

American Contract Bridge League District 18

Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: Sept 29, 2010

Location: Holiday Inn: Missoula, MT

Present: President Andy Anderson, SK; Vice President Mary Jo Brown, MT; Treasurer Doug Adair, UT; Secretary Ken Scott, AB; Ian Martindale, ID; Pam Padgett, WY; Claire Jones, ACBL Board of Directors; Claire Jones, D18 Tournament Coordinator & Webmaster; Steve Bates, D18 Tournament Director; Marie Jolley, GNT & NAP Coordinator

Guests (From 5:15 pm on):

Chuck Smith, Tournament Coordinator 2010 Missoula Regional
Judy Stauffer, Tournament Coordinator for 2012 Boise Regional

1. The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 4:46 p.m. The agenda was adjusted to accommodate the arrival of guests (but is presented below in the original format). **MOVED** by Pam Padgett, 2nd by Mary Jo Brown that the agenda be approved. **CARRIED**
2. Minutes of the April 28, 2010 meeting in Moose Jaw, SK were presented as previously circulated. **MOVED** by Mary Jo Brown, 2nd by Pam Padgett that the minutes be approved. **CARRIED**
3. Business arising from the minutes:
 - a. Achievements by D18 Juniors: Thomas Walsh (Saskatoon) is co-winner of ACBL's 2010 'King of Bridge' award (graduating high school senior recognized for outstanding tournament performance and skill in promoting and organizing bridge). Congratulations to Thomas are provided here, on the WASUMI website, and in the August Bridge Bulletin.
 - b. Following discussion regarding an online versus venue based District level GNT playoff, including the option of an interim feasibility study, it was **MOVED** by Mary Jo Brown, 2nd by Ian Martindale that the 2011 GNT playoff be held online be approved. **CARRIED**. This event will be held weekend of May 20 - May 22, 2011 with specific dates/times to be set following pre-registration.
 - c. District Resource Kit for Regionals. Fictitious names and phone numbers have been typed into the documents in the resource kit so it is now available for Tournament Chairpersons. Board Members are asked to destroy the disc with draft documents circulated in Moose Jaw as that early version contains personal names and phone numbers. Ken advised that the Word documents are in '.docx' format so will not be readable with older computers.
 - d. Challenges and Opportunities. This report is available to guide future discussions on Board initiatives.

4. Doug Adair presented the Treasurer's report. Net profit was achieved in the first 3 Regionals this year as follows: Moose Jaw = \$6313; Casper = \$5276; Red Deer = \$2221. The GNT playoff at Shelby lost \$695. Our combined bank balances are \$64,640. Doug advised us to continue to be careful with our money as we need about \$20,000 per year to operate, and a couple of Regionals with losses could have a major impact. **MOVED** by Mary Jo Brown, 2nd by Ken Scott that the Treasurer's report be accepted. **CARRIED**
5. Report from ACBL Board. Claire Jones drew attention to the following items:
- Board Member submissions to of worthy candidates for the Charity and Ambassador awards were screened and 4 names from District 18 were forwarded to ACBL.
 - Claire reported that the new bridge museum at Horn Lake is terrific. He encouraged all to have a look if in the area.
 - Having a defibrillator onsite at tournaments is a current topic. Hotels typically have one onsite. Tournament Chairpersons might want to check with the hotel.
 - A decision on Bridgemates and Bridgepads continues to be deferred pending further evaluation of the systems.
- Claire's full report appears on WASUMI.org. Claire was commended for his pre meeting seeking of input from Board Members and Unit Board Members. **MOVED** by Claire Jones 2nd by Pam Padgett that the report be accepted. **CARRIED**
6. D18 Tournament Coordinator's Report. Claire Jones reviewed progress by Tournament Committees for 2011, 2012, and 2013 Regionals. He advised that locations and dates are firming up for 2013. Following is information available:

