

MINUTES

District 6 Board of Directors Meeting Richmond, VA

May 23, 2015

Those Present:

Officers:	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer	Don Berman Richard Deyerle Julie Marquette Ron Spieker
Unit Presidents	Harry Gellis (Unit 109), Ron Alldaffer (Unit 110), Lynn Jones (Unit 135 proxy), David Butler (proxy for Unit 139), Brian Boyce (Unit 146), Ellen Cherniavsky (Unit 147), Ron Kral (Unit 218), 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 Second Alternate) Barb Doran (District 6 Representative to the ACBL Board of Governors), Will Williams (District 6 Representative to the ACBL Board of Governors), Fred King (District 6 Representative to the ACBL Board of Governors)	
Non-Voting Members	Susan Bowles, Bill Cole, Lucy McCoy, Nancy Lowry, Jane Farthing, George Lewis, Jacki Shuman	
Guests	Chris Moll, Suzi Subeck, Stan Subeck, Kevin O'Brien	
Welcome	Don Berman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Don introduced ACBL President Suzi Subeck and her husband Stan.	
President's Report	Don announced that TableTALK is now available on the District 6 website. Motion passed approving Jennifer Christman as the Norfolk tournament co-chair.	
Secretary	Minutes from the Charlottesville meeting were approved as submitted.	
Treasurer	Ron Spieker reported that we are currently operating at a projected loss of \$5,000 for this fiscal year. Each regional needs to cover approximately \$8,800 of TableTALK expenses. D6 received \$147,700 in distributions from the MABC.	
MABC Report	Fred King reported on the MABC annual meeting in Gatlinburg. MABC 2.0 is now a service organization dealing with advertising and supplies. He mentioned the possibility of hiring someone specifically for supply logistics. Each regional DIC will no longer be dealing with supplies. Chris Moll spoke of Bill Cole's excellent report on supplies. The MABC is very carefully deciding how to go forward with the	

replacement and purchase of new supplies. Bill Cole asked about the MABC's policy on free plays for officers. The current policy is for all officers to receive unlimited free plays at D6 and D7 regionals. Each district gets reimbursed from MABC. MABC decided in Gatlinburg to leave the policy in place for the rest of the year. Bill Cole also asked about having this issue addressed at a future meeting. Fred King said the next MABC annual meeting will be in Raleigh and the following year in Richmond.

District Director: No report-deferred to leave time for discussion of time-critical issues.

Committee Reports:

Regional Management: Shawn Stringer said the Regional Management committee had approved the budgets for Hunt Valley and Chesapeake. Shawn reported on the findings of the Advertising /Publication survey that was distributed to D6 clubs and sectionals. With over 2,000 responses, the results were consistent throughout the district; by a slight margin, players preferred TableTALK to be online only. A majority also were in favor of switching from a full page regional ad in the ACBL Bulletin to a 1/3 page ad. Suzi and Stan Subeck said they do an ACBL email blast notifying members when a new newsletter is available online.

Regional Rotation: Fred King stated that Charlottesville's request to have a tournament one month before NABC was denied. There will be a total of three tournaments plus the NABC in DC in 2016.

Advertising & Communications: There was a lengthy discussion concerning how we want to spend our money at the tournaments. Margot went over in detail a potential "Cafeteria Plan". Rich Rio offered to re-organize into categories the types of things D6 could consider "guaranteeing" at each of its regionals; this would be done to allow greater clarity in a future discussion. Motion passed to authorize the Reston Tournament Chair (Amanda Carter) to provide a lunch that would cost players no more than \$5.00 on the last day. D6 will subsidize any amount over \$5.00 that could not be absorbed through the TC's Prize and Entertainment (P & E) money. Motion passed to reduce regional ads in the ACBL Bulletin from a full page to one-third of a page.

Educational Foundation: Ron Spieker stated that the Educational Foundation has received final approval as a 501(3)(C) charity.

TableTALK: Option #1-The frequency of the hard copy publication is reduced from bi-monthly to quarterly, beginning in 2016. TableTALK will remain bimonthly for the rest of 2015. Estimated cost savings=\$15,000. **Option #2-**TableTALK will be published every three months in hard copy beginning in August, 2015 and continuing through January 2017. Issues would come out for Aug/Sept/Oct (all in 2015); Nov. 2015/ Dec. 2015/Jan. 2016; Feb/Mar/Apr; May/June/July; Aug/Sept/Oct (all in 2016); and then finally in Nov. 2016/Dec. 2016/Jan. 2017 for a total of six issues instead of nine issues through 2016. Estimated cost savings=\$22,000. Motion passed for **Option #2** as listed in the Agenda, that is TableTALK will be published every three months in hard copy starting in August 2015 and continuing through January 2017. Another motion passed that our goal is to have TableTALK be completely online by 2017.

Finance: No report

Grass Roots: Barb Doran asked the unit presidents to make sure their NAP coordinators get the word out about the upcoming NAP qualifying games, encourage club owners/managers to hold qualifying games and the date and locations of the D6 NAP Finals. She also asked that the dates, times and locations of Club Qualifying Games be sent to her for posting to the District website.

District Tournament Coordinator: Lucy noted that there is an interest in printing a calendar of tournaments for 2016. In order to do that, we need Charlottesville and Baltimore to set dates for their 2016 tournaments.

Goodwill: No report

Webmaster: No report

Appellate/Judiciary: No report

Recorder: No report

Old Business:

D6 Bylaws: Motion passed approving Bylaws with no change to BoD membership or voting for the time being until enough time can be set aside to analyze different options in depth. Motion passed approving revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual.

NABC Budget: Motion passed approving D6 contributing \$10,000 towards the 2016 DC NABC for the purposes of reducing parking costs at the host hotel.

New Business:

Nomination Committee Appointments: Will Williams and Barb Doran will head the nominating committee; elections will take place in Hunt Valley.

Learn Bridge in a Day: Margot Hennings reported on Patty Tucker's "Learn Bridge in a Day" program that will be running on Monday, July 6th in conjunction with the Reston regional. This course is being held under a grant from the ACBL Educational Foundation and is also being sponsored by the D6 Educational Foundation. There will be an instructor's accreditation course offered in the evening.

Don Berman thanked tournament chairs George Lewis and Jacki Shuman.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

The next meeting is in Reston on Saturday, July 11th.