

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF DISTRICT 18

The Board of Directors of District 18, met Friday, September 29, 1995, at the Regina, Saskatchewan Regional. In attendance were Ron Hemeon, Karen Eble, Floyd Hawley, Lila Cochran, Kay Reese, and Floyd Derkat and the District's Representative on the National Board Dick Anderson. Also in attendance were Roger Putnam, Bob Donaldson, Phil Wood and Steve Bates and special guest ACBL President Cecil Cook.

Ron Hemeon, President, called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the last meeting in Idaho Falls, Idaho were read. It had been moved that STaC games be held at the club level for the coming year, however, Steve Bates explained that StaC games had to be applied for by a unit. StaC game had been applied for in Northern Alberta only. Floyd Hawley moved to rescind the motion of the last meeting that the District try StaC's for a year. Floyd Derkat seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Floyd Hawley presented the treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached. Floyd explained the District operates on a budget of approximately \$16,000 a year which includes education, board expense and Wasumi, earned from the four tournaments each year. Floyd Derkat moved to accept the treasurer's report. Kay Reese seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Floyd Hawley suggested per diem expenses for board members should be brought more current with the going rate. Tournament directors are currently paid \$42.00 per day per diem. Floyd suggested that District directors' per diem be raised from \$35.00 per day to \$37.50 per day and moved that the Board members and the treasurer or the treasurer's representative going to a board meeting be paid three days per diem at \$37.50 US or \$50.00 Canadian, \$75.00 US travel, \$100 Canadian and two days lodging at the host hotel, plus tax, effective immediately. Floyd Derkat seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The president then asked Floyd Derkat to report on the profit sharing experiment at the Red Deer Regional. Profit sharing for host units of regionals has been under consideration and it was moved at the May meeting that the host unit at the Red Deer

Regional at their request be given 10% of the table fees over and above the estimate presented by the director on an experimental basis. Red Deer did not exceed the estimate and therefore received nothing. Floyd Hawley made a recommendation that a \$5,000 budget for regular regionals and a \$3,000 budget for senior regionals be set in the future and if the profit goes above that amount, the sponsoring unit gets 10% of the net. Money earned above those amounts could be split by the host unit and the District. The President asked Floyd Derkat to do an in depth review of income from regionals going back five years to see how much money was made. Floyd Hawley will provide the necessary information to Floyd.

Roger Putnam reported on his trip to Missoula, Montana, Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Sun Valley, Idaho, to evaluate them as possible playing sites for future regionals. Jackson Hole was the only site as yet to submit a bid. Lila Cochran accompanied Roger to Jackson and recommended Jackson Hole as a playing site in the spring or fall of the year 2000. Roger believes we would get free room rental and favorable room rates. The playing area would handle 75 tables which would probably be peek and additional rooms are available nearby. Roger asked for authority to proceed with negotiations however suggested that the Board would have to change its rotation policy to consider Jackson Hole. The rotation could be: Sun Valley, Boise, Jackson, Salt Lake. The Board then discussed whether Jackson should be held in the spring or fall and the consensus was that fall would perhaps be better. Floyd Derkat moved that Jackson be considered and that Roger proceed with negotiations. Floyd Hawley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Plans for a Sun Valley Regional in the spring of 1998 are underway however the sanction has not yet been sent in. Lila will contact John Bush to learn of his interest in chairing the Regional.

A sanction for the Missoula Regional has not been sent in for September 1998. Kalispell is willing to defer to Missoula for that year but would like to be considered later on. The Montana regional schedule is Billings, September 1996, Missoula, September, 1998 and Kalispell, September, 2000.

Responding to complaints from players regarding the large

range of points for Flight B events, the Board discussed the point spread. It was reported that typically Flight A constitutes 1/4 of the field, Flight B constitutes 1/4 of the field and Flight C 1/4 of the field. After considerable discussion the Board agreed that 300 to 1250 was too wide a spread in which to compete and that players over 1,000 should be competing in Flight A. Floyd Hawley moved that brackets be changed to 300 to 999 for Flight B and 1,000 and over for Flight A. Karen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Bates reported that he had been in contact with the Marlboro Inn in the northeast portion of Calgary as a regional site the week of July 14, 1997. Steve reported that the Marlboro Inn has an 11,000 square foot room. Rent for the playing space for six days would be \$4,675. Week long room rates for a single are \$89.00 per night, based on first four nights at \$96.00 and \$79.00 weekend rates and parking is free. Steve was authorized to go ahead with arrangements.

