

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 12 BOARD MEETING: JUNE 11, 2016

The meeting, held in the restaurant of the Radisson Hotel at the University of Toledo, was called to order at 6:08 PM by President Gulati.

Members present: Mona Kaelbler, President, Unit 105; Sue Bowers, Secy, Unit 105; Deepak Dighe, Secy, Unit 203; Dave Fletcher, President, Unit 203; Dick Temkin, President, Unit 137 and District Vice-President; Dennis Carman, President, Unit 195 and District Director; Susan Bailey-Carman, Unit 195; Paul Pomeroy, Secy, Unit 137 and District Secretary/Treasurer/Tournament Coordinator, Posh Gulati (via electronic means), District President.

President's Report: President Gulati congratulated Dennis Carman for his second term as District Director and a job well done keeping the membership apprised of the content of the ACBL Board of Directors meetings. He also acknowledged that the District bylaws were successfully amended at the end of 2015 and that they are posted on the district web site.

Treasurer's Report:

1. November 2015 STaC report was reviewed. One club was still unpaid and the club manager is a repeat offender. Paul Pomeroy had posed a question to the ACBL about what path the district could take and was referred to the ACBL Recorder. The Recorder responded via email and a portion of that was read: "In the event payment is still not received you should forward copies of all correspondence to me and I will send out a suspension notice [suspension from the ACBL] to the individual. I hope once you communicate that suspension is an option under the CDR, the club will be happy to provide delinquent payment and encourage them to pay on time in the future."

The representative of the unit in which the individual resides stated that there has been an ongoing problem for many years involving payment for bridge related activities. A motion was made by D. Temkin and seconded by D. Carman that we should notify the individual in question that if payment is not made on a timely basis that the district would proceed with a request to the ACBL that the member's have his ACBL membership suspended. The motion passed unanimously.

Unit 105 queried the extra charge that clubs charge their players for a STaC. Several who had specific knowledge indicated an extra \$2 per player.

P. Pomeroy indicated that the ACBL adopted a new policy for StaCs which no longer allowed an invitational club to hold an open game for a STaC. D. Carman indicated the rationale for the change.

2. District GNT Finals: only 14 teams participated, down from 19 teams in 2015 and 26 teams in 2014. There was only a \$75 profit for the event. It was felt that the early April date was a factor (all snowbirds not yet returned) and that the overlap with the Unit 203 I/N Sectional was also a factor (P. Pomeroy had received two complaints from C players about that). It was recommended that the date for the event be moved until later in the spring; that will be determined when the tournament schedule in

the district is discussed.

3. Income/Expense Report for the period Oct. 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016. Balance at the end of the period is \$14534 but all of the GNT stipends (approximately \$5000) have yet to be paid. There was brief discussion of the fact that all tournament sources of income for the district were declining (KO surcharges, NAP, GNT, and STaCs) and that the only offset was the Grass Roots Fund games which did net the district \$2435 for 2015 (but not paid until March of 2016). The ACBL will now be disbursing those monies within 90 days of the Grass Roots month of May. It was stated that Unit 137 is changing their Regional Knockouts to Bracketed in October in hope of attracting more B and C players, and that publicizing that change will be important.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Disciplinary: no report.

Appellate: no report.

Recorder: vacant, but Mike Crane has indicated that he is available to fill that position.

Approval of the appointment to M. Crane was moved by D. Temkin, seconded by D. Carman and was approved unanimously.

Education: vacant. P. Gulati indicated that he had contacted several individuals, all of whom were reluctant. It was indicated that this position had never had a job description and thus the expectations of the position are unclear. D. Fletcher indicated that the Unit 203 members of the Board will develop a job description; that was supported by all at the meeting.

Web Site: P. Pomeroy had contacted M. Curley who indicated that he would not attend the meeting today. He indicated that, although there were some hiccups initially, everything seemed to be running smoothly at present. A statement of appreciation for the years of service as webmaster for Alan Bau was made. There was a motion to send a note of appreciation and a gift card to him in acknowledgement of that service. D. Carman indicated that he would carry that out and get a picture for posting on the web site.

Nominating Committee: postponed until later in the agenda under Elections.

Tournament Coordinator:

1. A list of all tournaments sanctioned in the district through the end of 2018 was distributed.
2. The date for the 2017 Spring STaC must be determined and a change in the date for the 2017 District GNT Finals should be considered. There are two weeks in May that are available and there was a recommendation by P. Pomeroy and affirmation by D. Carman that the date for the STaC be May 22-28, 2017 which would be the week immediately following the Unit 203 Regional. Mother's day week is also open because tournament sponsors avoid that week. It was determined that a Friday/Saturday (May 11 & 12) event was reasonable and would avoid the Sunday of Mother's Day. Those dates were approved and P. Pomeroy will submit the sanction request for the STaC and amend the dates for the GNT. Unit 105 indicated that their current Regional was experiencing poor attendance and they might opt not to have a Regional in 2018 and substitute a Sectional instead.

3. Any changes to District Conditions of Contest for NAP, GNT or STaCs: none.
Secretary's Report: summary of the changes made to the bylaws in 2016. No significant ACBL correspondence that has not been cited in other reports.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Reports of the Board Meetings have been circulated to all district Board members and thus will not be reiterated. Current focus is on possible disciplinary action by the ACBL in regard to two pairs who are accused of cheating.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

ELECTIONS: all three district officer positions are up for election. P. Gulati was nominated for re-election to the position of President. D. Temkin was nominated for re-election to the position of Vice-President. Susan Bailey was nominated for the position of Secretary/Treasurer/Tournament Coordinator. There were no further nominations. All three were elected by acclamation. P. Pomeroy indicated that he would still take care of the business of his office until the month of September and will use that time to orient S. Bailey to the job.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ADJOURNMENT: the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM; next meeting will be on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Motor City Regional.