2011 Regionals	Proposed Dates	Comment
SLC	May 9 – 15/ 2011	Firm
Billings	July 4 – 10/ 2011	Firm
Edmonton	August 8 – 14/ 2011	Firm
Regina	Sept 26 – Oct 02/ 2011	Firm

2012 Regionals	Proposed Dates	Comment
Lethbridge	April 9 – 15/ 2012	Hotel & Chair ready
Boise	May 14 – 20/ 2012	Hotel & Chair ready
Calgary	August 6 – 12/ 2012	Hotel booked Aug 6 is Civic Day
Kalispell	Sept 24 – 30/ 2012	Hotel & Chair ready

2013 Regionals	Proposed Dates	Comment
Idaho Falls	May 20 – 26/ 2013	Projected
Great Falls	July 8 – 14/ 2013	Hotel & Chair ready
Red Deer	August 12 – 18/ 2013	Hotel booked
Saskatoon	Sept 23 – Sept 29, or Sept 30 - Oct 06/ 2013	Projected

2014 Regionals	Proposed Dates	Comment
Moose Jaw	April 7 – 13/ 2014, or April 21 – 27/ 2014	Projected
Salt Lake City	May 12 – 18/ 2014	Projected
Edmonton	August 4 – 10/ 2014, or August 11 – 17/ 2014	Projected
Montana site	Sept 22 - 28/ 2014	Projected

The D18-wide STaC game the second week of December (Dec 6 to 12, 2010) is still on track. Once details are available. Board Members will need to promote it in their respective areas.

MOVED by Mary Jo Brown 2nd by Ken Scott that the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

Claire drew attention to the potential conflict of a possible Sectional in Caldwell, Idaho opposite the Regina Regional Sept 26 – Oct 02/ 2011. Given the considerable distance between these two locations, it was **MOVED** by Mary Jo Brown 2nd by Doug Adair that the Caldwell Sectional proceed. **CARRIED**

7. Webmaster's report. Claire provided highlights of the new look he is arranging for the website. He encouraged everyone to keep sending in ideas as it keeps the website fresh. Mary Jo offered to update the travelling bulletin boards to reflect the new look of the website. **MOVED** by Claire Jones, 2nd by Ken Scott that the Webmaster's report be accepted. **CARRIED**
8. New Business
 - a. Goodwill award for outstanding contributions to bridge. A summary of financial subsidies provided to members was extracted from D18 Minutes and provided to Board Members. This was tabled for the next Board Meeting. In the interim **MOVED** by Ian Martindale, 2nd by Doug Adair that subsidies for members be capped at \$375 per person. **CARRIED**
 - b. Financial support for World University Games (China) participant. \$375 was approved although will be withheld as the participant has relocated to another District.

- c. Financial support for club owners providing teaching. Currently, Units and Clubs can submit draft ads to ACBL and providing certain conditions are met, ACBL will reimburse 75% of the cost of placing such ads. There was considerable discussion on the pros and cons of District 18 'topping up' this program. Three themes discussed were: 1) whether District 18 should do this for Units, or Clubs, and 2) whether the 'top up' should be 15% (so that club owners bear some of the cost), and 3) whether the 'top up' should be the full 25%.

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- d. Forthcoming Board Elections. It was clarified that the elections for representatives for Saskatchewan and Montana are scheduled for 2011. Pam will be handling these elections.
9. Minutes of Online Meetings since previous face to face Meeting:
(May 24, 2010) **MOVED** (Mary Jo Brown), 2nd (Claire Jones) that we send Lila Cochrane an award of \$300 for her Bridge Teaching nominee trip to New Orleans, and further that we make a policy at the Missoula meeting regarding further recognition (Goodwill Award) of outstanding contributions to bridge in District 18. **CARRIED**.
 10. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2011, Salt Lake City, UT; University Park Marriott
 11. **MOTION** to adjourn by Andy Anderson. Adjournment at 6:55 p.m.