

American Contract Bridge League District 18

Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors

Dates: April 12 & 13, 2012

Location: Lethbridge Lodge: Lethbridge, AB

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

Guest: Gwen West, President Unit 392 and Tournament Chair for Lethbridge Regional

1. The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 4:44 p.m. **MOVED** by Pam Padgett, 2nd by Ken Scott that the agenda be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

President Andy welcomed guest Gwen West and thanked her for her longstanding service as Unit 392 President and her Chairing numerous Regional Committees, including the current one.

2. Minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting in Regina, SK were presented as previously circulated. **MOVED** by Ken Scott, 2nd by Pam Padgett that the minutes be approved. **CARRIED**
3. Election of Officers. The President enquired if any Officers wanted to decline to again serve another term. Marie Jolley advised that she would not stand for an ongoing role as GNT/NAP Coordinator as she is retiring. There being no other offers, by acclamation the following positions are in place:
President: Andy Anderson
Vice President: Mary Jo Brown
Treasurer: Doug Adair
Secretary: Ken Scott
Doug reiterated a suggestion that it would be helpful if someone could assist him by handling financial transactions on the Canadian side of the border. Andy Anderson offered to accept that role.
MOVED by Doug Adair, 2nd by Al Kemp that Andy Anderson be appointed as Assistant Treasurer (Canada) supporting the Treasurer role. **CARRIED**
There was a suggestion that in some future year if the Treasurer resides in Canada, that the position of Assistant Treasurer (USA) should be appointed.
3. Business arising from the minutes:
 - a. District 18 pencils for 2012. The pencils (5000 order) will be organized by Al Kemp and distributed in Kalispell.

- b. Supplies for MT (Kalispell 2012). Mary Jo advised that supplies for Kalispell have been organized. South Saskatchewan is in place as a backup.
- c. Use of Bidding Boxes at D18 Regionals. Steve Bates advised that use of bidding boxes at D18 Regionals is clear --- anyone claiming an inability to use bidding boxes is not to be questioned. The partner of the person unable to use the bidding box or either opponent can use that person's bidding box and make the bids for them.
- d. Units 394 & 398. The two Units (Boise and Caldwell/Nampa) in SW Idaho are no longer part of D18.
- e. Incentive to Units/Clubs to host a Regional. The general discussion was that most local bridge enthusiasts willingly step up to host a Regional, partly because it offers a local opportunity to earn Gold points. **MOVED** by Al Kemp 2nd by Mary Jo Brown a club or entity hosting a Regional receive an incentive of \$1 per table for their effort. **DEFEATED**
- f. Compensate Clubs/Facilities to host an online GNT. The general discussion was that our current arrangement (providing a router, reimbursing reasonable expenses) is satisfactory.

4. Doug Adair presented the Treasurer's report.

- The Treasurer's report continued to alert increasing financial stress. The impact of the entry fee change made last year, effective January 1, 2012 as well as the rise to parity of the Canadian dollar will be interesting to see. The Board will need to continue to look at ways to decrease expenditures, including the possibility of a 1-meeting-per-year plan.
MOVED by Doug Adair, 2nd by Mary Jo Brown that the Treasurer's report be accepted. **CARRIED**

5. Report from ACBL Board. Claire Jones pointed out that not much beyond his report in WASUMI is available. He clarified that the Board of Governors make up (from our perspective) is as follows:

District	1 st Alternate	2 nd Alternate	BoG	BoG	BoG
18	Ken Scott	VACANT	Gerry Marshall	VACANT	VACANT

Barry Harper (Regina) has expressed interest in filling one of the vacant BoG roles and Claire will follow up with Jim Miller.

Claire's full report appears on WASUMI.org. **MOVED** by Claire Jones 2nd by Ken Scott that the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

6. D18 Tournament Coordinator's Report.

Claire Jones also reviewed progress by Tournament Committees for 2013, 2014 and 2015 Regionals. He clarified that the dates for Idaho Falls 2013 have changed with the tournament one week earlier.

There was considerable discussion about the 2015 schedule.

