

DISTRICT 18 of A.C.B.L.
BOARD MEETING
October 14, 1972

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of District 18 was held in Boise, Idaho on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15, 1972, convening at 10:00 a.m. the 14th.

Present: Dr. Stan Abrams, President, Regina, Saskatchewan
Vonda C. White, Secretary-Treasurer, Cody, Wyoming
Allen L. McAlear, Chair. of the Board, Bozeman, Mont.
Robert Donaldson, Tournament Coord., Ogden, Utah
Jean Erikson, Editor, Edmonton, Alberta
Dr. Boyd D. Bryson, Boise, Idaho
Robin MacNab, National Board Rep., Bozeman, Mont.

Absent: Ken McGuirl, Western Conference Rep., Saskatoon

Others in attendance for part of meetings: Percy Bean, Don Oakie, Phil Wood, Harold Shaw and representatives from the Billings Unit.

Don Oakie discussed the method being used by District #21 for selecting a team to represent them in the Grand National Open Team-of-Four. Their plan is to qualify one or two teams from each sectional tournament held in their district and hold a double elimination in San Francisco in the spring.

Representatives from the Billings Unit presented a proposal for a regional there October 2-6, 1974. After discussing the relative weather drawbacks for Montana and Idaho, it was decided to award Billings this date and Boise a spring regional in 1974. Dr. Bryson and Bob Donaldson to settle on a date acceptable to the Rodeway Inn and the tournament schedule. (May 6 - 12, 1974 was set and the hotel has been reserved.)

Edmonton requested approval for a regional there in 1978 in connection with their centennial celebration and this was granted.

The minutes were approved as previously submitted; and the financial statement was presented and approved.

The outstanding bill due the Salt Palace was discussed and a letter from the current manager, Mr. Borg, was read. It was felt the \$510.00 for 127 hours of labor was high and could, perhaps, be negotiated. Dr. Abrams appointed a committee of Bob Donaldson, Allen McAlear and Vonda White to discuss this matter with the Salt Lake City Unit president and report a proposed solution to the Board on Sunday.

The Edmonton Regional report was submitted and discussed. With several unresolved items in connection with this tournament, division of profits with the unit will necessarily have to be delayed. Phil Wood suggested we might write the League regarding some relief of the high bill for programs, inasmuch as it appeared extra postage was affixed to those programs sent to Canada and some were late. The secretary is to write such a letter and Robin MacNab will take it with him to the National Board Meeting next month and try to get an adjustment. The Board expressed its thanks to the Edmonton Unit for a fine regional.

Bob Donaldson reported that the Salt Lake City regional budget is prepared in rough form and he will submit a copy to the secretary as soon as possible.

A budget is to be submitted by Calgary for their regional no later than the board meeting in Salt Lake City in April, 1973. Since one-session red-point events are not allowed by the ACBL, the Calgary regional red point allocation was decreased to ten red point sessions.

Dr. Abrams expressed concern over the poor financial status of the district. It was decided to rescind the action taken at the August 14, 1971 Board meeting regarding distribution of regional profits. And, where a host unit exceeds their budget on entertainment or other items, the unit may be held responsible for the extra costs.

Bob Donaldson withdrew his petition that we consider enlarging the Board, unless at a later date it seems advisable.

A letter from Ken McGuirl regarding a district game was discussed. The date of February 16, 1973 was set for this game. Board members are expected to cooperate with him in this endeavor.

Bob Donaldson was appointed a committee of one to report to the Board at the Salt Lake City meeting a proposal for preparing uniform programs in the most economical way for regionals in District 18. If this proposal meets the approval of the Board he will become the official printer, publisher and distributor of District 18 regional programs. The units are to be so notified.

Bob presented a schedule of approved sectional tournament dates for the District. These dates may be used by the units without further approval and only if they wish to change their date must Board approval be obtained. This schedule is to be printed in the Forum.

Glendive Unit is concerned that they have not had Saskatchewan players in attendance at their sectionals. The timing of the tournaments was discussed and Dr. Abrams will attempt to improve this situation.

For his extra efforts on behalf of District 18 in connection with scheduling and directing our regionals, a bonus was approved for Phil Wood.

Due to shortness of time, the meeting will continue Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Harold Shaw was asked to return at that time to discuss the new Forum format. A procedure will be approved for the Grand National Team play-offs then, too. Following this meeting, a special meeting will be held to amend the by-laws.

Board reconvened Sunday, October 15, 1972, at 9:00 a.m.

Harold Shaw discussed the new format used in the Forum. This will give front page coverage to individual districts and their news. He suggested we might encourage our units to advertise therein, four or five months in advance of sectionals and regionals, such ads costing \$25.00 for one quarter page and \$50.00 for one-half page. He encouraged the use of pictures.

It was brought up that distribution of the Forum to parts of Canada was very slow and that news was so old by the time it reached them it was of little value. Harold said a new weekly mailing program is being initiated which should produce faster service.

Regarding the Salt Palace bill, Bob reported that he and the Salt Lake City Unit president, Mrs. Sam Efnor, would meet with Mr. Borg on Tuesday, October 17, and that any amount negotiated off the bill would be credited against the \$230.00 owed the District by the Salt Lake City unit from the tournament. The balance of the bill will then be paid and Salt Lake City unit will remit any balance they owe and this will clean up the accounting for the August, 1971 regional in Salt Lake City.

The Board members are to meet immediately after the bridge game Sunday night to have a group picture taken for publication in the Forum.

Suggestions and discussion was presented regarding a method of arriving at a team to represent the District in the Grand National Open Team-of-Four.

Allen McAlear suggested one weekend event be held at a central location of Swiss-type matches scored with Victory points. He has made tentative arrangements with a hotel in Helena, Montana.

Bob Donaldson presented a plan to hold several area championships, the winners of which would draw a first-round bye for the playoff.

Jean Erikson reported that Alberta players did not like the idea of playing at one central location.

It was compromised that local playoffs would be held in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Western Montana, Eastern Montana and Wyoming, Utah and Idaho. Proceeds from these games, less necessary expenses, would go to the District and, depending on the amount collected, some money would be returned to the winning teams to be used for card fees or expenses in connection with the playoffs in Helena. These six area winners would not be required to play in the qualifying rounds. The other teams entering in Helena would be reduced to 10 teams and these 16 teams would play a knock-out to determine the winner. A player may play on as many teams as he wishes until he qualifies for the playoffs. Allen McAlear and Bob Donaldson are to reduce this procedure to writing and submit it to the Board members as soon as possible, drawing up guidelines for holding the area playoffs. The area Board members are then responsible for setting up the game and submitting plans for same to Bob who will approve them on the basis of compliance with ACBL regulations.

Difficulty was encountered in finding a date prior to the April 30th deadline where weather and other tournaments would not conflict and for which the hotel was available. Robin said he would attempt at the National Board Meeting to get a two-week extension for 1973.

Special meeting for revision of by-laws convened at 10:30 a.m.

With time so short, Board members were asked to carefully review the by-laws, with particular attention to Article III, Section 1 E; Article V, Section 3 and Article VI, Sections 4 & 5, and a special meeting will be held in Salt Lake City to draw up revisions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.