

RECORD OF DISTRICT 4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
June 20, 2014
Revised

Voting Member Attendees:

Bob Priest, President
Dan Boye, 1st VP
Ed Bissell, 2nd VP
Craig Robinson, District Director
Mike Giesler, Presidential Appointee to Exec. Committee
Joann Glasson, Presidential Appointee from the BOG & D4 Webmaster/Publicity Chair
Rick Rowland, Treasurer
Tom Weik, Immediate Past President

Other Attendees:

Bill Bauer, Board Secretary
John Marks, D4 Tournament Committee Chairperson, Valley Forge Reg. Chairperson
Jay Apfelbaum, D4 NAP Coordinator (for his report and subsequent discussion)

Absent:

Walter Mitchell, Presidential Appointee to Exec. Committee

Bob Priest called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

NAP SITE SELECTION AND FORMAT

Jay Apfelbaum, D4 NAP Coordinator, restated his proposed 2015 and beyond format and site selection. His proposal was first presented at the Tournament Committee meeting in Wilmington on April 4, 2014 and endorsed by those present. His recommendation as stated in the minutes of the meeting is as follows:

Note: The Executive Committee already ratified Jay's recommendation that the format and sites be unchanged for 2014 (from 2013).

For 2015 and thereafter, Jay proposed a 5-year rotation for Flights "A" & "B" with no change for Flight "C" which remains at Clubs with the pair rankings determined as they are in a "STaC".

Flight "A"

2015 New York
2016 Philadelphia/Wilmington area
2017 Philadelphia/Wilmington area
2018 Central PA
2019 Philadelphia/Wilmington area

Flight “B” (split-site)

2015 Central PA and Philadelphia/Wilmington area
2016 Central PA and New York
2017 Central PA and Philadelphia/Wilmington area
2018 Philadelphia/Wilmington & New York
2019 Philadelphia/Wilmington & New York

Both cycles repeat, thereafter. Of course, if a site cannot schedule appropriate playing space then a “trade” or some other arrangement will need to be made. The playing site frequency is weighted toward Philadelphia/Wilmington because about half of the prior attendance is by players from the Philadelphia and Delaware Units.

Note that each Unit has the option to hold a NON-qualifying Unit Final. Attendance is optional as there is no need to qualify for the District Finals other than at a club. The Unit Final must be held in September or October prior to the District finals.

Jay further informed the Executive Committee that 55-60% of the attendees have been from the Philadelphia and Wilmington areas.

Bob Priest requested comments. Craig said that this proposal should rightfully go to the Board for approval/revision and Bob replied that his intent for this meeting is to get something to present to the Board in Syracuse in August.

Bob also presented a tabulation of masterpoint holdings of players for the four geographical areas of the District which shows that about 62% of those players who are in Flight “A” come from Units 141 (Philadelphia) and 190 (Delaware)

Mike Giesler commented that he would prefer a single-site two-day Flight “B” event.

Bob feels that the matter needs to be presented to the Board in pieces. From a parliamentary procedure standpoint, Bill stated that Jay’s proposal should be moved and seconded. Any board member can then offer an amendment such as to conduct Flight “B” as a single site event of two days duration.

CONSIDERATION OF ATLANTIC CITY FOR A 2017 SPLIT-SITE REGIONAL

The possibility of an April 2017 split-site (Wilkes-Barre/Atlantic City) Regional was also discussed at the Wilmington Tournament Committee meeting last April and it was agreed that the idea has enough appeal to go forward. The major attraction is the reasonable non-weekend room rates. Harrisburg was willing to give up its split-site Regional in 2017 and Wilkes-Barre was OK with the idea of split-siting with Atlantic City. Also discussed was the possibility of a single site so as not to interfere with Wilkes-Barre. To take advantage of attractive room rates the Regional would necessarily need to be a Sunday through Friday tournament.

Since Unit 141 would be the host Unit, the Tournament Committee needs to be staffed by Unit 141 members. Mike Giesler, Unit 141 President, is very enthusiastic about the proposal but a Tournament Chairperson does not come to mind. Past efforts to form a Tournament Committee for a South Jersey Sectional have not been successful. So the first step would be to solicit volunteers to serve on the committee.

Secretary's Note: After the meeting Bob Priest appointed an Exploratory Committee of Bob Glasson, Meyer Kotkin and Rick Rowland. That Committee has sent out an e-mail soliciting interest in Unit 141 members serving on the Tournament Committee.

PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR AWARDS

Bob Priest indicated that the matter of the point limits for one of the three District 4 Player-of-the-Year Awards (for 2015 and beyond) will be on the agenda for the Syracuse Board meeting. His reason is that the ACBL has increased the upper limit for the Flight "B" NAP from 2,000 masterpoints to 2,500 masterpoints.

The question was raised whether the Board, in establishing the awards, had "tied" the Jeannie Fisher award to the NAP point limit.

After the meeting Bill determined that the David Treadwell award (0 to unlimited) was established in 2004. The Jeannie Fisher (0 – 2000) and Jane Segal (0 – 500) awards came into existence in 2006. It does not appear that the award point limits were "tied" into the NAP flight limits.

VALLEY FORGE TEACHER ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

A fine turnout of sixty registrants, including one from Ecuador and one from Canada attended. It was reported that the VF TAP was the only one scheduled during a Regional this year.

There was some discussion about the presentation skills of the ACBL-provided instructor.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Priest adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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