

DRAFT MINUTES OF ACBL DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
June 20, 2008

Voting Member Attendees:

- At-Large: Craig Robinson (National Board), Joann Glasson (President), Bob Cole (2nd VP), Harold Jordan, (Pres. Appointee), Deepak Khanna (Pres. Appointee) (5 of 7) (Note: 1st VP vacant)
- Unit 112: Warren Marsland (Unit Pres.), Robert Simard, Sharon Paulus (for Arlene Bristol), Mary Gorkin (for Laura Krauss), (4 of 6)
- Unit 120: Judy Argento (for Walter Mitchell ,Unit Pres., Ray Depew (2 of 2)
- Unit 121: Susan Khanna (for Sue Wessner, Unit Pres.) Greg Kiddy (2 of 2)
- Unit 133: Barbara Miller, Walter Bell (2 of 2)
- Unit 141: Jay Apfelbaum (Unit Pres.), John Marks, Michael Salton, April Apfelbaum (for Everett Young), Ala Hamilton-Day, Donna Morgen, Tom Purl, Jane Segal (for Tom Urso), Terry Coughlin, Marie Trethaway, Tom Sakaguchi, Elaine Landow (12 of 12)
- Unit 168: Linda Ivanoff (Unit Pres.), Bob Priest, Ron Orr, Tim Smith for Pamela Murray (4 of 5)
- Unit 190: Rick Rowland (Unit Pres.), Robert Taylor (for Richard Popper), Anne Taylor, Alan Horowitz for Jess Stuart (4 of 4)
- Unit 217: Sue Pierce, (Unit Pres.) (1 of 2)

Non-Voting Attendees:

Don Swan, NAP Coordinator	Bill Bauer, District Secretary
Dave Kresge, Finance Chairperson	Ray Raskin, Board of Governors
Bernie Gorkin, Tournament Director	

Absentee:

Lois Sanders, Immediate Past President (Not present due to a recent death in the family.)

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

A meeting of the ACBL District 4 Board of Directors was held at the King of Prussia Radisson Hotel, June 20, 2008. Joann Glasson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM, there being a quorum present (36 of 42 voting members representing all 8 units). Joann called upon Secretary, Bill Bauer, to recognize substitute Board members in attendance.

Bill recognized the following substitutes: Sharon Paulus and Mary Gorkin of Unit 112, Judy Argento of Unit 120, Susan Khanna of Unit 121, April Apfelbaum and Jane Segal of Unit 141, Tim Smith of Unit 168, and Robert Taylor and Alan Horowitz of Unit 190.

SECRETARY'S REPORT & APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOV. 3, 2007

The minutes of the Lancaster Board meeting of November 3, 2007 were unanimously approved as submitted. (Secretary's note: The minutes appear on the District website.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rick Rowland presented the fiscal year ending May 31, 2008 income statement and balance sheet. Net income for June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008 was \$8,743.35 contributing to a balance of \$231,153 as of May 31, 2008. Rick noted that net income for the fiscal year was lower than the prior year, primarily due to the problems with the facilities at the 2007 Cherry Hill Regional. The reported results do not reflect the entire Lancaster profit since the final report has not been received. Otherwise, expenses are in line with the prior year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Joann explained that President Carl Cronrath had resigned March 12, 2008 to take a position as Manager of the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club. Joann noted that everyone seemed happy with the move of the regional from Cherry Hill to King of Prussia. She is optimistic that we will return to King of Prussia in the near future.

RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Joann reported that the Executive Committee took one action since the 2007 Lancaster Board meeting, that of approving Carl Cronrath's appointments of Deepak Khanna and Harold Jordan to the Board of Directors. Carl had appointed both gentlemen to the Executive Committee at the outset of his Presidency in Lancaster. However, since Deepak and Harold were not appointed as 2008 representatives by their respective units, Carl then chose to use his two Presidential appointments to make them both Board members. The other members of the Executive Committee unanimously approved Carl's appointees. Upon motion, the Board then also unanimously approved their appointments to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DISTRICT 4SPOT

Elaine Landow informed the Board that the next 4Spot to be published will be dated September 1.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR

Elaine Landow distributed the up-to-date 2008, 2009 and 2010 tournament schedules for Unit and District tournaments and STaC's.

CHARITY

Andie Sheaffer was not present.

FINANCE

Dave Kresge reported that although the profit from the Lancaster Regional had been reported, a more detailed report submission has been requested. At the prior evening's District Tournament Committee meeting, Rick Rowland and John Marks volunteered to come up with a standard report format with an appropriate level of detail to enable uniform financial reporting by Tournament Chairpersons.

DISTRICT RECORDER

Craig Robinson said that Bob Grover informed him that he had no report.

NAP

Don Swan reported that the Conditions of Contest remain essentially the same and will appear on the District website. Don was able to schedule each flight according to the Board resolution at the Lancaster Board meeting. Thus, Flight "A" will be played October 18-19 in Allentown; Flight "B" split-site between Lakeville (Rochester) and Wilmington Bridge Studio on October 25; and, Flight "C" to again be a STaC-like event on October 18 at clubs choosing to host the event (must have a minimum of 5 tables of Flight "C" pre-qualified players).

Craig reported that he expects the ACBL Board meeting in Las Vegas in July to make the Flight "C" STaC format permanent. He also expects club and player participation to exceed last year's eight sites and 50.5 tables.

