

American Contract Bridge League District 18

Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: May 11, 2011

Location: Marriott University Park: Salt Lake City, UT

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

Guest (From 5:50 pm on):

Al Kemp, Unit 396 (Idaho Falls) Board Member, representing Ian Martindale at the Regina Board Meeting. To accommodate guest Al, items 3a, 3c, 3e, 4, 5 and 6 were covered before his (and the dinner's) arrival.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 5:22 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 Ken Scott that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Best wishes were extended to Mary Jo Brown, Montana Representative who is currently undergoing medical surgery.

2. Minutes of the April 28, 2010 meeting in Moose Jaw, SK were presented as previously circulated. **MOVED** by Ken Scott, 2nd by Ian Martindale that the minutes be approved. **CARRIED**
3. Business arising from the minutes:
 - a. Achievements by D18 Juniors: Nothing to report.
 - b. Grand National Teams (GNT). Board Members received over-whelming evidence that the 2011 online approach to the District playoff was successful. Accordingly, it was **MOVED** by Ian Martindale, 2nd by Claire Jones that the 2012 GNT playoff again be held online. **CARRIED**. This event will be held weekend of May 11 and May 12, 2012.
 - Board Members are asked to even better promote the event, including Club Qualifying games. As an initial step, it was **MOVED** by Ken Scott, 2nd by Pam Padgett that related free plays at D18 Regionals over the next 12 months be determined on the basis of volunteer Monitors and Technical Advisors assisting at this year's online GNT to a maximum of 2 for each of the 3 sessions, and then issued to such volunteers proportionately. **CARRIED**. Ken will create a suitable typed thank you and provide it to Board Members for their distribution to the volunteers.

- c. Financial Support for Teaching of Bridge. It was reported that claims from Unit 390 (Calgary) and Unit 248 (Red Deer) had been received and approved. A claim from Unit 411 (Helena) is in progress. Our reimbursement 'top-up' program appears to be working.
 - d. Financial Policy. The pre-circulated summary of financial decisions made by District 18 Boards (adjusted and clarified for discrepancies) was **MOVED** for approval by Doug Adair, 2nd by Ken Scott. **CARRIED**
 - As a clarification to the Financial Policy, realizing that our time at Board Meetings is very short and honoraria calculations and cheques can be prepared in advance, it was **MOVED** by Claire Jones, 2nd by Ken Scott that that for calculating Board member's travel allowance the Treasurer shall use the shortest distance function from Mapquest or a similar distance calculating program. **CARRIED**.
 - As a further clarification to the Financial Policy, it was **MOVED** by Claire Jones, 2nd by Ken Scott that that for Board travel allowances, Board Members shall receive the least of either the calculated distance travel allowance or regular economy air fare. This is a standard procedure in many organizations. If air fare is less than driving and the Board member chooses to drive, the organization should not bear the additional expense. **CARRIED**.
 - e. Pencils. Ian Martindale has again volunteered to order pencils advertising 2012 District 18 Regionals. He will ask for a quote on 'square ended' (don't roll off the bridge table) pencils.
4. Doug Adair presented the Treasurer's report. **MOVED** by Doug Adair, 2nd by Ian Martindale that the Treasurer's report be accepted. **CARRIED**
 - The Treasurer's report advised that the trend of lower bank balances continues – approximately \$10,000 lower each year for the last 4 years. The trend must be checked and as our only source of revenue is profits from Regionals, the entry fees will need to be increased. The rise in the Canadian dollar might help a bit on the Canadian side. **MOVED** by Doug Adair, 2nd by Claire Jones that effective January 1, 2012, the entry fee at US Regionals be increased by \$1.00 from \$11.00 to \$12.00 US and at Canadian Regionals by \$0.50 from \$12.50 to \$13.00 CDN (the Canadian fee includes GST). **CARRIED**. Boise will reprint its brochure with the revised entry fee.
 5. Report from ACBL Board. Claire Jones drew attention to the following items:
 - Board Member submissions of worthy candidates for the Charity and Goodwill Committees are again requested. Names to be sent to Claire. Also, District 18 has a vacancy for a Member on the Board of Governors. This organization meets the first Sunday of each NABC and as no travel expenses are reimbursed, it's best to find a person who would normally be at most NABCs. Names to go to Claire. Finally, ACBL is again providing \$10,000 to be made available to worthy charities in District 18. Suggestions are to be forwarded to Claire.

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 reviewed progress by Tournament Committees for 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 Regionals. He advised that locations and dates are firming up for 2015. He requested that Moose Jaw and Edmonton determine their preferred week for 2014. Programs for Lethbridge, Calgary and Kalispell should be worked on, printed and distributed. Following is information available:

2011 Regionals	Proposed Dates	Comment
SLC	May 9 – 15/ 2011	In Progress
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 in place
Boise	May 14 – 20/ 2012	Hotel & Chair in place
Calgary	August 6 – 12/ 2012	Hotel & Chair in place Aug 6 is Civic Day
Kalispell	Sept 24 – 30/ 2012	Hotel & Chair in place

2013 Regionals	Proposed Dates	Comment
Idaho Falls	May 20 – 26/ 2013	Hotel & Chair in place
Great Falls	July 8 – 14/ 2013	Hotel & Chair in place
Red Deer	August 12 – 18/ 2013	Hotel booked
Saskatoon	Sept 23 – Sept 29/ 2013	Hotel & Chair in place

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
Butte	Sept 22 - 28/ 2014	Projected

The inaugural D18-wide STaC game Dec 6 to 12, 2010 was well received and showed a profit. The Board decided to try a second one but try to hold it in January instead of December. Accordingly it will tentatively be scheduled for the week of January 16 through 22, 2012 and Lon Doll (Billings) will be asked to again organize it with profit sharing as before.

MOVED by Pam Padgett 2nd by Ken Scott that the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

7. Webmaster's report. Claire encouraged everyone to keep sending in ideas as it keeps the website fresh. Mary Jo is finalizing the travelling bulletin boards to reflect the new look of the website and they'll be available for the Billings Regional. **MOVED** by Claire Jones, 2nd by Pam Padgett that the Webmaster's report be accepted. **CARRIED**

8. New Business

- a. Table Supplies. The 2-year agreement for Unit 573 (Regina) to provide tables and supplies for Montana and Wyoming Regionals expires this year. The \$3 (US) per achieved table appears to be adequate but mileage reimbursement will be required in the future. It was decided that each area representative should make arrangements for supplies for their Regionals. The contact in Regina is Cal McLeod.

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2011, Regina, SK; Regina Inn

10. **MOTION** to adjourn by Pam Padgett. Adjournment at 7:00 p.m.