

**ACBL DISTRICT 11  
BOARD MEETING  
November 10, 2018  
Louisville/Lexington Regional  
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**In attendance:**

**Officers** – Terrell Holt, President; Cheryl Schneider, Vice President, Potter Orr; Treasurer; Maribeth Ransel, Secretary

**Voting Members** – Unit 117: John Van Cleve, Norm Smith; Unit 122 Janelle Courtright; Cheryl Schneider; Unit 124: Steve Moese; Mike Lipp; Unit 130: Liz Brown, Maribeth Ransel; Unit 136: Georgia Banziger, Joyce Dennis; Unit 164: Andra Gyor, Sondra Holt;

**Members** – AJ Stephani, District Director; Vangie Smith, Education Chair; Ryan Schultz, GNT/NAP Coordinator.

**Guests** – Hannah Green, Co-chair Louisville/Lexington Regional; Kit Overpeck, Education Committee Member

**Call to order** – **Terrell Holt** – Terrell welcomed new members and guests.

**Secretary's Report – Maribeth Ransel –**

- New binders distributed for next two years;
- Site map of website distributed so that Board members can easily access all board documents;
- Minutes of the Dayton Board meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report – Potter Orr**

- Still waiting for bill for Dayton dinners and check for Dayton Regional;
- Total current assets: \$32, 815.79;
- Received \$1607 in income from NAP. These funds plus Grass Roots Funds will be used to pay the awards to those representing the District at the NABC;
- Scam going on contacting treasurers of organizations asking for payment of bill by wire transfer. Some have answered these emails. Please watch for such emails and do not respond;
- Treasurer's report accepted and filed for audit.

**District Director's Report – AJ Stephani**

- ACBL still facing challenges in tournament attendance and membership, along with financial challenges;
- Hope to have new Executive appointed soon which will start a new chapter in the organization;
- Charity grant nominations due soon. Have received info from three units. If you are going to send nomination, do it now. Must be 501 C3;
- 50-70 motions will be reviewed at the ACBL Board meeting in Hawaii;
- ACBL will consider raising prices of ACBL Plus events from \$25 per person to \$35; need to raise revenues partially because hotel contracts which were made seven or eight years ago are now being impacted by people using AIRBNBs instead of using conference hotel, causing ACBL not to meet room guarantees and having to come up with additional revenue;
- D11 Board agrees that the raise in prices are a grave concern and asks that AJ challenge the motion.

**Tournament Coordinator Report – AJ Stephani**

- Cash counting machine was stolen out of Mike Roberts' storage locker. Mike has purchased new machine and will file with his insurance company;
- Please start looking at sanctioning tournaments in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

### **GNT/NAP Coordinator Report – Ryan Schultz**

- NAP District Finals down 4 ½ tables. Flight C was up 3 tables; some complaints re new schedule format from those who wish to play in both A and B; will look at format for next year; send Ryan your feedback.
- Steve heard lots of positive comments from C players who had the ability to play in the Kaleidoscope event;
- Because of some confusion, ACBL didn't assign Director; process in place so that this will not happen again.
- Based on current accounts, we still have a large amount in Grass Roots fund; Ryan would like to raise the awards once more.

#### **⇒ Moved and seconded (Moese/Lipp)**

District 11 should increase amount of money given as stipends to those who participate in NAP as follows: Flights A – An additional \$100 per person stipend to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Flights B/C, an additional \$100 per person to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place qualifiers; this is a total of \$1,000.

(Unanimous approval)

- GNT for next year, date has been moved to April in Cincinnati. If you have unit promo events, please schedule those to accommodate new schedule;
- No considering who will host 2021 GNT. If you are interested in applying, please use the template supplied by Georgia/Ryan last year and submit your proposal by the Indianapolis meeting. Ryan encourages other units to consider hosting.

### **Webmaster Report– Steve Moese**

- Vangie and Kit are working on contents of an Education page;
- If you want your picture on website, send an electronic headshot to Steve before Indy; its everyone or no one.

### **ACBL Board of Governors Report – Steve Moese**

- Teachers and club owners of BOG has been expanded by two; goal is to help full-service clubs to succeed in their mission to create new bridge players.

### **Recorder Report – Potter Orr**

- Three reports at Dayton and one from Cincy; two have been dealt with and a third is about to be resolved. One is still under investigation and review.

### **Education Committee Report – Vangie Smith**

- Report submitted- highlights follow: Ed contacts have been recorded and are on the D11 page; District page has been expanded from 2 to 3; hope to expand more in the future and to highlight signature programs from our units; hope to hold a BP training in Cincinnati; at the Louisville/Lexington meeting, Baron Barclay made a presentation on Pianola and Mike Lipp spoke about the Common Game; an annual survey in D11 Education will be conducted; units are encouraged to hold Stakeholders' meetings at sectionals to encourage discussion at the local level.
- Steve asked that some clarity be given to the Best Practices workshop being suggested for Cincinnati and how the \$1700 is to be covered. If it is District sponsored, then the District would handle the funds and profits, but if it is Unit sponsored then Cincinnati would handle the finances. A proposal should be ready by Indianapolis to determine how this is to be handled.

### **Youth Coordinator Report – Isaac Stephani**

- No report.

### **Louisville/Lexington Regional Report – Sondra Holt/Hannah Green**

- Down 25 tables but unable to determine where we will be by tomorrow.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2020 NABC Columbus – Cheryl Schneider**

- Has new ACBL contacts who are quite sharp and are on track; logo approved. All is working well at present.

**MWM Files – Steve Moese**

- All MWM hard copies are in Cincinnati and ways are being explored to upload missing editions to the website.

**Youth Program Fund Sponsor – Isaac Stephani**

- No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nominating Committee Recommendations/Elections – Liz Brown**

- The nominating committee has met and reports that there is one nomination for President of D 11. That nominee is Steve Moese. Liz asked for additional nominations from the floor and there were none.

**⇒ Moved and seconded (Van Cleve/Lipp)**

That Steve Moese be elected President of D 11 Board for a two-year term. (Unanimous approval)

- The nominating committee also reported that there were two candidates for Vice President of the D11 Board. Those candidates are Ryan Schultz and Kit Overpeck. A ballot was distributed to the Board. The results of the balloting were that Ryan Schultz is elected as VP of the Board for a two-year term.
- Maribeth Ransel and Potter Orr were re-appointed to their respective offices of Secretary and Treasurer for the coming two years.

**Other Items for Discussion**

- AJ stated that he still is getting concerns that our strats are out-of-date. He will look into it and report back at a later date.
- Cheryl Schneider and Terrell Holt were thanked for their years of service and leadership to D11.
- Steve asked everyone to think about priorities for the board, and promised to help us all work together in our goals to work hard to promote bridge.

**Adjournment**

**⇒ Moved and seconded (L.Brown/Lipp)**

- To adjourn the D 11 Board meeting. (Unanimous approval.)

<b>2019 Tournaments: Cincinnati</b>	<b>June 3-9</b>	<b>District Board Meeting</b>	<b>June 8</b>
<b>Dayton</b>	<b>Sept. 9-15</b>	<b>District Board Meeting</b>	<b>Sept. 14</b>
<b>Louisville/Lexington</b>	<b>Nov. 4-10</b>	<b>District Board Meeting</b>	<b>Nov. 9</b>

