

**DISTRICT 11  
BOARD MEETING  
September 19, 2015  
DRAFT FOR REVIEW BY BOARD**

**In attendance:**

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

**Voting Members** - Unit 117 Vangie Smith, Kit Overpeck; Unit 122 Judith Auer, Judy Williamson; Unit 124 Potter Orr (alternate), Nahlin Meta (alternate); Unit 130 Liz Brown, Bob Lyon; Unit 136 Georgia Banziger, Joanne Deutsch Unit 164 Sondra Holt, Andrea Gyor (alternate); Unit 193 Billie Brown, William Lea.

**Members** - Beth Reid, AJ Stephani, Isaac Stephani, Potter Orr

**Guest:** Anita Torrence

**Call to order – Terrell Holt**

The meeting was called to order and guests and alternates were greeted. Terrell acknowledged the good work of several board members.

**Minutes –Maribeth Ransel**

Minutes from the Cincinnati meeting were accepted as written.

**District 11 Financial Report – Adrienne Netherwood**

- Current bank balance is \$24,948.27
- 2014 Grass Roots available to be earmarked is \$1,014
- 2015 Grass Roots available to be earmarked is \$986
- \$17,000 earmarked for future NABC in ACBL District 11

Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

**District Director Report – Beth Reid**

- The Director's prior report is available on the District 11 website.
- Beth fought to keep Board from rescinding the split regionals and the original motion is now off the table.
- Question in the past about why all members of larger than 4 member KO teams receive full awards regardless of whether or not they only played 50% of matches. A motion was passed in New Orleans to correct the inequity. After lobbying by pro teams, the motion failed to pass at the Chicago meeting.
- Now more players above 90 years of age than below 35 in ACBL, however good news is that membership is at an all time high since stats began to be recorded in 1997.

**Tournament Coordinator – AJ Stephani**

- There will be some calendar changes as Dayton will be re-scheduling so as not to conflict with the annual airport marathon scheduled for Dayton which seems to have had an impact on this year's tournament.
- Regional banners which travel from tournament to tournament have been well-received. Tournament Coordinator will purchase two banners each year for display at the District regionals.
- If unit requests a change in the information on the banner, the unit must pay for the cost of the new banner.

- Banners will travel with the bidding boxes.
- Tournament calendar (updated) is always on the website. There is a lot of good information for planning for tournament coordinators and club managers.
- STAC strat C went up to 750 but A and B have not changed.

#### **NAP and GNT Coordinator – Larry Jones (not in attendance)**

- Question regarding the amount of the current stipend for NAP.  
Adrienne suggested that Larry's chart be amended for this year to say that the first and second place teams in each Flight, should say \$700/\$300; for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team in Flights A/B/C where it currently says 0 it will now say \$200; for the 4<sup>th</sup> place teams in B/C where it currently says 0, the amount will now be \$100.
- ⇒ **Moved and seconded** to accept the changes as proposed. (Overpeck/Schneider) (Accepted unanimously.) (Note: See chart from Adrienne attached.)
- Beth received communication from Jay Whipple regarding whether we should allow the Common Game to send email reminders to all those in our district who have qualified for NAP. Larry Jones has been contacted as GNT/NAP Coordinator but he has not responded. Board agreed that we would like to have player notification but that we should request that the District 6 information from the example email be removed.

#### **Website Coordinator/Reporter – Steve Moese/Potter Orr**

- Midwest Monitor page is receiving the most hits on the website. Unable to determine additional information about the hits at this time.

#### **Chicago Board of Governors' Report – Steve Moese (not in attendance)**

- Steve put together a report from the BOG meeting. He would be willing to write future reports, and the content would be confirmed by other District members in attendance. When all have agreed to the content, it can be put on the District website. Board agreed they would like to have this report in the future.

#### **Education Liaison – Sandra Marlin**

- No report

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

- Had a successful time assisting Indianapolis in putting on their first youth camp this summer with 25 attendees.
- Currently answering requests from schools with regards to youth bridge programs.

