

**DISTRICT 11
BOARD MEETING
November 12, 2016
Louisville/Lexington Regional
Approved**

In attendance:

Officers - Terrell Holt, Cheryl Schneider, Adrienne Netherwood, Maribeth Ransel

Voting Members - Unit 117 Vangie Smith; John Van Cleve; Unit 122 Bob Jiobu; Janelle Courtright; Unit 124 Steve Moese; Mike Lipp; Unit 130 Maribeth Ransel; Liz Brown; Unit 136 Georgia Banziger; David Kennedy; Unit 164 Sondra Holt; Andra Gyor; Unit 193 Billie Brown; Bill Lea; Unit 227 Bill Sentman; Sarah Sentman.

Members – Beth Reid; AJ Stephani; Kit Overpeck; Potter Orr.

Guests - Hannah Davis, Louisville Tournament co-chair; Beth Dlutomski Unit 117

Call to order – Terrell Holt

- Welcomed new members: Janelle Courtright and Bob Jiobu from Columbus as well as alternates and guests.
- The President called attention to the new 3-ring binders, one for each board member. In your binder, you will find important copies of all board documents which should be reviewed.

Minutes – Maribeth Ransel

- Minutes of the October meeting were approved with the addition of a final statement on the Dayton/Columbus Regional. By the end of the tournament, tables were down about ten.

District 11 Financial Report – Adrienne Netherwood

Adrienne distributed the treasurer's report which shows:

- Cash on hand is \$39,544.18
- Grass Roots residual is \$6052.18 for 2017 and beyond.
- Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

Kit asked for a separate line for table fees/grass roots. Terrell asked that a line item be added.

District Director's Report – Beth Reid

- The budget report looks good. This is as a result of the BBO monies that came in as well as good management of the budget. Beth would like to see use of excess revenues to build a reserve which would cover one year of operations.
- There will be a motion to eliminate the fall board meeting at nationals and to move that meeting to Horn Lake. It would be appropriate to meet at corporate headquarters, and it would also be a significant cost savings.
- BBO/ACBL agreement is a non-compete agreement (no one else will be able to give ACBL points in robot games.)
- Women's event has been in violation of rules for years because of the small number of attendees (usually four tables). There will be a motion to eliminate the event and Beth is in favor.

Tournament Coordinator Report – AJ Stephani

- Would like to generate interest in NLM Regional in Lexington April 29/30. The Regional will give gold and red at a reduced percentage as compared to an actual open regional. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a future NLM Regional, they should contact AJ.

NAP and GNT Coordinator Report– Kit Overpeck

- Conditions of Contest were submitted to ACBL. A small change was requested, but the COC were then approved as amended.
- ⇒ *Motion to accept COC as approved/amended by ACBL. (Overpeck/Moese) Passed.*
- NAP was down a few tables. In the past few years, it was open to anyone from the district who wanted to play. That was not permitted by ACBL. This year only those who were qualified were allowed to play. There was an additional problem in that some C players were qualified but were not on the ACBL list. Some players had to be turned away.
- NAP invitations have gone out to qualifiers from District 11. They are waiting for responses to determine if the qualifiers are going. If not, the next pair down will receive an invitation.

Website Coordinator/Recorder – Steve Moese/Potter Orr

- Should be current as of today. There is a problem in posting items from ACBL since there are changing URLs for the same tournaments, and that means Steve cannot capture the changes automatically. He is in conversation with the responsible person to see if a solution can be reached.
- Steve does not post any flyer except the one that is taken from the ACBL site. This avoids having more than one source of information and restricts the flyer being seen to one that is consistent with ACBL tournament site.
- District 7 tournaments are now on our website. AJ also has them listed on our calendar. Terrell has asked D7 if they are reciprocating but hasn't received any response from them.
- Steve has added items from our board manual to the website.
- Potter reported that just two matters have come to the attention of the recorder. Neither warranted additional action.

