

Minutes of the District 18 Board of Directors

Saskatoon, SK, October 7, 2001

Present: President Ron Hemeon, Vice President Karen Eble, Treasurer Floyd Hawley, Secretary Ian Martindale, District 18 Representative R.G. Anderson, Utah District 18 Representative Kay Reese, Alberta District 18 Representative Barry Pritchard, Head Tournament Director Roger Putnam, District 18 Tournament Coordinator Bob Donaldson, Tournament Director Steve Bates.

Absent: Marie Jolley

Also present: ACBL President Jim Kirkham

The meeting was called to order by President Hemeon at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes:

The previous meeting's minutes were read and approved. Motion Martindale, seconded Reese to accept minutes. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Hawley submitted the treasurer's report in writing as filed. He indicated District would probably realize \$4,000 U.S. from the Saskatoon Regional. He stressed need for maintaining a conservative fiscal policy. Revenues equal budget to date. Motion Hawley, seconded by Eble to accept report. Carried.

Report by Richard Anderson

Anderson reported on his daughter Erin's trip to Brazil.

New Business:

Card Fees for 99ers:

Discussion of reduced card fees. Moved by Martindale second Anderson for \$10.00 Canadian and \$7.50 U. S. Carried. Effective at the Moose Jaw Regional in spring 2002.

Advertising for Regionals:

Advertise the Helena Regional at Moose Jaw. Agreed to a \$250 limit for a one-page advertisement in *The Bridge Bulletin*. Motion Hawley, seconded by Eble. Opposed Pritchard. Carried.

WEB Page:

Claire Jones to receive expenses and honorarium for maintaining WEB page. Motion Martindale, seconded by Pritchard. Carried.

WASUMI (in relation to WEB Page as substitute):

Discussion ensued about whether WEB Page is accessed by many, included suggestion readers could download and print each page. Question of how many have internet service and how many can print pages. Discussion centered on downloading pages of the WEB site as substitute for the WASUMI. Jones prefers submissions be submitted electronically. WASUMI.org, linked to ACBL and CBF.

WASUMI

To resume publishing the Wasumi

Not Carried (Reese, Martindale)

Comments by ACBL President Jim Kirkham:

Kirkham covered a number of items, including junior teams. He indicated Wayne Haskell, Michigan, is the interim CEO and there has been a 10 percent reduction in headquarters staff. Other issues included looking at expenses—ACBL online—eBridge, easy bridge, and publications.

He commented on the extent to which volunteers ran affairs in District 18, contrasted with costs incurred in other jurisdictions. A Daily Bulletin costs \$3500 minimum in southern California, a District Secretary gets \$400 a month

The monthly newspaper for the Western Conference—Districts 21, 22, 20 and 17 costs over \$100,000 per year. Some advertising revenue helps with the cost.

USOC determined bridge is not a sport, the USBF is working on a demonstration at SLC in the Olympics.

Raffle—nobody bought tickets for the opportunity to play with the President, and there was a suggestion to hold a silent auction or to set up a raffle in advance. The Board thanked President Kirkham for his information and encouragement.

NAOP: Bob Donaldson reported a disappointing turnout for the NAOP. A discussion of the conditions of contest ensued. Steve said that units had held a 2-session qualifier up to Regina, then there was a 4 session final. He suggested a one session unit final and then a two-session final to be held at the fall regional.

Motion Martindale second Pritchard to hold a two-session district NAOP final on the Saturday of the Regional. Not carried.

Motion Anderson second Hawley to hold a two-session NAOP final on the Friday of the Regional. Carried.

Bob Donaldson raised a complaint that teams going to the GNT finals have to wait too long for their assistance. Can it be paid at the tournaments?

Motion Hawley second Martindale to pay the GNT subsidy at the event. Carried.

Hawley to issue subsidy checks at the tournament\

Other tournament issues: The District will pay caddies \$25.00 a session.

The Board adjourned sine die.

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors, District 18, ACBL
Held May 11, 2001, in the Sun Valley Lodge, Sun Valley, Idaho

The Meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM by President Ron Hemeon.

Present: Ron Hemeon, President; Karen Eble, Vice President; Floyd Hawley, Treasurer; Ian Martindale, Secretary; Dick Anderson, District 18 Representative; Kay Reese, Utah Representative; Roger Putnam, Head Tournament Director; Bob Donaldson, District 18 Tournament Co-ordinator; Marie Jolley, GNT and NAOP Co-ordinator; Steve Bates, Tournament Director.

