

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF DISTRICT 18

The Board of Directors of District 18 met Friday, September 27, 1996, in Billings, Montana. In attendance were Board members, Ron Hemeon, Karen Eble, Floyd Hawley, Lila Cochran, Floyd Derkat and Kay Reese; the District's Representative on the National Board, Dick Anderson; Tournament Directors, Roger Putnam, Bob Donaldson, Steve Bates and Marie Jolly; and special guest, President of ACBL, Dudley Brown.

Ron Hemeon, President, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah were discussed and approved.

Floyd Hawley presented the treasurer's report, a copy of which is attached. Floyd Derkat moved to accept the report and Kay Reese seconded the motion.

The President reported that the transfer of Brigham City, Unit #385, to the Ogden Unit #389 and the transfer of Glasgow Unit #407 to the Malta Unit #15 had been accomplished. ^{was?}
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ACBL acknowledged the District's donation of \$18.00 to the Charity of the Year and the Canadian Bridge Federation Charitable Fund acknowledged the District's donation of \$66.00 during the Senior's split site regional in Wendover and Moose Jaw.

Dick Anderson reported on the Fall National in Miami, Florida. A discussion was held regarding the discontinuance of services for non paying members and the extra \$2.00 charge per entry fee at sectionals and regionals, \$1.00 of which goes to ACBL and \$1.00 remains with the sponsoring organization. Some concern was voiced that the plan may backfire, however, the general consensus of the Board was that people should not expect ACBL's service for nothing and felt it was a fair. The extra fee proposal is pending final approval.

Dick also reported on the Classic Game which has been approved for immediate implementation. The game allows only those basic conventions used by the large majority of players. There will be no alerts, director calls should be far less frequent and committees a thing of the past. The game would be held opposite an open game and will be scored across the field with an open section being held simultaneously. The event should be announced in the Wasumi and Lila will encourage the Boise committee to offer the event during their upcoming Regional in May of 1997.

Lila requested an advance of \$1,000.00 for the Boise Unit for their Regional. The request was approved.

Floyd Derkat presented a report on trophies after extensive research, a copy of which is attached. Dick moved that we not have a Phil Wood trophy unless it can be better defined. Kay seconded and the motion carried.

Floyd Hawley suggested we establish a Phil Wood trophy such as a plaque to be presented to the future master of the year. The trophy would be presented to a player with 0 to 20 points winning the most points won at District regionals effective January 1, 1996. Bob Donaldson and Kay Reese volunteered to find an appropriate trophy. The motion was moved, seconded and unanimously carried.

Bob announced that Ogden would like to have a split site senior regional with Moose Jaw July 14 through 18, 1998. The hotel has been contacted and negotiations are pending. It would not be necessary for Bob to have a room and Roger would have a comp room. Floyd Hawley then moved that Ogden have a split site regional with Moose Jaw July 14 through 18, 1998, and Kay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene the following morning.

The meeting reconvened Saturday a.m. September 28, 1996. All members were present with the exception of Lila Cochran who was excused from the meeting.

It was moved by Floyd Hawley that District players under the age of 26 be allowed to play at one half the entry fee. Floyd Derkat seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding promotion and educational programs. Floyd Hawley moved that upon written request for assistance, bridge promotion and educational programs may be subsidized subject to financial status of the District. *and approved by the District*

A discussion was held regarding board members receiving free plays for North American Open Pairs. It was agreed that members must have paid their dues before the finals in order to be eligible for travel expenses. *Not done*

Floyd Hawley advised that there is still \$350.00 left for 1996 for the TAP assistance.

Steve reported on a survey done at the Moose Jaw Senior Regional. Seventy percent of those answering the survey were in favor of a 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. starting time.

It was pointed out that the Billings flyer did not mention that it was a regional tournament. It was also discussed that a freeway exit number on the flyer would be helpful. Board members should be alert to these suggestions in reviewing flyers.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned to reconvene in Boise, Idaho, in June, 1998. 1997

Lila Cochran, Secretary