

ACBL District 18

Board of Directors

MINUTES

Date: May 16, 2018

Time: 7:00 to 11:00

Location: Comfort Inn Room B, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Board Members Present: Dave Johnson, Tom Romine, Doug Adair, Jim Lucas, Debra Raugutt, Ann Vermette, Marilyn Swadron (electronically present) Claire Jones (D18 Representative to ACBL Board of Directors)

Also in Attendance: Tournament Directors Steve Bates, Doug Rankin

Board Members Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Dave Johnson, acting President, welcomed new board member Debra Raugutt.

Dave noted that the minutes from the last Board meeting had been approved and posted to the D18 website, and asked if there was any business arising from them. There was none.

Ann Vermette stated she was resigning her position because she is moving out of Saskatchewan. She is looking for a replacement.

Intermediate Newcomer Survey

Jim Lucas went over Intermediate/Newcomer survey. The results were:

I/N like some aspects of people behavior and dislike other aspects.

I/N like peer games.

I/N like mentoring opportunities

I/N like some aspects of the games and dislike other aspects

I/N Like some aspects of the setting and dislike other aspects

We do not generally recognize junior player achievements as ACBL does

Travel is not a factor

The time commitment is not a factor

Cost is not a factor

Trusted bridge friends could help players overcome personal negatives.

Also discussed was the popularity of nonlife master regionals and that Gold Rush was more popular than Swiss teams with the I/N.

STaC

Marilyn Swadron had submitted a written report via email. The participation rate on STaCs was up and back to 2015 level after the \$1 StaC fee was reduced back to the 2015 level. The District received \$2,888 Canadian and \$2,646.50 U.S from clubs. The invoice from ACBL was \$3,174.10 US. The 2018 STAC is scheduled for December 3-9, 2018 and December 9-15, 2019. Discussion was held on how to encourage the **clubs** to hold as many STaC games as possible.

Grass Root Fund Games

Marilyn Swadron submitted a written report via email. ACBL does not provide us with information on how many Grass Root Fund games are run or which units ran them. In May a club can run as many games as they have sanction for and in every other month (except January, April and September) they can run one game per month for every sanction that they have. Grass Roots is a potential source of income for the District. The units should be encouraged to run as many games as possible. Even though there is additional cost to the games, additional points are awarded.

GNT 2017-2018

Marilyn Swadron submitted a written report via email. This year's District Final had 2 teams in the Open Flight, 4 teams in Flight A and 5 teams in Flight B and 4 teams in Flight C. The GNT resulted in \$2,480 in revenue. For the first time since GNT's online introduction (2011) we were able to run a round robin.

Marilyn Swadron made three motions to change the wording in the CoC:

Motion 1 – Change the wording from:

Any player whose principal residence is greater than 100 km/60 miles from a GNT qualifying host club may have the \$40 fee waived if this is identified at the time of registration.

to:

Any player whose principal residence is greater than 100 km/60 miles from an ACBL sanctioned club may have the \$40 fee waived if this is identified at the time of registration.

Motion was approved.

Motion 2- Change the wording from:

There are no unit level competitions in District 18

to:

Unit level competitions are allowed at the discretion of the District GNT Coordinator.

After discussion motion was tabled for further review.

Motion 3-

Give the GNT Coordinator the authority to negotiate with clubs and units to run GNT qualifiers. This would be negotiating the per table fee that is currently in place for GNT qualifiers. If the clubs are willing to make a commitment to run a specific number of games, the Coordinator would be able to offer a lower table fee. Then in the following year, remove the clause in the GNT that says flight C players do not have to qualify.

After discussion motion was voted down.

NAP:

Susan Drigger sent a NAP report for the 2017-2018 year. In 2017 there were over 1300 players throughout the District that qualified for the D18 NAP finals and many of those who qualified for the Nationals went to Nationals. One pair placed nationally, Amanda Atwell and Katie Greer. The 2018 NAP qualifying games are held in June, July and August. The Final will be at the Missoula Regional on September 29, 2018. Nationals will be at the spring NABC in Memphis, TN in March 2019.

Updating the financial section of the regional tournament guidelines

Changes recommended and agreed was to remove specific numbers that are subject to change because of inflation, for example table fees, caddy fees.

Other Business

Unit 396 in Idaho Falls has agreed to host the Spring 2019 regional.

Discussed moving Lethbridge regional to Canmore due to earlier Regional Lethbridge financial losses. No decision was requested or made.

Discussed the Moonlight Swiss game in Jackpot and how it was directed by a local director at no cost and how that might save director fees in the future.

Discussed the feedback from the experimental KO game and how the team that came in second in the KO received less points than the Swiss teams did in a two session event. Per Steve Bates and Claire Jones this was because one of the teams dropped out there was no playoff and if the regulations could be changed so that the team that drops out defaults then there would be a bigger payout.

Treasurer's Report:

Doug explained that the Treasurer report is on the District 18 website.

Some logistics of tournaments were discussed casually.

Doug explained that the District is doing better in making money on the tournaments. He discussed using the Casper Regional as a model to help. Jim Lucas is working updating the financial section of the regional tournament guidelines to make it easier to follow. He will also be making up financial guidelines for Canada. Also the need to negotiate and get bids on venues. See if there can be discounted venue rates if number of rooms are booked in the hotel.

Adjournment: 11:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Debra Raugutt
Secretary, D18 Board of Directors