

**MINUTES**  
**District 6 Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Norfolk, Virginia**

**Saturday, November 19, 2016**

**Those Present:**

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| <b>Officers:</b> | <b>President</b>      | <b>Shawn Stringer</b>    |
|                  | <b>Vice President</b> | <b>George Lewis</b>      |
|                  | <b>Secretary</b>      | <b>Susan MacLaughlin</b> |
|                  | <b>Treasurer</b>      | <b>Ron Spieker</b>       |

**Unit Presidents**                    **Barry Fratkin (Unit 109), Ron Alldaffer (Unit 110), Ron Conlon (Unit 135), David Butler (Unit 139), Bill Cole (Unit 147 proxy), Ronald Kral (Unit 218), Brian Boyce (Unit 146)**

**Other Voting Members**        **Fred King (ACBL Board of Governors), Will Williams (ACBL Board of Governors), Steve Robinson (1<sup>st</sup> Alternate ACBL Board of Directors), Don Berman (Past President)**

**Non-Voting Members**         **Lucy McCoy (D6 Tournament Coordinator and Managing Editor of TableTALK), Bill Cole (D6 Grass Roots Chair), David Rodney (Goodwill Chair), Susan Bowles (D6 Prize Chair), Sylvia Shi (NAP Coordinator), Nancy Lowry (Finance Chair)**

**Guests**                            **Howard Miller, Attorney, Jane Farthing (Williamsburg Tournament Chair), Kevin O'Brien (Supplies & Equipment)**

**Welcome**                         **Shawn Stringer called the meeting to order at 10am and welcomed everyone.**

**Secretary**                        **Minutes from the Hunt Valley meeting were approved as corrected.**

**Treasurer**                      **Ron Spieker presented the Treasurer's Report as of 8/30/2016, showing a loss for the fiscal year of \$16,772. Form 990 has been filed for the fiscal year that ended 8/31/2016.**

**Committee Reports:**

- 1. Regional Management:** (Shawn Stringer) The committee met Friday, November 17 and acted as follows: a. Approved the final report for Hunt Valley; b. Approved the Richmond and Bethesda budgets; c. Reviewed latest equipment inventory, including recent acquisitions, and location of all items; d. Approved purchase of equipment still needed, primarily new board cases. Also several people went to the warehouse in Richmond and evaluated all of the tables, discarding those that were unstable. The Board approved the committee report.
- 2. District Tournament Coordinator:** (Lucy McCoy) There is only one weekend in March 2017 that there is not a tournament in District 6.
- 3. Educational Foundation:** (Ron Spieker) No report
- 4. Regional Rotation:** (Fred King/Tom Dow) Discussions are being held concerning a tournament in the western part of the state possibly Roanoke or Charlottesville in 2019. Tom Dow is working on a spreadsheet that will contain the dates, cities, room rates, room block requirements, etc. for the D6 regionals.

5. **Advertising and Communication:** (Shawn Stringer) Two flyers in production
6. **Finance:** (Nancy Lowry) No report
7. **Grass Roots:** (Bill Cole)
  - a. **NAP:** Errors in scoring and factoring caused a 3-week delay in finalizing the results affecting many in Flight B. One pair ended up being disqualified after they had purchased plane fare. D6 was able to obtain approval from ACBL for 5 pairs to be qualified to represent D6 in Flight B. Attendance in the NAP has increased. September 23-24, 2017 are the NAP dates for next year.
  - b. **GNT:** Bill Cole is coordinating the GNT for one year in hopes that Lynn Jones will resume these duties after that time.
  - c. **STaC:** (Don Berman): STaC are doing well.
8. **Table Talk:** (Bill Cole) No report.
9. **Charity/Goodwill:** (David Rodney) Annual Goodwill reception was held on Friday night in Norfolk and there are 8 new members.
10. **Competition:** The executive committee passed a decision that if a pair wants to be seeded they must buy the entry 15 minutes ahead of time. Steve Robinson is to do a survey concerning the length of the Sunday Swiss.
11. **Webmaster:** (Don Berman) Don reported that because of an update with the web provider, the database connection was disrupted and hasn't been fixed as of the date of the meeting.

