

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of District 18 met Friday, June 6, 1997, in Boise, Idaho. 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.

Ron Hemeon, President called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting held in Billings, Montana were read and approved as corrected.

A discussion was held regarding the Phil Wood trophy which is to be presented to the junior player winning the most points at District 18 regionals during the year. Floyd Hawley moved that Bob Donaldson and Kay Reese purchase the trophy for no more than \$30.00 annually beginning in the year 1997.

Marie Jolley reported on the Grand National Teams Flights A, B, and C held in Great Falls, Montana May 2-4, 1997. Five teams competed in Flights A and B, 9 teams in Flight C and 3 teams in the submasters. The net revenue for the event was \$4.67.

The Board determined that players under the age of 26 years be allowed to play for one-half price at all District 18 regionals. Lila will prepare coupons for the directors to have filled out by juniors requesting the one-half price entry. The policy should be announced in Wasumi.

Floyd Hawley presented the treasurers report, a copy of which is attached. Kay Reese moved the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Karen Eble seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Floyd Hawley then advised the Board that the District has been making money consistently over the last several years and proposed that we reduce entry fees to \$7.50. After full discussion Lila Cochran moved that we reduce entry fees from \$8.00 per session to \$7.50 U.S. and \$10.00 Canadian for the remainder of 1997 and 1998. Floyd Derkat seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ron Hemeon presented a letter from Tara Gokavi who has been invited to attend the World Junior Bridge Camp in Italy and was requesting financial assistance. Floyd Hawley moved that we subsidize Tara \$500.00 toward her expenses for the World Junior Bridge Camp. The motion was seconded and carried. Lila will write a letter to Tara presenting the check.

Floyd Derkat expressed concern over the Red Deer Regional in 1998. The Unit had requested a commission of 5% of the gross revenues of the regional to provide incentive for extra promotion. The President of the Unit advised that Don MacLeod and Jim Wallace would run the tournament if the commission was given. It was not clear if we did not grant their request for a commission whether they would run the tournament. Steve Bates suggested we write a letter declining their offer and look for another chairperson. The Board discussed alternate sites of Lethbridge or Regina. Ron will write a letter declining their offer and asking for an immediate response as to whether or not they would recommend someone else.

Floyd Derkat reported that Francesca Walton has appealed to the ACBL Board of Directors on a disciplinary probation imposed by District 18 Appellate Committee. The appeal will be heard at the Summer NABC in Albuquerque. A copy of the proceedings is attached.

The Board then discussed compilation of a District Disciplinary Committee. The committee is comprised of an Appellate Committee who are the District's Board of Directors who would then appoint four persons within their area, for a total of 30 committee members. Floyd Hawley moved that each member of the Board, who form the Appellate Committee appoint four people within their area to constitute a Disciplinary Committee. If a dispute arises that involves a person that is a close friend or associate of a member on the committee, that committee member must disqualify themselves and another member appointed. Floyd Derkat seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Floyd Hawley announced honorariums for the year should be approved. Lila Cochran moved that the honorarium of \$300.00 for the treasurer and the \$300.00 honorarium for Bob Donaldson be left in place. Kay Reese seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Roger Putnam estimated the total table count at Boise to be about 950, compared to 1,028 for the last regional.

Ron Hemeon then announced that ACBL President Howard Piltch had been invited by Dick Anderson to attend the District's fall regional in Saskatoon. Floyd Hawley moved that we formally invite the President of ACBL to attend the Board meeting, host a tournament committee dinner and possibly host a coffee with Howard for novices. The District would comp his room and card fees. Lila seconded the motion and the motion carried.

After some discussion it was agreed that commitments on behalf of the Board between meetings should be addressed via telephone conferences or the like.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

The President called the meeting to order with all directors being in attendance.

Dick Anderson reported that the Board of Governors proposed to impose term limits on the National Board of Directors. Under the proposal a director could serve no more than four consecutive terms. The proposal was not accepted by the National Board of Directors and has now been referred to the Districts. After considerable discussion the District Board agreed to consider the matter and vote at their next meeting in September.

Kay Reese reported that the Salt Lake City Unit was taking advantage of the cooperative advertizing through ACBL. ACBL will pay up to \$200.00 for advertising, etc. and Kay urged everyone to look into it.

Steve Bates reported on the Senior Regional scheduled for 1998 in Moose Jaw and suggested that the tournament end on Sunday rather than Saturday. Dick Anderson moved that the first session of the opening knockout event be Tuesday with a starting time 2:30 running through Sunday. Karen Eble seconded and the motion carried.

Steve also advised that the district finals of the NA pairs in Saskatoon be held on Saturday rather than Friday. Marie advised that the conditions of contest had been printed with a Friday date, however, had not been mailed yet. Ron Hemeon advised that the Saskatoon fliers are already out indicating a Saturday date for the NA pairs. Floyd Hawley moved that the NAOP be held on Saturday rather than on Friday beginning in 1997 and authorizing Marie to have the conditions reprinted. Floyd Derkat seconded and the motion carried.

Marie Jolley reported that the District's conditions of contest for the North American Teams do not set forth guidelines for qualification of players added to advancing teams. It was agreed that players should be encouraged to support the Grand Nationals beginning at the club level and after full discussion Floyd Hawley moved that we establish a rule that people augmenting the grand national teams advancing to the national finals must qualify by having played at the club level. Lila seconded and the motion carried.

Floyd Hawley reported on the Casper Senior Regional and advised that they had had trouble with their schedule. They had 500 fliers printed and the schedule had then been changed. A discussion was held about fliers and it was agreed that more guidance should be given in the Regional Guidelines. Discussions between the head director, the chairperson and the state/province representative regarding the schedule should be held. The chairperson should prepare the initial schedule and send it to the head director for his approval one year in advance of the tournament. Once approved by the head director the tournament chairman can only revise the program upon further approval from the head director. The final program should be printed six months prior to the tournament.

Karen Eble reported on the Missoula Regional in the fall of 1998 and advised that the programs would be out in February.

Bob Donaldson presented a letter from Unit 399 in Pocatello, Idaho indicating that they had lost over \$400.00 at their recent sectional that would normally have been held the weekend of the Boise Regional. Pocatello felt that the loss was in large part due to their having to move from their priority weekend. Lila moved that because the District used Pocatello's priority weekend that we reimburse the Pocatello Unit \$100.00 for expenses. Dick Anderson amended the motion to allow \$150.00. Karen seconded the amended motion and the motion carried. The President noted however that the Unit should be cautioned about overspending their hospitality budget.

Lila reported that a chairperson had been selected for the Sun Valley Regional to be held in May of 1998. Fran Maughan will chair the tournament and Bruce Ferguson has offered his assistance. Programs are being drafted for Roger's approval.

A request had been made by Sally Christensen that the free play won at the Salt Lake Regional by Martie Haught who passed away shortly after the Regional be presented to her long time partner, Rod Organt. The Board asked Kay Reese to present the free plays to Rod.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Board will be in Saskatoon in September.

Lila Cochran