#### **Tournament Report – Georgia Banziger**

- Georgia reported that the Dayton table count will likely be down about 65 this year. Some of this is attributable to the Dayton marathon which has caused a shortage of hotel rooms. New dates have been assigned for the next four years.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **New District 11 Representatives to Board of Governors**

- Judy Auer and Steve Moese will begin their full terms on January 1, 2016. One more representative is needed.

##### **Approval of District 11 Standing Rules**

- Terrell asked if there were additional questions on the document District 11 Standing Rules and there were none.

- ⇒ **Moved and seconded** to accept District 11 Standing Rules as written (Marlin/Banziger)  
(Passed unanimously.)

### **Approval of District 11 Tournament Handbook – AJ Stephani**

- We do not need to approve but we need to make certain we all understand the contents.  
Comments included:
  - Need table of contents
  - Question about whether the District approves the tournament schedule? AJ said that the Board has not been approving each regional schedule but AJ has been reviewing schedules. Perhaps should say that without other issues, the District will give preference to what the local organizers wish to have on their schedule, however, the District cannot give up its right to have input and final decision making if there are questions involved.
  - Confusion about the sanctioning of STACs. AJ stated that STACs may only be sanctioned by units BUT in this District, the schedule for STACs is approved by the District to avoid having everyone sponsoring STACs all year.
  - Should Tournament Handbook be voted on for approval? Agreed that it is an evolving document and that it is a guideline for use by board members, but it does not require approval since it would have to be voted upon each time a change is made.

### **Legality of E-Mail Voting – AJ Stephani**

- Discussion tabled until next meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Upcoming NABC in Columbus 2020 - Cheryl Schneider**

- Jim Bachelder and Cheryl Schneider are co-chairs of the 2020 NABC in Columbus. Jim was unable to attend this meeting, but will be available at the Louisville meeting for a report.
- Reminder that the Louisville NABC chair still has handbooks and other information that may be helpful for Columbus' use.

#### **Nominating Committee**

- As the current officers are serving for a two-year term, there will be no nominating committee appointed this year.

#### **Midwest Monitor Review One Year Later – Terrell Holt**

- In our contract with Brad, we agreed to review how things were going after a year. Some comments:
  - Need larger font.
  - Not everyone has computer so each unit needs to print some copies to send to clubs.
  - Don't know how many are reading it nor how much of it is being read. Should we survey members to find out if they are reading? If we are not willing to go back to print edition, perhaps we shouldn't ask questions that might lead us in that direction.
- Another concern is that now that Brad is ACBL director, do we have a conflict of interest situation. Brad was to contact ACBL and get back to Terrell with ACBL's response. He has not responded to Terrell with ACBL's answer. Some asserted that Brad had forwarded an email to Terrell quite some time ago and that there was no conflict as far as ACBL was concerned. (It was learned later in the meeting that the email had been sent to the wrong address and that Terrell had not received the email even though it was sent.) ACBL CEO Robert Hartman gave written approval for Brad to continue as Midwest Monitor editor while employed by ACBL as a Director.

### **Additional Items for Discussion**

- Unit 154 (Northern Indiana) is exploring a move to a different district. They may be interested in exploring the possibility of moving to District 11. The primary issue is one of proximity since their current assignment has them linked to a district which goes all the way to St. Louis. There are many questions to be asked and answered, and many steps to go through with ACBL. Terrell was asked to explore the interest with Unit 154 President Kim Grant for further discussion. If anyone has any other questions to be added to the discussion, they should contact Terrell with those issues.
- Billie Brown asked the Board, for future consideration of a discussion allowing Evansville to host their split regional every two years.

### **Adjournment**

- Next meeting, November 7<sup>th</sup>, Louisville Regional.
- ⇒ **Moved and seconded** to adjourn the meeting. (Smith/Overpeck) (Passed unanimously.)