Following is available information:

2012 Regionals	Proposed Dates	Comment
Lethbridge	April 9 – 15/ 2012	Hotel booked; Chair in place
Boise	May 14 – 20/ 2012	Hotel booked; Chair in place
Calgary	August 6 – 12/ 2012	Hotel booked; Chair in place
Kalispell	Sept 24 – 30/ 2012	Hotel booked; Chair in place

2013 Regionals	Proposed Dates	Comment
Idaho Falls	May 13 – 19/ 2013	Hotel booked; Chair in place
Great Falls	July 8 – 14/ 2013	Hotel booked; Chair in place
Red Deer	August 12 – 18/ 2013	Hotel booked; Chair in place
Saskatoon	Sept 23 – Sept 29/ 2013	Hotel booked; Chair in place

2014 Regionals	Proposed Dates	Comment
Moose Jaw	April 21 – 27/ 2014	Hotel needs to be booked
Salt Lake City	May 12 – 18/ 2014	Hotel needs to be booked
Edmonton	August 11 – 17/ 2014	Hotel needs to be booked
Butte	Sept 22 - 28/ 2014	Hotel booked; Chair in place

2015 Regionals	Proposed Dates	Comment
Regina	May or late August 2015	Reviewing alternate dates
Idaho (T.F.)? Casper?	May 11 to 17, 2015	First choice goes to Idaho
Calgary	Either July 20 to 26, 2015 Or July 27 to Aug 2	Summer NABC is Aug 6-16 Heritage Day is Aug 3
Montana?	Oct 14 to 21, 2015	?Bozeman?

Must stay away from Seaside (Sept 28 to Oct 4, 2015)

MOVED by Claire Jones 2nd by Ken Scott that the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

At 6:42, the Board decided to adjourn and continue the agenda items and planning on the following day.

Friday, April 13, 2012.

The meeting was reconvened at 4:44 p.m. All of the previous attendees were present but for Gwen West and Steve Bates.

7. Webmaster's report. Claire encouraged everyone to keep sending in ideas, including information from Units, as it keeps the website fresh. **MOVED** by Claire Jones, 2nd by Ken Scott that the Webmaster's report be accepted. **CARRIED**
8. New Business
 - a. Handicapping Knockouts. **MOVED** by Pam Padgett, 2nd by Mary Jo Brown that, for the next three D18 Regionals (Boise, Calgary and Kalispell) our practice of handicapping of single bracket KO's be extended to apply to all Knock Out brackets. **CARRIED**. We will evaluate feedback on this decision at the Kalispell meeting.
 - b. Special Events Coordinator. With Marie Jolley's resignation as GNT/NAP Coordinator there was discussion on how to fill that role. **MOVED** by Ken Scott, 2nd by Al Kemp that the GNT and NAP roles be re-cast as Special Events Coordinator (including coordination of any D18 STaC, or other special events that might, from time-to-time be considered) and offered with the benefits of Board equivalent per diem support when required to come to a Board Meeting (typically the spring meeting), free plays (not transferrable) at that Regional, and an annual stipend equivalent to that for the Secretary (currently \$100). **CARRIED** Ken will convey this offer to a person who is interested.
 - c. **MOVED** by Mary Jo Brown, 2nd by Andy Anderson that effective immediately, all appointed positions (currently the Special Events Coordinator & Webmaster positions) be for terms of 4 year, renewable. **CARRIED**
 - d. **MOVED** by Doug Adair, 2nd by Ken Scott that the GNT bank account in Butte be closed and the funds transferred to the Salt Lake City account. **CARRIED**
 - e. **MOVED** by Doug Adair, 2nd by Mary Jo Brown that in appreciation of her 34 years (since the inception of the GNT) of service as the GNT and NAP Coordinator, Marie Jolley be presented with free plays at all D18 Regionals for life. **CARRIED**
9. Next Meeting: Thursday & Friday, September 27 & 28, 2012, Kalispell, MT; Hilton Garden Inn
10. **MOTION** to adjourn by Pam Padgett. Adjournment at 6:11 p.m.

Online Meeting February 17, 2012

Moved by Ken Scott, Seconded by Mary Jo Brown to provide Carol lee Bellam (bridge teacher, Unit 390) with a \$300 travel subsidy if she decides to attend the Teacher of the Year (of which she is one nominee) ceremony in Memphis. The travel subsidy is conditional on confirmation that she attended the event. **CARRIED.**

Online Meeting February 17, 2012

Moved by Ken Scott, Seconded by Mary Jo Brown that in conjunction with our Board Meetings when held at Regionals, that the President normally invite the Tournament Chairperson to join us for our dinner. The invitation is subject to how much of the meeting agenda needs to be held 'in camera', and whether or not the agenda can be adjusted to balance 'in camera' aspects with the desire to thank the Tournament Chair. **CARRIED.**