

**DISTRICT 11
BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2017 – Cincinnati Regional
Approved**

In attendance:

Officers - Terrell Holt, Cheryl Schneider, Potter Orr, Maribeth Ransel

Voting Members - Unit 117 John Van Cleve; Unit 122 Cheryl Schneider (alternate for Jiobu); Janelle Courtright; Unit 124 Steve Moese, Michael Lipp; Unit 130 Liz Brown, Maribeth Ransel; Unit 136 Georgia Banziger, Donna Moore (alternate for Kennedy); Unit 164 Andra Gyor, Sondra Holt; Unit 193 Billie Brown, Bill Lea; Unit 227 Helen Moore; Jim Olson.

Members – AJ Stephani (District Director), Isaac Stephani (Youth Coordinator); Kit Overpeck (NAP/GNT Coordinator); Potter Orr (Recorder).

Special Guest – Gary Blevins (Director of Field Operations, ACBL)

Call to order – Terrell Holt

- The President welcomed Gary Blevins from ACBL, as well as Jim Olson and Helen Moore (first time attendees from Unit 227) and Donna Moore (alternate for David Kennedy).
- Thanked Steve Moese for assistance with website and for taking/sending minutes from previous night's roundtable.

Director of Field Operations – Gary Blevins

- All tournament directors report through their managers and up to Gary. He is also in charge of NABC operations.
- New to position but traveling the country to attend regional in every district by end of 2018.
- Also willing to assist us with speakers from ACBL to attend our regional roundtables.

Secretary's Report – Maribeth Ransel

- Corrected to show at bottom that "next meeting" should have shown Cincinnati rather than Dayton.
- AJ asked to reserve right to comment after he had time to read the minutes.
- Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report – Potter Orr

- Total Liabilities and Equity: \$41,944.29.
- Midwest Monitor bills will be sent to Units soon.
- \$17,000 held by District for NABC has been paid out to Columbus.
- Report accepted and filed for audit.

District Director's Report – AJ Stephani

- Report is available on the D11 Website.
- Stop card issue should be resolved in Toronto, and it is likely the vote will do away with the card. Requirement to wait 10 seconds after a skip bid will still be in effect.
- Board of Directors was asked to reconsider the decision to hold their meeting at NABC in Hawaii and to hold the meeting stateside instead. However, after reconsideration, they still voted to keep the meeting in Hawaii. Moese asked whether D11 Board would like to ask for further reconsideration of decision because of additional costs (about \$42,000). (Current and former D11 representatives have strongly opposed the Hawaii meeting as too costly.)

- President asked for informal vote to show whether D11 members are for or against the ACBL BOD holding meeting in Hawaii, and whether representatives should ask for further consideration/reconsideration by BOD. (12 against meeting in Hawaii; 3 for).

NAP and GNT Coordinator – Kit Overpeck

- NAP Qualifiers take place June, July and August.
- Each sanction can have two qualifier games at the club level.
- GNT championship flight winners will be disqualified. Second place flight team has one day to decide to go as team. If that fails, ACBL will be asked for extension. If second place team can't go, Kit will try to combine membership from two teams to make a single team to go to Toronto.
(Question re why first team was being disqualified - - Answer: They could not commit to going.)

Webmaster – Steve Moese

- Now has a page for teachers on the website which will include our roundtable minutes.

Recorder Report - Potter Orr

- Nothing to report.

ACBL Board of Governors – Steve Moese

- Club owners and teachers received survey about experiences and how we might increase number of members/tables at clubs, and attendance at classes. Partial data should be available to present at Toronto in July. Follow-up questionnaire will be sent 3-6 months from now. Hope to bring more information to BOD re input received from districts and units to help affect policy and planning decisions.

Education Chair –

- Joyce Penn has had a medical issue which prevented her from attending.
- First Roundtable took place last night and results of that meeting have been posted by Steve to the District 11 website.

Youth Coordinator – Isaac Stephani

- Indianapolis just finished third summer camp.
- Lexington just had summer bridge school. They tried a new format of six hours a day for three days but found the kids became tired. Will likely try four-hour days in future.

