

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of District 18 met Friday, September 18, 1998, in Missoula, Montana. In attendance were Board members Ron Hemeon, Karen Eble, Floyd Hawley, Lila Cochran, Kay Reese and Barry Pritchard; and Tournament Directors Roger Putnam, Bob Donaldson, Marie Jolley and Steve Bates.

Ron Hemeon, President called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting held in Sun Valley, Idaho, were read and approved. Ron reported that a letter announcing the District's support of zero tolerance behavior had been sent to all units in the district.

A discussion was held regarding the election for Board members and it was felt that there were still some gray areas in the Election procedure concerning the mailing of ballots. After full discussion Lila moved that the election Procedure be amended to read that ballots must be postmarked by a particular date. Floyd seconded and the motion carried. Barry opposed.

Sue McKoskery gave the Wasumi report and reported no problems.

Floyd Hawley presented the treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached. Floyd recommended not raising entry fees this year but stressed that chairpersons must adhere to guidelines.

The contract for tables and supplies with Pacific Delectables, Inc., is up for renewal. The Board was reminded that an amendment was made on May 1996 to their original contract providing for a minimum table count of 1,000 tables per regional and a minimum charge per senior's regionals of \$1,000.00. A copy of that amendment is attached. It was suggested we try to negotiate a 900 table minimum with a cost of living increase over the next five years.

Roger Putnam reported that the tournament was not doing as well as anticipated and projected a total count of 688 rather than the 800 tables predicted, however, did not feel that the hospitality allowance would hurt.

Roger reported on the Montana tournament September 24 through October 1, 2000, and said that the playing area in Kalispell would cost \$9,000.00 as opposed to Butte which would cost \$2,000. Marie felt that the Butte players would love to host a regional and suggested that Janet Ralph would likely chair the event. The Board felt that such a significant difference in cost could not be overlooked and agreed to proceed with plans for Butte.

Kay Reese reported on the progress of the Utah tournament May 10 - 16, 1999 to be held at Cavanaugh's in Salt Lake City at \$300.00 per day. The room rate is \$89.00 per night however the District had a contract with the hotel in Ogden and because of their inability to provide space they have agreed to subsidize room rates at \$25.00 per day. Roger presented a suggested schedule for Salt Lake which is the same as the Missoula schedule however suggested trying a continuous pairs event in the mornings coinciding with the KO teams. Jackie Jones and Vi Corkle are co-chair for the tournament.

Lila reported Idaho Falls would like to host a regional in Idaho Falls at Cavanaugh's by the Falls (formerly the Westbank) May 8 through 14, 2000, in Idaho Falls. Cavanaugh's under the same circumstances as in 1995 with no room rental provided we spend at least as much on hospitality as they have done in the past. Floyd moved we hold a regional in Idaho Falls, Idaho May 8 through 14, 2000, and Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried and Lila was directed to appoint a tournament chairperson.

No chairperson has been selected for the Calgary Regional July 3 through 5, 2000, and Barry was asked to select one. Barry moved we have a regional in Lethbridge in April, 2000, the week of the 3rd and in Red Deer in July of 2001.

Roger will contact the host hotel in Boise for the third week in April for the year 2001. Lila is working on getting a chairperson for the tournament.

Floyd reported the Casper Parkway Plaza offered a \$54.00 room rate, August 6-12, 2001. Floyd moved we hold a regional August 6-12, 2001, and Lila seconded.

The floor was turned over to Larry Chow and Lynda Cole to discuss renewal of their contract for tables and supplies. Larry presented a background for the Board's information. Their first contract was with District 19. Six months later District 18 hired them and District 20 one year after that. Larry and Lynda attempted to keep the costs at all three districts the same. As a result everyone was paying \$1.75 per table. District 20 then went on a cost of living increase set at Portland, Oregon, which was 7%, bringing them to \$1.82 per table. Larry and Lynda hope to keep all three districts the same with a cost of living fixed term for five years, however, would agree to a 900 table minimum for District 18. Larry and Lynda were commended for their professionalism and their upkeep of supplies. After full discussion it was moved and seconded that the District renew their contract for five years with a 900 table per tournament minimum and a cost of living increase, plus a \$236.00 set up fee. Ron will draw up the contract to be signed at the Salt Lake Regional. Larry will provide the CPI.

Ron presented a letter from J. D. Saville, of the Calgary Unit regarding the scheduling of the GNT on a weekend in conflict with a Calgary 99er sectional. District 18 policy dictates that no sectional shall be held in conflict with this weekend. The Unit does not feel that the 99er tournament is in conflict with the GNT and asked to schedule for that same weekend. The Board agreed that the sectional would indeed conflict with the GNT since there are many B and C players competing in that event and therefore rejected their proposal. Ron asked that Bob Donaldson write a letter of explanation to the Calgary Unit for Ron's signature.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene Saturday morning.

The Board met Saturday morning, September 19, 1998, with all members of the Board and ACBL President Dick Anderson present. Dick had been excused from Friday's meeting because of illness.

The Board discussed the topic of stratiflighting flight A. Floyd moved that we discuss the matter with the tournament directors and discuss the matter with the recommendation of the directors at the next meeting and to further discuss our schedule of events in general.

Dick Anderson asked if the Board felt the District needed three regionals per year. Floyd suggested we have Bob look at the schedule for the following years. The main consensus was that three is too many.

Dick suggested that tournament chairpersons be urged to announce in flyers that our district provides the cheapest hotel rates and the best entry fees.

Marie Jolley reported on the Grand National Teams. The winning team for Flights A and C each received the \$1,500 supplement for competing in the Nationals. Karen Eble reported that she had had a complaint from Tony Morris regarding the victory point setup for Flight A, feeling that victory points only benefits the pros. The Board agreed that the schedule had not yet been given a fair chance and we should continue on with the current schedule. The Board voted to subsidize the three flights of the GNT to be held in Great Falls May 21-23, 1999 \$1,500.00 per team for those teams competing in the Nationals.

The Board discussed payment to the narrators of panel shows at regionals and it was determined that there is a large discrepancy between what each site pays. Many tournaments pay large amounts to the narrators out of the hospitality fund. It was recognized that the narrators do a lot of preparation for the shows, however, many of the professionals do not like to take money because they see it as an opportunity for pay back

and also that it was good exposure for them. The Board felt the monetary payment should be uniform from site to site and it was therefor moved, seconded and unanimously resolved to pay the narrator of the Friday night panel show the sum of \$50.00. No other payments are to be made either by the District or out of the hospitality fund for any other night or for any other persons, including panelists. Lila was directed to make the appropriate change in the Regional Guidelines.

Floyd again urged Board members to work with their chairpersons to assure they stay within their budget for hospitality and advertising.

The meeting was then adjourned to meet next in Salt Lake City the week of May 14, 1999.