

ACBL District 18

Board of Directors

MINUTES

Date: May 18 and 19, 2017
Time: 5:00 - 6:45, 10:00 - 11:15
Location: Marriott University Park Hotel, Salt Lake City Utah

Board Members Present: Dave Johnson, Tom Romine, Doug Adair, Jim Lucas, Susan Driggers, Ann Vermette (electronically present), Claire Jones (D18 Representative to ACBL Board of Directors)

Also in Attendance: Tournament Directors Steve Bates, Doug Rankin

Board Members Absent: Marilyn Swadron, GNT and STaC Coordinator for D18

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 pm. Dave Johnson, acting President, welcomed new board members, Tom Romine, Jim Lucas, and Ann Vermette.

Dave noted that the minutes from the last Board meeting had been approved and posted to the D18 website, and asked if there was any business arising from them. There was none.

Susan Driggers nominated Dave Johnson to be President of D18 and after a second by Tom Romine, he was elected. Doug nominated Jim Lucas to serve as Vice President and after a second by Dave he was elected to that office. Dave nominated Susan Driggers to be Secretary and after a second by Doug she was elected to that position. Doug Adair will continue as Treasurer and Claire will continue as Webmaster and representative to the National Board of Directors. Marilyn Swadron had conveyed that she will continue as GNT Coordinator but would like as assistant for the GNT District final which will be in May of 2018. After further discussion it was clarified by Doug Rankin that the Director for the GNT can assist Marilyn. Other board positions were discussed with most remaining the same but Dave will be Appellate Chair and Ann Vermette will be Disciplinary Chair. Dave will update these board positions on the D18 website.

D18 ACBL Rep Report:

Claire has sent his report by email and it is also available on WASUMI website. He further reports that there are 3 vacancies from D18 on the Board of Governors. We need to appoint players who usually attend national tournaments and are willing to attend the

meeting there. Their job is to give input on decisions that ACBL is making. There is no reimbursement for these positions. Gordon Bower as a potential candidate was discussed.

Claire also reports that he would like members to submit names for Goodwill awards. These should be folks who go above and beyond the usual for their clubs and/or units.

Tournament Coordinator Report:

Doug Rankin says that there continue to be problems with some tournaments not obtaining sanction numbers for their tournaments early enough. He also needs the chairpersons to send their flyers to him for approval/corrections prior to printing them. If the schedule for the tournament is not delivered to the Director early enough there may not be hand records.

Future Regional tournaments were discussed. Of the 4 Regionals in 2019 only one has obtained a sanction. Jim Lucas will check further regarding the one in Idaho Falls. Tom Romine said that Butte will take the place of Kalispell by mutual agreement. Jim Lucas reported that they had a very successful NLM tournament last month in Pocatello. Claire reinforced that programs/flyers need to be submitted to the T.D. prior to printing for approval.

Steve thinks there will be approximately 750 total tables at the SLC tournament.

GNT and STaC:

Marilyn had submitted a written report via email. She said the GNT final went very well on BBO. Participation, however, wasn't very good so we need more clubs to participate. Doug agreed and pointed out that participants have an opportunity to get gold points without traveling if they are in the GNT. They play the final online and need a monitor to make sure no cheating. He encouraged the board to promote this among units in our states.

NAP:

Susan reported that last year was her first year of being coordinator and Marilyn was very helpful. The sanction has been obtained for this year and district finals will be held at the September Saskatchewan Regional. Last year D18 could've had more pairs go to Nationals but we did have at least 2 pairs in all flights.

Treasurer's Report:

This was postponed until tomorrow morning when the board will reconvene to conclude the meeting at 10:00 AM without the T.D.'s as all need to get to the evening session of bridge play. Ann will not be able to join us electronically then and Tom Romine will not be able to attend.

Adjourned at 6:45

Friday, May 19, 2017

The board reconvened at 10:07 AM.

Present: Jim Lucas, Claire Jones, Dave Johnson, Doug Adair, Susan Driggers

Treasurer's Report:

Doug explained that he is the elected Treasurer of D18 Board but Dave handles the Canadian finances since they vary so much from the U.S.

Some logistics of tournaments were discussed casually.

Dave reported on the two Regional tournaments held in Canada and Doug reported on the two held in the U. S. Treasurer's reports are attached.

Doug explained that the district is basically not making money on Regional tournaments and we will need to probably make some changes in the future. Possibilities are:

- Decrease the number of Directors
- Decrease the number of sessions per day
- Decrease hospitality
- Increase the price

These ideas were discussed further. Doug said that D18 Board needs to give definite guidelines to chairpersons regarding cost of hotels, especially at the smaller tournaments. We further discussed developing templates of possible tournament schedules to assist units in planning their tournaments. The use of three session KO's was discussed. Jim Lucas will develop a draft budget proposal that can perhaps be used to assist units in planning.

The current price per session in the US is \$12 but may need to be raised. We also discussed having the units put on the tournament, thus getting the profits, and pay a fee to the District.

Elections:

This year new representatives from Saskatchewan and Montana were elected to the board. In addition, the Idaho rep resigned so there is a new member from Idaho. Next year, 2018, Wyoming is the only state due to have board elections. We will ask Tom Racine to be the elections chair.

D18 apportioned charity funds:

Claire reports that ACBL has donated \$12,000 to disburse to charities throughout the district. He would like each representative to submit non profit entities in their states for this. He suggests that he'll give \$2000 per state/province. Email your submissions to Claire by June 30,2017.

The D18 Board of Directors would like to thank Mary Jo Brown, Alex McGregor, and Al Kemp for their years of service to D18 and particularly to Mary Jo and Alex for serving as President. Thank you!

Jim Lucas asked about the possibility of doing a survey of members in D18 to help us in our decision making. This was discussed further. It was suggested that he contact the PR department of ACBL for assistance with this.

It was discussed and decided that we will have a video meeting of the Board in October after the fall regional tournament.

Adjournment: 11:20 AM

Respectfully submitted

Susan Driggers
Secretary, D18 Board of Directors