Board of Governors' Report – Steve Moese

- Steve brought to our attention a motion by Jay Whipple to have virtual regional pair games as long as the offsite game is monitored by a director. They have done some testing. We should keep our ears open to determine our interest.
- Steve is pushing to have better communication on BOG through emails and then to have those emails available to members.
- Average new player is 65 ½ so number of playing years is limited and the players are likely living on fixed incomes. We need to look at other stakeholders to see if we are meeting their needs and we need to listen to what will increase their participation, whether it is by virtual management or bricks and mortar games.

Education Liaison Report – Joyce Penn (by written report)

- A report was submitted by Joyce Penn looking at ways to grow membership in bridge in District 11. It will be formally addressed in Indianapolis. Vangie and Maribeth would like to work with Joyce. If there is anyone else interested, they should email Joyce.

Youth Coordinator – Isaac Stephani

- No report.

Louisville/Lexington Tournament Report – Sondra Holt/Hannah Davis

- Hannah reported a decrease of about 9% in tables. There was a drop on election day and the day after which accounted for many of the lost tables.

OLD BUSINESS

NABC Promotional week – AJ Stephani

- The District will designate a week when club owners will send \$1 per person to the NABC treasurer for support of the 2020 NABC. Upgraded points will be given for these games. Clubs are not required to participate but it is highly recommended they do. They are trying to determine

best month to have this promotional week. It seems it would be better to wait until snowbirds return. When we have these special events, checks should be sent to the D11 NABC treasurer, Judy Auer. A month for these special games will be confirmed in Indianapolis.

Ethics Publication – Steve Moese

- Steve would like to move the document from draft to adopted status. It is something that can be given to teachers and sanction holders to promote good practices in bridge. There were some suggestions that the document could use some editing and streamlining. Send Steve thoughts for final discussion in Indianapolis. Beth suggested that club owners must have as much flexibility as possible. Final document should be a tool for use of club managers. Cheryl added that she thinks it is very formal and would like to see a little levity added.

NEW BUSINESS

GNT Hosting -

- Terrell stated the GNT District Finals will be hosted in Dayton in 2017. Two additional proposals have been presented, one from Dayton and one from Cincinnati. An additional proposal was made from Louisville to be held in their new club. Terrell asked that the Louisville proposal be sent to Maribeth for inclusion in the minutes. Some members favor rotation between sites and others would like to see the event in a specific, permanent location.
 - ⇒ *Moved to hold the GNT in Louisville in 2018. (Lipps/VanCleve) Passed with three opposed.*
 - ⇒ *Moved to hold the GNT in Cincinnati in 2019. (Moese/Smith) Passed.*
 - ⇒ *Moved to hold the GNT in Dayton in 2020. (Banziger/Moese) Passed.*
- If any unit wishes to be considered after these three years, those units can make their interests known to the coordinator.

Midwest Monitor –

- The Monitor was late two weeks and another edition was late four weeks. Terrell has asked Brad to explain but he has not responded. Steve has asked for three years for the Monitor files to be sent for the website (missing last several years.) Brad has not responded to repeated requests. It is requested that he be told to comply with the request.

Special Presentation –

- Beth Reid was commended on her great job as District Director for the past nine years. She was presented with a gift from the Board and an ovation. She responded by complimenting the board on their work and said she appreciates the people and the work that is done.
- Adrienne Netherwood has resigned as District Treasurer, a job she has held for the past six years. She was presented with a gift and a round of applause.

Question – Since AJ had been the 1st alternate and now has moved to District Director, how is the 1st alternate position filled? Beth suggested that AJ make it a priority to find out how that is done and report in Indianapolis.

Election of Officers – Liz Brown - (Holt/Schneider left the room)

- The nominating committee has met and makes the following recommendations to the board. Terrell Holt, President; Cheryl Schneider, Vice President; Potter Orr, Treasurer; Maribeth Ransel, Secretary.
 - ⇒ *Moved to accept the report of the nominating committee and to elect the slate. (Reid/Van Cleve) Passed unanimously.*
 - ⇒ *Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting (Lipp/Brown). Passed*

Next meeting between the afternoon and evening games at the Indianapolis Regional, on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