Cecil Cook reported the interest and progress that ACBL has made in the area of computer technology and expressed his thanks for having been invited to the meeting.

Phil Wood expressed his thank you to the board members, past and present, for their service during his 30 years of coordinating tournaments. Phil announced that Vancouver will host a North American Bridge Championship March 18 to 28, 1999, and formally invited all to attend.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene Saturday morning. All Board members were present Saturday with the exception of Dick Anderson, who was excused. Also in attendance was Bob Donaldson.

The Board then reviewed Karen Ebel's suggested revisions to the By-Laws of District 18. After considerable discussion it was determined that because the revisions being made were cosmetic in nature it would not be necessary for the changes to be ratified by the members, but rather could be determined by the Board. Karen will make the necessary changes and a special meeting of the Board will be held to ratify the changes.

Ron Hemeon has reviewed the Regional Guidelines and suggested that that the budget for advertising should be raised to \$450

US and \$600 Canadian. The president stressed that the district representative should discuss costs with the chairperson before the tournament. Ron suggested that photos should be taken by a volunteer if possible.

The President acknowledged a letter from the ACBL Charity Foundation thanking the District for their donation of \$84.00 from the Idaho Falls Regional.

Kay Reese reported on the progress of the Salt Lake Regional. The playing room is \$5,000 for the week based on 250 room nights. Food and beverage can be charged against the \$5,000. OK and Karen Johnson, chairpersons, are staying at the host hotel, however, their rooms have been negotiated with the hotel.

Kay reported that Salt Lake has a large group of novice players. A one session future masters event is scheduled for Wednesday evening and Kay requests that entry fees for that event be waived. Dick Anderson reported that ACBL has agreed to waive sanction fees in events that are designed to introduce new players to tournament bridge provided that the participants are not charged an entry fee. Floyd Hawley moved that on a one time basis, participants of the future masters event at the Salt Lake Regional not be charged an entry fee. Floyd Derkat seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Kay then reported on the Senior Regional in Wendover. The playing room is \$450 per day and food and beverage can be deducted from that amount. Ron again urged Kay to advise the chairperson to pay special attention to the hospitality budget.

Karen Eble asked the Board to consider whether Marie Jolley should be reimbursed for attending the Board meetings. After considerable discussion in which it was agreed that it is important to have Marie's input, Lila Cochran moved that Marie should be invited to one meeting per year, and that if she is not working that tournament, the Board would pay her expenses at the same rate provided to Board members. Floyd Hawley seconded and the motion carried.

Bob Donaldson asked that NAOP and GNT events be included in the programs at which the events are being held. Lila Cochran moved that an effort be made by the tournament chairperson to

include those events on the program when one of those events is being held during that regional.

Bob Donaldson then reported on pending regional schedules. Calgary is scheduled July 14-20, 1997, pending negotiations with the hotel. Saskatoon is scheduled for September, 1997. No chairperson has been selected yet. Ron Hemeon will assign a chairperson and Bob will send in the sanction in the meantime with Ron as chairman.

Bob reported that Salt Lake has been sanctioned and that Boise has been approved for May 1997.

Bob suggested a split senior's regional with Moose Jaw and Wendover 1998 and advised that he would supply the tables in Wendover in 1996.

Floyd Derkat presented a letter from Pacific Delectables regarding their charges at the Idaho Falls Regional and their contract as a whole. Larry and Linda had been under the impression that they would be guaranteed a minimum of 1,000 tables. Pacific Delectables overcharged approximately \$375.00 at the Idaho Falls Regional based on their misunderstanding of a 1,000 table minimum. After considerable discussion Ron moved that in recognition of the excellent service provided by Pacific Delectables, the District will agree to deduct one-half of the overpayment at the Idaho Falls Regional from the District's check at the next regional and the District will agree to a minimum charge of 1,000 tables at future regionals. Floyd Derkat seconded the motion and the motion carried. Lila was asked to draft an amendment to the contract and present it to Pacific Delectables for signature.

Floyd Derkat requested an advance to the tournament chairperson of the upcoming Edmonton regional and requested a 10% revenue sharing. It was agreed the District will respond to the request in May after reviewing the results of the in depth study requested above.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

Lila Cochran, District Secretary