

DISTRICT 18 of A.C.B.L.  
BOARD MEETING  
August 14, 1971

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of District 18 was held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on August 14, 1971, at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Allen L. McAlear, President, Bozeman, Montana  
Vonda C. White, Secretary-Treasurer, Cody, Wyoming  
Dr. G. Richard Lee, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Gene Erickson, Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
Roger Johnson, Idaho Falls, Idaho  
Robin MacNab, National Board Representative, Bozeman

Absent: Marge Thierman, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Jack T. Murphy, Calgary (represented by Erickson)  
Mark Fortsch, Idaho (represented by Johnson)  
Ken McGuirl, Western Conference Rep., Saskatoon

Phil Wood sat in on part of the meeting which regarded tournament planning.

A brief report was given of Board and tournament committee meetings held the 11th and 12th, where a tournament budget for SLC was submitted along with tournament progress reports which presented a good outlook for the regional.

At the August 12th meeting, Robin MacNab gave a brief history of bridge organization to help clarify how we got where we are today and encourage cooperation and patients in the early phases of the District 18 organization.

A financial report was presented showing \$97.43 balance plus \$526.00 advanced to Salt Lake City for the regional, making \$623.43 in the District treasury.

A request was submitted by Dr. Keller, President of the Boise Unit, to hold a regional in Boise in July of 1972. With the Oregon Trail Regional July 1-8, Edmonton 11-17 and the nationals in Denver 21-30, it was felt that either October or May would be a better time for this tournament. The Boise Unit is to present a tournament budget to the District Board at the Billings Regional (October 5-11) and if they can show a projected profit, their request for a regional will be granted.

Programs are out for the Billings Regional and planning for this tournament is in the final phases. The staff will consist of Phil Wood, Bryan and Jennifer May, Bill Adams, Luise Embry, Bob Donaldson and Charles McGracken. The Billings unit is to submit a budget to the Board as soon as possible.

Plans for the Edmonton Regional next July are well underway. The tentative schedule is 40 Club (Sundays) Wednesday 40 Club

Consolation Thursday, Masters and Non-Masters Friday, Mixed Saturday, Open Sunday and Swiss Monday. They are considering an IMP pair game opposite the KO. Of the District's 18 red point sessions, 8 are being allotted to Edmonton. The Edmonton Unit is to submit a tournament budget to the Board at the Billings Regional Board meeting.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the bylaws were approved by the Board and are to be resubmitted to the League for approval, with the following changes:

Article VI, Section 1: Delete the last two lines which prohibit professional bridge players or club owners from holding position on the Board.

Article VI, Sections 4 and 5: To provide for continuity on the Board by electing half the Board each year instead of electing an entire new Board every two years.

Election procedures were discussed and it was decided that between now and the Billings Regional (October 5) units should nominate individuals from their area (state or province), with voting expected in January and the new members to replace the present Board at the Edmonton Regional (July, 1972).

Responsibilities of the District and units with regard to regional tournaments was discussed at some length. The District is to obtain the sanction, arrange the date and location, help contract for playing area and staff, and help arrange for tables and supplies. The units are to work with the District Board and present a budget at the regional prior to theirs and assume full responsibility for the entertainment and hospitality. Profits, if any, from the regionals are to be divided equally between the District and the host unit. Losses are to be absorbed by the District.

Benefits derived from affiliation with the Western Conference were discussed. Consideration was given to cutting down on the \$1.55 per table Western Conference fee (65¢ Forum, 65¢ office overhead, 25¢ national hospitality), by giving up the Forum if we find that we cannot keep our regionals in the black.

A membership meeting was scheduled for Sunday, August 15, between sessions in the playing room at the Salt Palace.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda C. White  
Secretary-Treasurer