

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 12 BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2017

The meeting, held at the Riverfront Grille Restaurant at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City, 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

Diane Bofferding, Unit 200 President (Eastern MI)

Robert Ciaffone, Unit 200 Tournament Coordinator (Eastern MI)

Susan Woodrow, Unit 200 (Eastern MI), Guest

Dave Fletcher, Unit 203 President (SOMBA)

Tony Savant, Unit 203 (SOMBA), Guest

Jonathan Fleischmann, Unit 137 President (MBA)

Paul Pomeroy, Unit 137 Secretary (MBA)

Frank Treiber, III, Unit 137 (NOBA)

Susan Bailey-Carman, District 12 Secretary/Treasurer/Tournament Coordinator

Approval of the minutes of October 22, 2016 – One correction requested. President Gulati wanted the word “somewhat” removed from this sentence under President’s Report: “President Gulati indicated that he was somewhat disappointed and believes that ‘somewhere down the road’ the issue may be revisited.” Approval of minutes was passed unanimously.

President’s Report:

President Gulati reported that he and Susan Bailey-Carman, District 12 Sec/Treas, met in Kansas City at the Spring NABC for about an hour to discuss administrative issues for District 12; including district reports, district web page suggestions, district education concerns, etc. President Gulati stated that he was pleased with how things are going in the district. Going forward, he sees the following issues: district education efforts, future website content. President Gulati indicated that he was willing to coordinate all unit education efforts.

Treasurer’s Report:

The financial report for October 22, 2016 through June 11, 2017 was given by Susan Bailey-Carman. Board members were given a written report (amended after the board meeting) that showed a starting balance of \$18,231.53 and an ending balance of \$17,085.01. Total income during this time period was \$10,004. Total expenses during this time period were \$11,150.52.

Committee Reports:

- A. Judiciary - Dan Marcus, no report.
- B. Appellate – Marty Hirschman, no activity.
- C. Recorder – Mike Crane, no report.
- D. Education – Bob Ciaffone: Mr. Ciaffone reported that the bridge classes that were to begin on January 9, 2017 for high school students were not successful. Mr. Ciaffone had the schools

make announcements, enticing the students with refreshments. He said not one student showed up. The classes were to have been partly funded through an ACBL stipend. Mr. Ciaffone has now declined to be chair of the Education Committee.

- E. Web Site – Mike Curley, no report.
- F. Tournament Coordinator – Susan Bailey-Carman: All regionals in District 12 have been sanctioned to date through 2020. 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/> .
 1. North American Pairs (NAP) finals will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the Royal Scot in Lansing.
 2. The 2017 Fall STaC is scheduled for October 30 – November 5, 2017.
 3. The 2018 Spring STaC will be held June 25 – July 1, 2018.
 4. The 2018 Fall STaC will be held October 29 – November 4, 2018.
 5. The 2018 Grand National Teams (GNT) are scheduled for Friday & Saturday, May 11 – 12, 2018 at the Bridge Connection in Farmington Hills
- G. Secretary's Report – Susan Bailey-Carman, no report.

District 12 Director's Report:

Director Carman referenced his recent NABC report written after the spring NABC in Kansas City. His report included information about the tournament and the ACBL Board actions.

Mr. Carman informed the board that he received correspondence from the president of Unit 154 (Northern Indiana) in District 8 (St. Louis, Northern Indiana, Central and Southern Illinois & Paducah, KY) with a request that, if approved by the ACBL to withdraw from District 8, would District 12 be amenable to adding their unit to our district. Unit 154 is in northern Indiana and is contiguous with District 12, bordering Unit 195 in Michigan and Unit 105 in Ohio. Discussion by the District 12 board took place about the conditions upon which Unit 154 would join District 12. The president of Unit 154 indicated to Director Carman that her board has approved this action and a vote in early August by the membership of Unit 154 is planned. They understand that their unit would be giving up a regional tournament. She indicated that they are solvent and would not bring any debt to District 12.

It was moved by Frank Treiber, seconded by Dave Fletcher that the District 12 Board of Directors vote to welcome Unit 154 to District 12, if they can obtain approval from the ACBL. Passed unanimously.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Susan Woodrow from Unit 200 informed the board about her concept for Michigan Youth Bridge. She would like to run bridge camps for youth to teach them bridge and to bring them into the world of duplicate bridge. She plans to apply for tax exempt status as a 501c3 non-profit organization. Unit 200 has approved \$400 to get her started, but she will need much more than that. Board members suggested that she apply for a grant through the new ABCL Educational Foundation.

Motion to Adjourn: Passed unanimously.

Next meeting to be held at the Ginopolis Restaurant during the Motor City Regional, October 9- 15, 2017. Plan to meet on Saturday, October 14, 2017, after the second session of the day, approximately 6:00 p.m.