

DISTRICT 18 of A.C.B.L.  
BOARD MEETING  
July 22, 1972

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of District 18 was held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, on Saturday, July 22, 1972, at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Allen L. McAlear, President, Bozeman, Montana  
Vonda C. White, Secretary-Treasurer, Cody, Wyoming  
Robert Donaldson, Ogden, Utah  
Jean Erikson, Edmonton, Alberta  
Dr. B. D. Bryson, Boise, Idaho  
Robin MacNab, National Board Representative, Bozeman  
Ken McGuirl, Western Conference Rep., Saskatoon  
Evelyn Heal, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan  
Jack T. Murphy, Calgary, Alberta  
Frank Ketner, Calgary, Alberta  
Diana McAlear, Bozeman, Montana

Absent: Marge Thierman, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

The new board members were seated and, in view of Mrs. Thierman's illness, Dr. Stan Abrams was appointed as assistant representative for Saskatchewan. Dr. Abrams was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Petitions for 1973 regionals were submitted as follows:

April 24-29, Salt Lake City, Utah -- presented by Bob Donaldson  
The Salt Palace has ample room and very good playing conditions. The schedule suggested is: Tuesday, KO; Wednesday, KO; Thursday, KO and one-session Unmixed Pairs in the afternoon and Mixed Pairs in the evening; Friday, Masters Pairs; Saturday, Open; Sunday, Swiss. It was agreed to award Salt Lake City eight red-point sessions for this regional.

July 16-22, Calgary, Alberta -- presented by Frank Ketner  
The Calgary Inn has accommodated regionals very adequately in past years. Permission has already been granted for overlapping the Wash., D.C. Nationals by a few days. The proposed schedule is: Monday, KO in the afternoon, Charity Game in the evening; Tuesday, KO in the afternoon and Unmixed Pairs in the evening (with a champagne party); Wednesday and Thursday, KO and Men's & Women's afternoons and Mixed evenings; Friday, Masters Pairs; Saturday, Open; Sunday, Swiss. Eleven red-point sessions were approved for this regional.

September 2-7, Regina, Billings and Helena requested regionals for the fall of 1973. Montana was promised the 1974 fall regional and eight red-point sessions were approved for Regina for 1973.

Calgary asked that they be granted a regional every other year. Ten red-point sessions were allotted to them in 1975, with other years to be negotiated later.

Tentative 1974 regional assignments are as follows:

Spring -- Idaho

July 29-August 4 -- Edmonton, Alberta

September 30-October 5 -- Montana

Dates and places will be finalized at the Board Meeting in Boise.

Permission was granted to Saskatoon to hold their sectional during the time of the Salt Lake City regional if they so choose. And Saskatoon was granted permission to hold a sectional concurrently with the October regional in Boise.

Phil Wood stepped in and gave a report of the Klondike regional to date. Attendance is a little disappointing, but, after some negotiating, the hotel space will be free. The tournament is well staffed and the entertainment has been exceptional. He explained how the prize plan was being implemented and suggested the Board decide how to handle the Golden Age refunds.

Rather than set a precedent, it was decided the Golden Age refunds should be absorbed by the Edmonton Unit and that in the future such refunds will not be handled by the tournament, nor be printed on the programs, but must be the sole responsibility of the host unit.

Officers elected for the next two years were: Stan Abrams, President; Vonda White, Secretary-Treasurer. Bob Donaldson will be tournament coordinator and Jean Erikson will be responsible for assigning an editor for the Contract Bridge Forum and seeing that information reaches the publisher by the due date of the 20th of each month. Her address is: #2 6233 124th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, and any news should be forwarded to her until an editor is assigned.

A financial report was presented showing \$1,620.84 cash in the bank and a net worth of \$1,194.01. It was pointed out that the \$250.00 advanced for the Edmonton tournament was not an expense, making the actual net worth \$1,444.01. Approval was granted to pay Billings their share of the regional profit.

The prize plan and, in connection with it, the present responsibility and organization of the Western Conference were discussed. The authority of the Western Conference to dictate that all western regionals give prizes was questioned. It was pointed out that the results of a recent survey at a bridge tournament showed 60% in favor of continuing the prize plan. For the present time, District 18 will give uniform prizes at their regionals.

The office of Chairman of the Board was established, to be filled by the outgoing president if he is then serving on the Board. The responsibility of the office will be to preside at meetings in the absence of the president. Allen McAlear will hold this position for the next two years.

Bob Donaldson has worked up a mailing and printing procedure for programs and would work with any units within the district on their regional or sectional programs. The cost is considerably less than the A.C.B.L. offering.

He also suggested that the Board should be expanded to ten members, including four at-large members representing overlapping areas. This item was tabled until the meeting in Boise, due to shortage of time.

The membership meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. today, as Robin MacNab must leave early to attend National Board Meetings in Denver.

Robin presented the new plan for the Grand National Teams which will allow teams from the 25 A.C.B.L. districts the opportunity to compete to represent the United States. He asked for opinions on whether the team should consist of only district members or if one outsider should be allowed. Most were of the opinion that membership on the teams should be restricted to District residents. On the question of which way the play-off zones should be divided, there was no strong feeling. The players would finance the first game, which would be a play-off among the District teams; the District would finance the play-off within our zone; and the A.C.B.L. would finance the play-off among the five zones. The winner would then compete with the winners of the Vanderbilt, Spingold and Reisinger events to determine which team would represent the U.S. in the Bermuda Bowl.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Vonda C. White  
Secretary-Treasurer