

American Contract Bridge League District 18

Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors

Dates: September 28 & 29, 2012 **Location:** Blue Canyon Restaurant: Kalispell, MT

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; Marilyn Swadron, D18 Special Events Coordinator

Guests:

* Robert Hartman, ACBL CEO

* Gerry Marshall, D18 Representative on ACBL Board of Governors

1. The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 4:45 p.m. **MOVED** by Pam Padgett, 2nd by Ken Scott that the agenda be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

President Andy welcomed guest Robert Hartman who spoke to the Board about his vision for ACBL. Robert's been getting out to bridge players to learn about the unique issues of each area. A major initiative is development of a Strategic Plan for the next 5 years starting with input from members on 5 themes. So far 130 possible projects have surfaced, mostly in technology and marketing.

President Andy then welcomed guest Gerry Marshall, one of our 3 representatives on the ACBL Board of Governors. Gerry is focused on increased liaison in his role and is specifically interested in opportunities to increase attendance at club games.

2. Minutes of the April 11, 2012 meeting in Lethbridge, AB were presented as previously circulated. **MOVED** by Mary Jo Brown, 2nd by Ken Scott that the minutes be approved. **CARRIED**
3. Doug Adair presented the Treasurer's report.
 - The Boise Regional was a success, both financially and organizationally. The organizers were congratulated. Lethbridge was also financially positive and the preliminary data for Calgary indicates that it was financially positive. **MOVED** by Mary Jo Brown, 2nd by Pam Padgett that the Treasurer's report be accepted. **CARRIED**
4. Business arising from the minutes:
 - a. District 18 pencils for 2012. Al Kemp advised that the (5000) pencils advertising 2013 D18 Regionals are onsite and available for Area Reps to take back to their communities.

- b. Supplies for MT (Kalispell 2012 and Butte 2014). Mary Jo advised that the supplies for Kalispell (approximately 60% from Calgary and 40% from Kalispell) arrived as planned. Allowing \$0.25 of our \$3.00 per table for paper supplies that were shipped separately, Mary Jo will use the remaining \$2.75 per achieved table to calculate and arrange payment to the 2 primary suppliers.

Al mentioned that Idaho Falls has Duplimate capability and proposed that some portion of the \$3.000 per table budget be available for that aspect of supplies for next May's Regional in Idaho Falls. It was decided that this topic will be discussed and decided later this year using email and online voting.

- c. D18 Regionals. (Deferred to the meeting continuing tomorrow)
 - i) Review of financial results
 - ii) Review of our rotation
 - iii) Role of D18 Rep
 - iv) Program approval process
 - v) Handicapping of KO Brackets
 - vi) Local fund raising

- 5. Report from ACBL Board Liaison. Claire advised that D18 appointees this year to the ACBL honorary Committees is as follows:

Charity Committee: Joy Saville and Brian Saville (both of Calgary, AB)

Goodwill Committee: Linda Taschuk (Edmonton, AB) and Steve Visocan (Townsend, MT)

Claire reminded that he's still looking for suggestions for a recipient (ideally in the US) for the \$1000 in Charity funding available this year.

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

- 7. Webmaster's report. Claire encouraged everyone to keep sending in ideas, including information from Units, as it keeps the website fresh. Ken advised that Bob and Carolla Christie, after close to 25 years of producing Daily Bulletins for Regional sin Alberta and elsewhere, had decided that Calgary 2012 would be their final one. Shockingly, Carolla died the Saturday of the Calgary Regional. Ken will create an article on the Christie's contribution to bridge for WASUMI. **MOVED** by Claire Jones, 2nd by Ken Scott that the Webmaster's report be accepted. **CARRIED**

- 8. New Business

- a. Board of Directors – D18 2nd Alternate. D18 still has one vacancy in its appointees – an opening for a 2nd Alternate. The Board decided to leave that position vacant. In the unlikely event we need to do so we'll find a 2nd Alternate on short notice.

District	1 st Alternate	2 nd Alternate	BoG	BoG	BoG
18	Ken Scott	VACANT	Gerry Marshall	Barry Harper	Jan Anderson

- b. GNT and NAP Planning. The GNT Conditions of Contest are about to be sent out, only awaiting decisions on financial support for teams advancing.

MOVED by Al Kemp, 2nd by Mary Jo Brown that teams eligible and choosing to advance in each flight be provided with a minimum of \$1000 per team, with the amount increasing to as much as \$1500 if event proceeds permit. **CARRIED**

MOVED by Al Kemp, 2nd by Mary Jo Brown that if the winning team chooses to not advance, that the fund will be offered to the second finishing team. Should that team choose to not advance, the funds are not offered to the third or lower team choosing to advance to represent D18. **CARRIED**

MOVED by Ken Scott, 2nd by Mary Jo Brown that if the first and second finishing team choose to not advance, that the funds that would have been provided are not treated as funds available to increase the \$1000 subsidy to other advancing teams. **CARRIED**

- c. Averaging of Masterpoints for pairs games. If there is to be averaging of Masterpoints for pairs games in Regionals, this needs to be in the brochure. If the phrasing does not appear in the brochure, the default is that the Masterpoints for the higher rated player is used. This will be added to our Regional Guideline.