Tournament Chairs (Cincinnati Regional)– AJ Stephani

- Attendance at Flying Pig is flat, but “count” will be up considerably because of inclusion of on-line tournament tables. 62 tables participated online, which will increase table count from last year. Contact Jay Whipple about your interest in including these games at your tournament.
- Venue change to new hotel is working well.
- Thanks to Louisville and Lexington for coming to aid of Cincinnati Regional organizers. Cincinnati trailer was stolen two weeks prior to the regional and L/L allowed the use of their trailer and tables to help Cincinnati hold the tournament. Not sure if the district timers were in trailer but if they were, they will be replaced by insurance.

Tournament Director – AJ Stephani

- Tournament attendance is down around the country.
- Problem with sanction requests coming in on a timely basis. Sectional sanctions should be in one year in advance and regional sanctions should be in three years in advance.
- AJ received a question about whether there should be district-wide policy which states which victory point scale should be used in district tournaments. Consensus was that tournament chairs should continue to have the option of selecting the VP scale.

Midwest Monitor - AJ Stephani for Brad Bartol

- Unit editors should only send Brad the text of their articles, and send all photos separately. If the local editor tries to “compose” the article with pictures and text, it creates a problem for the MM editor to have to take those unit articles apart. Send them separately and Brad will put everything together. Also, don’t do any change to the photos. Send them as they are and allow Brad to make the adjustments for the Monitor.
- Brad does not need to receive tournament flyers. He takes them from the ACBL website. If your flyer has been changed for any reason, then send the new flyer to Brad with a note that it has been changed.
- Terrell will send Brad a reminder to send old Monitor files to Steve for inclusion on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 Columbus NABC – Cheryl Schneider

- Fund-raiser was conducted but report on the final amount to be added to the NABC fund has not been received from ACBL at this date. Though all information for making the game report to ACBL was correctly printed on the flyer, not everyone followed the information. Next year, we should encourage those holding games to follow the instructions, as printed.

Ethics Handbook – Steve Moese

⇒**Moved that:** the D11 Ethics Handbook prepared by Steve Moese be approved, as written.
(Overpeck/VanCleve) (ayes, unanimous)

Growing Membership - Steve Moese for Joyce Penn

- In addition to the information shared earlier in the meeting, Steve reported that attendance at the Roundtable was 23. The President advised that the District would sponsor a roundtable at all upcoming tournaments.

Non-Life Master Regional – Andra Gyor

- Written report submitted regarding the NLM Regional that recently took place at Lexington. This was the first NLM Regional in the District.
- Kept basic format of their NLM Sectionals which were held in the past years.
- Attendance was 25% higher than that of NLM sectionals (179 participants).
- Largest game was 36 tables.
- Suggest if you are going to have NLM regional, put on flyer 75% gold/25% red.
- Two directors needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Representatives to ACBL BOG and BOD

- Cheryl Schneider is 1st Alternate to BOD and Steve Moese is 2nd Alternate. Billie Brown has agreed to fill the unexpired time of Steve Moese’s term to the BOG. The other two BOG representatives are Judy Auer and Joyce Penn. AJ Stephani is District Director.

GNT Proposals

- Sites were approved last time for several years into the future. The proposals, however, are not consistent in terms of what is included from each unit. The President has asked Georgia Banziger to prepare a template of what needs to be included in each proposal that is submitted in the future so that all are consistent.
- Monies that are received over and above the expenses a unit incurs for sponsoring the GNT belong to the district. (Each unit receives \$12 a table for included expenses for items such as hospitality and supplies, ACBL fees, complimentary buffet for finals.)
- Clarification: NAP/GNT are District events but hosted by different units/clubs.

Not for Profit Status

- AJ cautioned everyone to seek legal counsel when considering their NFP status.

STaC Games

- Concern expressed about the change that took place in the last round of STaC games. Failure to use unified records for everyone was a problem for clubs. Some clubs will not participate if we do not return to prior format. Consensus was that we should return to the former format. Mike Lipp stated that they will return to prior format and use the standard hand record provided by ACBL to satisfy the requests of the participants.

Adjournment

⇒**Moved that:** the meeting be adjourned. (VanCleve/Lipp) (unanimous)

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 9, 2017 - Dayton Regional