

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 12 BOARD MEETING

October 14, 2017

The meeting, held at Ginopolis Restaurant, Farmington Hills, MI, was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Subhash Gulati.

Members present:

Subhash (Posh) Gulati, District 12 President, Unit 203 (SOMBA)
Dennis Carman, Unit 195 President (Western MI), District 12 Director
Robert Ciaffone, Unit 200 Tournament Coordinator (Eastern MI)
Deepak Dighe, Unit 203 Secretary (SOMBA)
Danny Marcus, District 12 Judiciary Chair, Unit 137 (MBA)
Paul Pomeroy, Unit 137 Secretary/Membership Chair/Tournament Coordinator (MBA)
Richard Temkin, District 12 Vice-President, Unit 137 (MBA)
Kathy Twomey, Unit 203 Vice-President (SOMBA)
Susan Bailey-Carman, District 12 Secretary/Treasurer/Tournament Coordinator

Approval of the minutes of June 11, 2017 – Moved by President Gulati; seconded by Paul Pomeroy. Passed unanimously.

President's Report:

President Gulati reported that he has the following concerns:

- A. Attendance at tournaments
- B. Zero Tolerance – District 12 has no jurisdiction over clubs regarding club policy in this area. Should there be a District 12 Zero Tolerance Board? Better Zero Tolerance guidelines are needed. Deepak Dighe indicated that SOMBA and District 12 need to have strict Zero Tolerance policies.

Treasurer's Report:

The financial report for June 12, 2017 through October 14, 2017 was given by Susan Bailey-Carman. Board members were given a written report that showed a starting balance of \$17,234.00 and an ending balance of \$17,908.13. Total income during this time period was \$10,251.23. Total expenses during this time period were \$9,577.10.

The 2017 North American Pairs (NAP), held on September 17, 2017, balance sheet was provided to the District 12 Board members. Income of \$4,194.00 and expenses of \$3,553.08 were reported providing a net profit of \$640.92.

The District 12 Grassroots financial report showed a total of \$3,129.50 disbursed among 28 local clubs within District 12.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report/Financial Reports was made by Kathy Twomey, seconded by Richard Temkin. Passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Judiciary - Dan Marcus, no report.
- B. Appellate – Marty Hirschman, no activity.
- C. Recorder – Mike Crane, no report.
- D. Education – President Gulati is teaching bridge classes at the Birmingham Community House. Marty Hirschman will be helping Mr. Gulati with hands.
- E. Web Site – Mike Curley, no report.
- F. Tournament Coordinator – Susan Bailey-Carman

1. To date, all regionals in District 12 have been sanctioned through 2020. No Regionals have been sanctioned for 2021.
2. 2017 Fall STaC: October 30 – November 5, 2017
3. 2018 Spring STaC: June 25 – July 1, 2018.
4. 2018 Fall STaC: October 29 – November 4, 2018.
5. 2018 Grand National Teams (GNT) are scheduled for Friday & Saturday, May 11 – 12, 2018 at the Bridge Connection in Farmington Hills

To find future tournaments in District 12, members should go to the ACBL web site: <http://www.acbl.org/> . Click on **Tournaments**, click on **Calendar/Results**. Select the Year, and District 12. Then click on **Search** <http://tournaments.acbl.org/> .

- G. Secretary's Report – Susan Bailey-Carman: Susan reported on District 12's status with the Internal Revenue Code 501(c)7.

District 12 Director's Report:

Director Carman referenced his recent NABC report written after the summer NABC in Toronto. His report included information about the tournament, ACBL Board actions, and some achievements of District 12 members.

After receiving an email from Ron Horwitz expressing concern about the next two years' Longest Day dates, which would be during the annual MBA/SOMBA Sectional, Mr. Carman arranged a meeting to discuss this in Toronto with the head of ACBL Marketing, Dan Storch, and his staff. CEO, Bahar Gidwani, endorsed the idea of allowing clubs to designate their "Longest Day" to be any day of the week associated with the Longest Day (June 17 – 23, 2018). A motion to this effect will be made at the next ACBL Board meeting in San Diego. This way, all clubs will be able to offer this special game, with additional master points, to their players when there is a conflict with the actual Longest Day and tournament schedules. Mr. Carman expects this motion to be approved, as there is no down side.

Mr. Carman informed the board that the transfer of Unit 154 (Northern Indiana) in District 8 (St. Louis, Northern Indiana, Central and Southern Illinois & Paducah, KY) to District 12 was not on the docket for the San Diego ACBL Board meeting. It is expected to be on the agenda in Philadelphia.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Motion to Adjourn: Passed unanimously.

Next meeting to be held on Friday, May 18, 2018, (during the Farmington Hills Regional, May 14 - 20, 2018) after the second session of the day, approximately 6:00 p.m. at the Ginopolis Restaurant.