

American Contract Bridge League District 18

Minutes for Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: September 28, 2011

Location: Regina Inn: Regina, DK

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

1. The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 4:56 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**

A warm welcome was extended to Al Kemp, newly elected Idaho Representative who is attending his inaugural meeting. Thanks also to Pam Padgett for serving her first term as Elections Officer.

Many thanks and best wishes to Ian Martindale who has stepped down as the representative from Idaho for the past 11 years, including 5 years as President and 5 years as Secretary.

2. Minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting in Salt Lake City, UT were presented as previously circulated. **MOVED** by Ken Scott, 2nd by Doug Adair 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) 2011. This 2012 event will be held weekend of May 11 and May 12, 2012.

- Motion re Q'ing. After discussion of the options available, it was **MOVED** by Pam Padgett, 2nd by Doug Adair that for future GNT playoffs, that while all participants are encouraged to club qualify at a club within District 18, for those who are unable to do so for whatever reason, they can buy into the District level playoff for a fee of \$40 per person. **CARRIED**.

In the future, to eliminate the need for costs conversion from one currency to another, GNT teams will send their entry fees to the Board Representative for that area and that rep will put the fee in the bank for that country. This will eliminate the need for the 'GNT bank account' (in Montana) which will be closed at some future date.

- Teams advancing. It was clarified that for each of our flights, the winning team is offered our financial support to advance, and if that team declines, then the next finishing team in that flight is offered the funds, and if declining, then the next winning team and so on. The online approach requires additional administration to enable this to happen.
- c. District 18 pencils for 2012. Al Kemp volunteered to organize the purchase of pencils (advertising coming D18 Regionals) for future years.
 - d. Supplies for MT (Kalispell 2012). Transporting tournament paper supplies across the US/Canadian border is problematic as it's a one-way journey (unlike tables, they aren't taken across and then brought back) so in future, the area representative (Mary Jo for Kalispell) will arrange for paper supplies to be mailed or Fed-Ex'd ahead. Mary Jo will talk with Cal McLeod (Unit 573, South SK) to achieve a contract for future supply of tables etc. (but not paper supplies). Al will check with Ian regarding the situation for Boise.
4. Doug Adair presented the Treasurer's report. **MOVED** by Mary Jo Brown, 2nd by Al Kemp that the Treasurer's report be accepted. **CARRIED**
 - The Treasurer's report advised that the Edmonton, Billings and Salt Lake City Regionals all showed positive bottom line but we still need to be vigilant about costs and revenues as annually we need to show enough surplus to cover about \$23,000 in administrative costs.
 5. Report from ACBL Board. Claire Jones drew attention to the following items:
 - The annual Charity and Goodwill 'winners' have been decided and will shortly be announced by mailing the certificate and pin to recipients.
 - The \$10,000 Charity funding available this year has been partly distributed - \$5000 to the Canadian Paraplegic Association, Alberta and \$3000 to the Saskatchewan Children's Hospital. Board Members will send suggestions for the remaining funds to Claire for consideration.
 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 reminded that our second D18-wide STaC game is scheduled for the week of December 5 through 11, 2011. Lon Doll (Billings) will again organize it with profit sharing as before.

Claire Jones also reviewed progress by Tournament Committees for 2012, 2013, and 2014 Regionals. He advised that locations and dates are firming up for 2015 but dates may be impacted by the August NABC in Chicago and possibly by Unit 394's (Boise) petition.

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 Aug 6 is Civic Day
Kalispell	Sept 24 – 30/ 2012	Hotel booked; Chair in place *

* The Kalispell program already printed (for about \$425) needs to be re-printed as it does not include information on the District level NAP. Mary Jo will work with the Planning Committee on this.

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

2014 Regionals	Proposed Dates	Comment
Moose Jaw	April 7 – 13/ 2014	Projected Watch potential conflict with D19 Vancouver Regional
Salt Lake City	May 12 – 18/ 2014	Projected
Edmonton	August 11 – 17/ 2014	Hotel has a hold
Butte	Sept 22 - 28/ 2014	Hotel booked; Chair in place

Handicapping knock outs. There was discussion about potentially extending our handicapping of single bracket KO's to those that have two brackets. We decided to leave it as it is – just handicap the single bracket KO's.

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

7. Webmaster's report. Claire encouraged everyone to keep sending in ideas as it keeps the website fresh. Claire continues to post tournament programs on the site and also to email out reminders, copying the state or province rep. **MOVED** by Mary Jo Brown, 2nd by Ken Scott that the Webmaster's report be accepted. **CARRIED**

8. New Business

- a. ByLaws Update. With the realization that our ByLaws were silent on what do to if/when a Board Member resigns mid-term, the ByLaws have been re-drafted. Clauses have been drafted to enable online meetings and a few minor ('cosmetic') adjustments are proposed. **MOVED** by Mary Jo Brown 2nd by Al Kemp that the ByLaws be approved as previously circulated. **CARRIED**. Many thanks to Doug Schmeiser and Martin McDonald who provided helpful comments on drafts.
- b. Use of Bidding Boxes at D18 Regionals. Steve Bates will check with ACBL, and get back to us regarding any policy on the use/non use of bidding boxes.
- c. Cellphone Policy. **MOVED** by Al Kemp, 2nd by Claire Jones that during a Regional tournament session, if a participant's cellphone rings, there will be a penalty. **CARRIED**.
- d. Unit 394 interest in re-aligning with D20. It was reported that a District does not have any 'upfront' role in border re-alignment and rather that Units approach ACBL and there is a review process where a District has input.
- e. Tourism Calgary's renewed interest in a Calgary NABC. Ken reported that Tourism Calgary is revisiting the possibility of an NABC in Calgary. It would need to be a summer NABC, and the current openings are 2017, 2018 and 2019. Ken and Dave Johnson (a former President of Unit 390 involved in a previous NABC application) are providing input to Tourism Calgary.

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2012, Lethbridge, AB; Lethbridge Lodge Hotel

10. **MOTION** to adjourn by Pam Padgett. Adjournment at 7:17 p.m.