit of \$750.

**GNT:** Lynn Jones said the ACBL has requested that the Conditions of Contest be posted by September 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a \$25 per person subsidy for the B team traveling to the northern site.

**TableTALK:** No report

**Recorder:** Mark Dahl continues his talks at regionals and sectionals about the importance of rising players learning to call the director. He would like pre-announcements of each pair's leads, carding and discards to be a regular part of every game. There are no pending Recorder actions.

**Appellate/Judiciary:** No report

**Regional Selection:** Fred King reported there are a limited number of signed contracts. The committee is discussing the possibility of different sites and dates for future regionals. The committee is waiting to hear about the availability of The Cavalier in Virginia Beach. Doug Grove said the projected table count for Norfolk is about 1700. Shawn Stringer and Don Berman visited Hunt Valley and said the hotel is doing extensive renovations. The hotel is willing to send an email to all past tournament participants notifying them of the new and improved facilities.

**Charity/Goodwill:** David Rodney thanked Carol Guy for organizing the Goodwill reception. Six new members were inducted into the District 6 Goodwill Committee and four new members were inducted into the National committee. Members of the National Committee are automatically members of the District 6 Committee.

**Webmaster:** No report

**STAC:** No report

**Finance:** Shawn Stringer thanked Treasurer Ron Spieker for doing an excellent job.

**Old Business:** Don Berman clarified the District 6 alcohol policy. If a tournament follows all local laws, it is acceptable for alcohol to be served. This is stated in Policies and Procedures.

**New Business:**

**Approval of Williamsburg Tournament Chair:** Ron Alldaffer (Unit 110) introduced Jane Farthing as the new Williamsburg Tournament Chair.

**Approval of MABC Bylaws:** There was a lengthy discussion of Article 5.1 of the MABC Bylaws concerning the location of the annual meeting. A vote was taken on amending article 5.1 to include “a location not specifically Gatlinburg”. The vote was a tie and the motion failed. Another vote was taken to approve the MABC Bylaws as written. Motion approved with 2 opposed.

**Approval of District 6 Bylaws:** There was a lengthy discussion concerning the number and types of members on the District 6 Board. There was also a long discussion on weighted votes. The motion to approve the District 6 Bylaws was tabled. A motion to delay a vote on the Bylaws until Charlottesville was approved.

**Approval of District 6 Policies and Procedures:** Don Berman proposed the following amendments:

- (1) A paragraph will be added to include the definition of a Unit Tournament coordinator. The Unit Tournament coordinator will work in conjunction with the Tournament Chairs and the District Tournament Coordinator.
- (2) A paragraph will be added to include the definition of a STAC. District 6 runs 4 STAC's a year-the money from 3 of the STAC's go to the District and the money from 1 STAC goes to the NABC Fund.
- (3) In the Overall Award section, 8 per bracketed Swiss team is changed to 8 per stratified and an additional sentence was added to include 4 per bracketed Swiss team.

Don Berman made a motion to approve these three amendments. Motion approved.

Don Berman made a motion to approve the entire Policies & Procedures. Motion approved.

**Discussion/Approval of D6/D7/MABC Agreements:** Shawn Stringer reported on the 3 main functions of the District 6/District 7 Management Agreement.

- (1) To transfer the responsibility of current MABC contracts to either District 6 or District 7.
- (2) To include an indemnification provision. MABC and District 7 will have no liability in current MABC contracts. District 6 will assume all liability.
- (3) MABC agreed in Atlanta to split their assets 60/40 with District 7 & District 6. District 7 will receive 60% and District 6 will receive 40%.

Motion passed giving Don Berman the authority to sign the District 6/District 7 Management Agreement.

Shawn Stringer reported on the District Agreement as to Mid-Atlantic Conference Functions. This agreement describes which functions stay within the MABC. Margot Hennings reported on the MABC Advertising Procedures which is an addendum to the MABC Conference Functions Agreement.

Motion passed giving Don Berman authority to sign the District Agreement as to Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference Functions agreement.

Shawn Stringer reported on the possible future use of a digital Daily Bulletin.

Jim Villaneuva, President of District 7, thanked everyone for their input and support in drafting the Management and Functions Agreements.

Don Berman thanked to the Tournament Chairs and the local committee for doing an excellent job.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

The next meeting is in Charlottesville on Saturday, January 17th. Breakfast at 9:30 and the meeting at 10:00.