

DISTRICT 18 of A.C.B.L.
BOARD MEETING
September 22-23, 1973

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of District 18 was held in Regina, Saskatchewan on Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23, 1973, convening at 9:00 a.m. the 22nd.

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
Dr. Boyd D. Bryson, Boise, Idaho
Ken McGuirl, Western Conference Rep., Saskatoon, Sask.

Absent: Jean Erikson, Editor, Edmonton, Alberta
Robin MacNab, National Board Rep., Bozeman, Montana

Others in attendance for part of the meetings: Phil Wood, Pat Smolensky of Calgary.

The minutes of the July 1973 meeting were approved.

The financial report was discussed and approved.

The Calgary regional report was submitted. Since all the bills may not be paid at this time distribution of the profit sharing will be approved at the Boise Regional in May of 1974. A charge for lost equipment was made to this regional and the secretary is to write the League for information on insurance they might carry for such loss.

Applications for regionals in 1975 were presented by:

Saskatoon for September 30 to October 5
Great Falls, at the Heritage Inn, October 8-14
Butte at the Colonial Inn in Helena in October

The formula was set aside for 1975 and the board approved Saskatoon and Butte provided Helena would co-host the tournament. The 1975 regionals scheduled for District 18 are:

Intermountain Empire Regional, Butte/Helena, May 12-18
Calgary, Alberta, July 14-20
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, September 30-October 5

Phil Wood presented a report on the Regina Regional which will be slightly over 1,000 tables. He said the cooperation of the hotel has been exceptional.

Difficulties in filling the District 18 page of the Forum were discussed. Helen Roche of Calgary was suggested as a possible editor. Stan will contact her in this regard and write Jean. Stan is to speak to Luise Embry to try to enlist her cooperation in submitting a monthly sectional tournament report along with Bob for the District 18 page. Representatives were encouraged to submit material and solicit material from their areas. Mac was given board approval to write an editorial for this page to acquaint the western bridge players with his plan to get the election procedures changed so that the three elections (National Board, Western Conference, District) can be held on one ballot.

Bob presented his plan for the Grand National Teams playoff in the district. Everyone was pleased with his suggestions. If League approval is not granted for this he has an alternate method in mind to use. When approval is obtained Bob will disseminate the information and get these playoffs underway. He will ask for May 3 - 5 for the district playoff. If the League approves this they will be held at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls.

A letter from the Salt Lake Unit regarding Western Conference relationships was discussed and Bob informed the group that he has discussed this matter with the Salt Lake City people and they can now see the value of continuing as part of the Western Conference for the time being. The secretary was asked to write the Western Conference asking them to justify their expenses and to get information on the plans for subsidizing daily bulletins and novice games held at regionals.

Tucker and Vonda were appointed to the election committee.

The district fund game for 1975 was discussed and Pat Smolensky accepted the responsibility to see that it is held. Dates suggested for this game were January 18, February 15 or 27.

Complaints have been received regarding the badly worn cards being used at this tournament and the secretary was asked to write Walt Alex about this.