Mike Salton questioned the fairness of awarding the better-attended Flight "B" site 1st and 3rd places. Bob Priest noted that this matter had been debated at previous Board meetings and the present conditions of contest adopted with this provision, the rationale being that smaller fields tend to produce more skewed results. Due to the matter having been debated at length and ultimately decided by previous Boards, the matter was dropped from further consideration.

Secretary's note: the current Board-approved conditions of contest state that the above provision applies only if one site has 12+ tables and the other site does not. If both sites are either 12+ or neither are 12+, then the places are awarded strictly by percentage except that if 1st & 2nd come from the same site, then 3rd place will go to the other site.

Jay Apfelbaum expressed his concern that the ACBL needs a deadline for pairs qualifying for the NABC NAP to inform the ACBL of their intention to play or not (so that alternates may be invited to play in a timely fashion). Craig replied that an ACBL mandated deadline exists, which he believes to be January 31.

GNT

Ray Depew reported that the 2009 GNT conditions of contest have minor technical changes for the ease of the Tournament Director. The 2009 GNT will be held at the Scranton Clarion the 1st weekend in May.

EDUCATION

Betsy Davenny was not in attendance and did not submit a report.

JUDICIARY

Henry Bethe had no report but had informed the Secretary that he would not be able to attend the Board meeting.

APPEALS

JoAnn Sprung was not present.

INTERMEDIATE/NEWCOMER

Donna Morgen had no report.

TOURNAMENT

John Marks reported that the Committee met last evening. The committee decided to develop a standard financial report form for Regional Tournament Chairpersons to submit to the District Treasurer. Rick Rowland and John Marks volunteered to draft a proposed format. Further, the Committee recommends that the 2009 Philadelphia Regional be held in King of Prussia (Convention Center/Radisson) provided the lease with the Cherry Hill Clarion can be broken. The tournament would have to be held a week earlier and end on Father's Day due to Convention Center availability. The Board approved this action with the Executive Committee to evaluate the outcome of negotiations with the Clarion and make a final site selection. Bob Priest noted that his Harrisburg Sectional date will have to be rescheduled to avoid a conflict should the Regional move up a week in June 2009.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS:

2012 NABC - The summer 2012 NABC will be held at the Philadelphia Marriott. Joann Glasson, Craig Robinson, and John Marks will co-chair the tournament. People interested in volunteering may contact the co-chairs.

King of Prussia - John Marks reported that the table count through Friday was up 250 (6/16-6/22/07) tables or 17% from last year's "disaster" at the Clarion. He noted that more players played in the evening session in King of Prussia vs. the morning session in Cherry Hill. Tom Purl commented that the 10:00 and 3:00 starting times make it difficult to go out to eat between sessions. John said that better food arrangements will need to be worked out with the Convention Center should we return.

Lancaster - John Klinger was not present.
(10/27-11/2/07)

Harrisburg - Bob Priest reported attendance of 750 tables and a profit of \$5,200.
(1/21-1/27/08) The next Harrisburg Regional will be in the summer of 2010 (split site with Syracuse. The Regional will likely move to a site outside Harrisburg.

Syracuse - Lois Sanders was not in attendance.
(8/4 - 8/10/08)

Delaware (4/27-5/2/10) - Rick Rowland reported that negotiations with the Doubletree are in process. Secretary's note: Per Craig's input, Tom Grabowski and Susan Corbett are co-chairing the event (Tom replacing Rich Popper).

Scranton (3/2 – 3/8/09) - Ray Depew reported that the Regional will be played at the new downtown Hilton hotel. The room block will be in effect through 1/31/09. However, he urged players to make their reservations early in case other events (e.g., parents' weekends) are held at the same time.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig announced that he was elected (unopposed) to a new three-year term as District 4's representative to the ACBL Board of Directors effective June 1, 2008. He reported that the ACBL has adopted a strict new electronic device policy for NABC events to emphasize the ACBL's concern over cheating. Secretary's note: Craig was also elected to a one-year term as ACBL Treasurer effective May 1, 2008 at the Detroit ACBL Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Priest raised the matter of mileage reimbursement. He felt that people traveling further should receive better reimbursement. Also, because of the 150-mile deductible round trip mileage, many small checks had to be written. So he moved to change the policy to \$0.40 per mile with a 200-mile deduction. Other members favored \$0.50 as being closer to the Federal standard. Rick Rowland felt \$0.40 sufficed for a volunteer organization (as the Federal rate for driving for a charity is \$0.14). Joann conducted two votes, first on whether to increase the deductible mileage to 200 miles (carried) and secondly to raise the per mile reimbursement to \$0.40 (carried) or \$0.50 (not carried). Thus, effective with the Lancaster Board meeting, the reimbursement will be \$0.40/mile with a 200-mile deductible.

Bob Priest then informed the Board of Unit 168's Club Director Training session to be conducted by Doug Grove on Sunday, October 19 (9:30 am to 6:00 pm) at the Boardroom in York. The new rules going into effect in September will be featured. Should Unit 168 members not fill all 52 slots by August 1, registration will be opened up to all members of District 4. Cost to attend is \$30.00 (non-Unit 168 members).

NEXT MEETING

Joann Glasson announced that the next Board meeting would take place in Lancaster on Saturday, November 1, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. Joann received applause for having conducted the shortest District Board meeting in recent memory. Or was it due to attendees being hungry and wanting dinner?

Respectfully submitted,

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