Absent: Barry Pritchard, Alberta Representative; Sue McCoskery, Wasumi Editor.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and amended as follows: item 7 should read "The NAOP program will have club qualifying and a four session final." And item 9 was tabled pending a report from the directing staff. The minutes were adopted as amended.
2. The Treasurer's Report was presented in writing. Floyd commented that the Butte Regional was very successful and that the District is in better shape financially than it has been for some time. He predicted that Sun Valley would show \$2,500 on the plus side. There was a discussion of publicity expense for regionals.
3. **Motion** to approve current year honoraria for the Treasurer and the District 18 Tournament Coordinator – by Ian Martindale, 2nd Kay Reese. Carried.
4. **Motion** to allow expenses of up to \$200 to maintain the District Web Page – by Floyd Hawley, 2nd Karen Eble. Carried.
5. **Motion** to keep only the latest 5 full years of records and to keep cover-only reports older than 5 years, to conserve storage space. Moved Floyd Hawley 2nd Kay Reese. Carried.
6. **The Board in committee** discussed the letter received from Janice Anderson requesting permission to contact the Canadian Units in District 18 regarding a national STAC and granted permission without dissent. President Hemeon will write the letter requested.
7. **Motion** in response to a request from Erin Anderson to subsidize the 2 representatives from District 18 by \$500.00 US, moved by Ian Martindale 2nd Floyd Hawley. Carried.
8. **Motion** in response to a request from the Calgary Unit, to subsidize by \$100 CDN a special event to celebrate the successful regional, moved by Floyd Hawley 2nd Dick Anderson. Carried.
9. **Correspondence** was received and noted informing of the expiration of some terms in office, and a thank you note from the ACBL Charity.
10. More correspondence changed the rules for Charity games, requiring \$6.00 per table Sanction Fee.
11. The Board noted a letter received from Mr. Don Cherry of Great Falls, Montana, requesting that the Board approve a Regional Tournament for August 2003 in Great Falls. The Board discussed the large money loss from the previous tournament, primarily due to high premises cost, and favored the commitment by

Mr. Cherry to control costs, particularly premises costs, in this tournament.
Motion to grant a regional tournament in August 2003 to the Great Falls MT Unit moved Karen Eble 2nd Floyd Hawley. Carried.

12. **Motion** to conduct a Lucky Draw event to a future District 18 Regional at the Helena 2002 tournament, Moved Karen Eble 2nd Ian Martindale. Carried.
13. **Motion** to hold the event Saturday Morning. Moved Ian Martindale 2nd Kay Reese. Carried.
14. **The Board** in committee requested President Ron Hemeon to write a letter of appreciation to Peter Gray for his production in his own time and on his own money of the tournament bulletin in Sun Valley.
15. **Motion** after considerable discussion of cellular phones ringing during play in the playing area and noting that at NABCs there is an automatic penalty of one quarter of a board, and that this is a zero tolerance item, that the District 18 policy regarding cell phones be the same at at NABCs, moved Karen Eble 2nd Kay Reese. Carried.
16. **The Board** in committee discussed the visit to the Saskatoon Regional by ACBL President Jim Kirkham and discussed the possibility of auctioning or raffling him as a partner in one or more events. Dick Anderson is to discuss this with Jim and arrange it.
17. Still in committee, the Board was informed by Bob Donaldson that he now has one full year to retirement.
18. An extensive discussion of the tournament rotation into Idaho Falls or Sun Valley resulted in the determination that if the players of Idaho Falls had a desire to stage a tournament they would be allowed to do so, otherwise Roger would contact the Sun Valley Lodge since the management there is eager to stage the tournament more frequently. The Idaho Representative is to report in one month on their feelings. Since the first week in May conflicts with the Kimberly tournament, the second week was chosen. Roger also noted that while Bridge is a demonstration sport in the 2002 Olympics in SLC, apparently there are problems with space and recognition.
19. After an extensive discussion of tournament schedules the Board approved the Tournament Coordinator's suggestion that the Calgary Regional be moved to August and the Great Falls Tournament to July 7 to 13, 2003. The Board also noted that the Cody Unit has disbanded.
20. **Motion** That the District require a minimum \$5.00 per table in Charity events be remitted to the Charity, moved Ian Martindale 2nd Dick Anderson. Carried.
21. **Motion** to take up the tabled motion and amend to establish strata as follows:
 Canada: 0-300, 300-1000, 1000 up
 USA: 0-500, 500-1500, 1500 up Moved Floyd Hawley 2nd Ian Martindale, Carried.
22. **Motion** That the directing staff when entry size permits, avoid repetition of Pairings from one round to the next in knockout events. Moved Floyd Hawley 2nd Dick Anderson. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned sine die.