At 6:29, the Board decided to adjourn and continue the agenda items and planning on the following day.

The meeting reconvened at 4:55 p.m. on Friday September 29, 2012 at the MacKenzie River Pizza Restaurant in Kalispell, MT

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

6. D18 Tournament Coordinator's Report. (Deferred from yesterday)
 Claire Jones also reviewed progress by Tournament Committees for 2013, 2014 and 2015 Regionals. Following is available information:

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
Montana?	April, 2015	Bozeman?
Idaho (T.F.)? (Jackpot, NV?)	May 11 to 17, 2015	First choice goes to Idaho
Calgary	Either <u>July 20 to 26, 2015</u> Or July 27 to Aug 2	Summer NABC is Aug 6-16 Heritage Day is Aug 3
Regina	Late August 2015	Reviewing alternate dates

MOVED by Mary Jo Brown, 2nd by Pam Padgett that the Tournament Coordinator's report be accepted. **CARRIED**

4. Business arising from the minutes:

c. D18 Regionals. (Deferred from yesterday's meeting)

- i) Review of financial results. All three Regionals this year have been financially successful and it appears as though Kalispell will also be a financial success with tables projected to be near 1000.
- ii) Review of our rotation. (see 6. Tournament Coordinator's Report)
- iii) Role of D18 Rep. The Planning Committee for a Regional reports directly to the local Area Representative. The Area Representative can sign off on a hotel contract but should bounce the contract off the Treasurer in the process. D18 (and the Area Representative) are not involved in evaluation of the Regional.
- iv) Program approval process. All Regional programs need approval of the D18 Board and this is handled by the draft program being sent to the President. The process is that the Area District Representative sends the draft program to the President (or Tournament Coordinator in lieu) and with that approval the brochure goes to the D18 Tournament Director for ultimate approval. Programs should be published a year prior to the Tournament.
- v) Handicapping of KO Brackets. The D18 trial of handicapping all brackets in 2012 Regionals was highly unsuccessful. We are reverting to our original policy of handicapping of knock outs that have a single bracket.
- vi) Local fund raising. In the event that local fund raising is done for a Regional, and a national or international donor is involved, the donation is only for that Regional and is not a precedent for others.
- vii) Coffee mandatory at Regionals. This was discussed but there was no Motion.

- viii) Daily Bulletin. Given our emphasis on funds conservation, our \$750 budget for a Daily Bulletin at Regionals was discussed. It was pointed out that creating a Daily Bulletin can be problematic for a Tournament Coordinator and players are mostly interested in results that could be posted on a Bulletin Board. **MOVED** by Mary Jo Brown, 2nd by Ken Scott that we no longer provide a budget for a Daily Bulletin. **CARRIED**. Mary Jo will do a draft of what could show in our Regional Guideline.
- ix) Local Input on Regionals. Given that D18 cannot afford to run tournaments at a financial loss, changes will need to be made. Andy pointed out that it's important that we invite local input when considering changes. We'll start by doing this in Edmonton (2013) and Calgary (2015).

9. Next Meeting: Thursday & Friday, May 16 & 17, 2013, Idaho Falls, ID;

10. **MOTION** to adjourn by Pam Padgett. Adjournment at 6:15 p.m.

Online Meeting July 3, 2012

We agreed to pay our Special Events Coordinator an honorarium of \$100 per year but did not specify when it would commence. Doug could advise on whether we provide honoraria in advance or in arrears, but in either event I think this should apply for the Special Events Coordinator for this year, not commence next January 1st. A lot of her (front loaded real costs to her) phoning is to Andy, ACBL (for example, you might not know that our NAP at Kalispell did not have ACBL formal approval and she's been working hard with ACBL to get that approved) and probably some to Claire. I think we should not quibble that it's just part of a year but just provide \$100 and then another \$100 for next year at the April meeting.

MOVED by Ken Scott, Seconded by Mary Jo Brown, that the \$100 honorarium for the Special Events Coordinator be provided in advance with a full \$100 this year and then \$100 each year thereafter. **CARRIED.**

Online Meeting July 3, 2012

Normally we would invite the Special Events Coordinator to 1 meeting a year – our Spring meeting (with the same honorarium that we get). But because there has been so much for her to learn and do, plus many new learnings for us (in Kalispell there probably are going to be several Motions about the GNT, the NAP, and the STaC and we would do best to have Marilyn in the room to speak to our questions on any and all of these), I think we should make an exception and invite her to Kalispell this year (with the same honorarium as we will get) and then revert to inviting her to the Spring meeting each year starting next year. This is important to decide so Marilyn can get it on her calendar and for Mary Jo to know how many chairs will be the room for the dinner.

MOVED by Ken Scott, Seconded by Mary Jo Brown, that the Special Events Coordinator be invited to attend our Kalispell Meeting and thereafter to each of our Spring meetings. **CARRIED.**

Online Meeting July 31, 2012

Moved by Mary Jo Brown, Seconded by Pam Padgett, "That we add the following statement to our Regional Guideline:

Averaging to Determine Stratification

ACBL regulations allow stratifying by the top player's points, or by the average of the points of the pair or the team. The tournament program has to indicate if average points are used, otherwise it is assumed that the highest points determine the stratification. The decision to use highest or average stratification is a local option."

CARRIED.