### **Old Business**

1. **Entry Fees**—A Motion was made and passed to raise entry fees for regionals to \$12.
2. **ACBL \$30,000 charity grants**—The motion was made and passed to accept the following donations to charity:
  - a. Unit 135 and Unit 147: \$7,500.00 to the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University;
  - b. Unit 110 and Unit 146: \$7,500.00 to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation Brock Environmental Center;
  - c. Unit 231 and Unit 139: \$3,750.00 each (for a total of \$7,500.00) to Feeding America Southwest Virginia and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank;
  - d. Unit 109 and Unit 218: \$7,500.00 to Homes for Our Troops.
3. **Draft District-MABC Agreement for 2016** Chris Moll, D7, is to work with Shawn Stringer to finalize this document after the Orlando Nationals.
4. **Update on Virginia Beach contract matter**-Attorney Howard Miller reported that the opposition has until the end of November to settle. The key area of the dispute is the cancellation clause and there is a typo in the part of the contract. His fee is 1/3 of what is recovered which could be a maximum recovery of \$47,850.

### **District Director's Report**

1. **ACBL Charity Committee and Goodwill Committee** (Shawn Stringer on behalf of Margot Hennings) Jane Farthing was been appointed to the Charity Committee, and Sheryl McEwan has been appointed the Goodwill Committee.
2. **ACBL District Director Grant**--\$1,000 grant from the ACBL. Fisher House is the recipient at various locations in the district.
3. **ACBL BOD motion regarding electronic devices**-See #1 under New Business.

### **New Business**

1. **ACBL BOD motion regarding electronic devices** – The District 6 Board agreed to follow the proposed ACBL policy regarding electronic devices subject to clarification as to any distinction between the treatment of full and compact Knockouts. See attachment for full ACBL motion.

2. **Discussion of Host Allocation-Bethesda 2017.** A motion was passed that the host allocation for Bethesda 2017 may be used by the tournament to supplement the budget as needed.
3. **Review of all D6 Policies and Procedures.** George Lewis will head a committee to review.
4. **Petition to split Unit 110 - D6** is meeting with the involved parties to resolve issues. ACBL procedures are not well defined and need to be revised.

**Items from the Floor**

-George Lewis asked people to distribute flyers for the Richmond Regional.

**Closing Remarks**

-Tournament Chair (Brian Boyce) reported that attendance was down significantly for the tournament.

**Next meeting-Richmond May 27, 2017-(breakfast meeting)**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan MacLaughlin  
Secretary

## ATTACHMENT

1. Submitted by: Management

Date: October 21, 2016

### **Item 163-07: Electronic Devices Penalty Guidelines**

Moved that:

The following policy and penalty guidelines, relating to electronic devices are adopted. This policy applies to all events at NABCs. It is strongly suggested that sponsors of Regional and Sectional tournaments adopt and apply it.

Except for health-related equipment or by permission of the Director-in-Charge, any electronic equipment or device capable of receiving or sending an electronic signal, or capable of communicating in any way, may not be operated or functioning in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session and must remain off at all times. The above restrictions apply to all players, captains, coaches, kibitzers and play recorders, except those persons granted permission by the ACBL, and are in force throughout any playing session or segment of play. Further restrictions and requirements apply in events involving live internet and/or VuGraph coverage. A violation of any of the above restrictions will result in an automatic penalty, pursuant to Law 91 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, as described below:

First offense, ringing only: one-quarter board, 3 IMPs or 1VP, at the respective form of scoring.

First offense, answering or initiating a call, texting or browsing: one-half board, 6 IMPS or 2VPs, at the respective form of scoring.

Second offense: two full boards, 20 IMPs or 50% of the maximum available VPs per match, at the respective form of scoring.

Third offense: disqualification of the pair or team from the event.

Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

Sponsors of Regional and Sectional tournaments may choose to substitute a warning in lieu of the penalty for the first offense (ringing or both) or may insert a warning as the first item 3 in the schedule of penalties.