

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF DISTRICT 18

The Board of Directors of District 18 met Friday, May 17, 1996, in Salt Lake City, Utah. In attendance were Board members, Ron Hemeon, Karen Eble, Floyd Hawley, Lila Cochran, Floyd Derkat and Kay Reese; the District's Representative on the National Board, Dick Anderson; Tournament Directors, Roger Putnam, Bob Donaldson, Steve Bates and Marie Jolley; and, Wasumi Editor, Sue McCoskery.

Ron Hemeon, President, called the meeting to order and called for election of officers. Floyd Derkat moved that the current officers remain in effect for another two year term, whereupon, the following named persons were unanimously elected:

Ron Hemeon	President
Karen Eble	Vice President
Floyd Hawley	Treasurer
Secretary	Lila Cochran

Minutes of the last meeting held in Regina, Saskatchewan were discussed and approved with minor changes.

Bob Donaldson reported that members of the Brigham City, Utah, Unit wanted to consolidate with the Ogden, Utah, Unit. After full discussion Kay Reese was asked to follow up with a petition from members of the Brigham City Unit.

Bob reported on regional dates as follows:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
Boise, Idaho	June 2 - 8, 1997	Ian Martindale
Calgary, Alberta	July 14 - 20, 1997	Heather Girvitz
Casper, Wyoming (Sr)	August 12 - 16, 1997	No Chairman <i>Erleen Merbaud</i>
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	September 22 - 28, 1997	No Chairman <i>Lynn Brannon</i>
Sun Valley, Idaho	May 4 - 10, 1998	No Chairman <i>LIL</i>
Red Deer, Alberta	August 10 - 16, 1998	Doug & Crystal Mann
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan (Sr)	July 14 - 18, 1998	<del>Lyn Davidson</del> <i>LEN</i>
Missoula, Montana	September 21 - 27, 1998	Sharon Demmons
Salt Lake City, Utah	May 10 - 16, 1999	No Chairman

Edmonton, Alberta	July 5 - 8, 1999	No Chairman
Great Falls, Montana Sr,	August 9 - 14, 1999	No Chairman
Regina, Saskatchewan	September 20 - 26 or September 27 - October 3	No Chairman
Jackson Hole, Wyoming	September or October	No Chairman
Montana	Spring of 2000	No Chairman
Calgary, Alberta	July or August 2000	No Chairman

Roger is to check on Sun Valley dates to see if the week of May 11 through 17 would be available rather than May 4 through 10.

The Ogden Unit has expressed an interest in hosting a split site with Moose Jaw for the July 1998 Regional, if the split site proves to be successful this year. Bob asked if the Board would temporarily approve a split site. Ron suggested we wait until fall to decide.

Karen Eble moved that Great Falls have a Seniors Regional in 1999 during the week of August 9 through 14. Floyd Hawley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Floyd Derkat led a discussion regarding the five day schedule at Senior Regionals rather than a six day schedule. Originally Seniors tournaments were limited to four days, however, there is no longer a restriction. After full discussion Floyd Derkat moved to offer local Senior Regional committees a 5 ½ day schedule or a 6 ½ schedule, including open events on the weekend. Lila Cochran seconded the motion and the motion carried. Each representative should notify their area of this decision.

The Board of Directors discussed at length scheduling of District Finals for Grand National Teams, prompted by correspondence from Jan Anderson, representing the Regina Unit. The Board acted as follows:

1. District Finals for Flights A,B,C and D will be held May 2 - 4 at the Townhouse Inn in Great Falls, Montana;
2. The format for Flight A will consist of a five session round robin, two sessions on Friday, two sessions on Saturday and one session on Sunday. Victory points will be used and the boards will be duplicated;
3. The format for Flights B and C will consist of a four session round

robin, swiss points, and eliminate down to four or eight teams, depending on the number of entries, going into a single session elimination knockout;

4. The format for Flight D (0-100) may be a two session event, depending on the number of teams entered; and,

5. The winners of Flight A, Flight B and Flight C will be awarded \$1,500.00 per team to defray expenses to represent the District at the summer North American Bridge Championship.

Dick Anderson will report these actions to Jan and presumed that they would be responsive to her concerns. A copy of the letter from Jan together with a statement from Marie Jolley in response thereto are attached hereto.

The meeting was adjourned to reconvene Saturday morning. All Board members were present Saturday morning.

Floyd Hawley presented the treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached. Floyd reported that honorariums for Bob Donaldson and Floyd Hawley were up for approval. Dick Anderson moved to leave the honorariums as is, \$200.00 per year for Bob and \$300 per year for Floyd. Kay Reese seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reimbursement for Grand National Teams was discussed and it was agreed that the winning team members should receive a letter along with the check that if the team does not go to the NABC, the money is to be returned to the District.

Kay Reese moved the treasurer's report be accepted and Floyd Derkat seconded. The motion carried.

Bob Donaldson responded to a letter from Don Cherry regarding a non-smoking tournament in Cut Bank, Montana, where smoking was allowed. Bob explained that the tournament was held in an Elk's Lodge where smoking is permitted and it was impossible to enforce a no smoking policy for non players.

Sue McCoskery presented an update on Wasumi. She now has list of club managers in the district where Wasumi's are to be sent. Sue reported that the Clarion, the host hotel for the Billings Regional in September had listed room rates at \$52.00 and \$60.00 per night and has dropped the rates to \$45.00 and \$48.00. Sue excused herself from the meeting.

Marie Jolley reported on Grand National Team Finals held in Great Falls, Montana in May, a copy of which is attached.

Roger reported that the Salt Lake tournament as of Friday evening was down about 70 tables from last year and expected the tournament to be slightly over 900 tables. Roger felt the hotel had been reasonably cooperative.

Ron Hemeon acknowledged a survey from Nadine Wood and John Blubaugh regarding expenses reimbursed district directors and asked that ~~Floyd Hawley~~ <sup>Dia - Burke</sup> respond to the letter. Also received was a letter thanking the District for its contribution to the World Junior Bridge Camp Fund, a letter thanking the District for its contribution to the Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund in the amount of \$144.00 and a belated letter thanking the District for its donation to the Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund for the Calgary Regional in 1994.

Floyd Derkat reported that he has been unable to locate the Phyllis Burke trophy. Floyd will make one more effort and if unable to locate, will purchase a new trophy.

The Board discussed what to do with excess funds and it was agreed that Floyd Derkat would complete an in depth study and report back to the Board. Some suggestions might be to issue a rebate on membership dues, issue per capita rebate to units, etc. Floyd Derkat moved to table until next meeting.

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

Lila Cochran  
District Secretary