

DISTRICT 18 OF A.C.B.L.
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 5-6, 1974

A meeting of the District 18 Board of Governors was called to order at Billings, Montana October 5 by President, Linda Thierman.

Present were Jerry Fleming, Paul Nelson, Linda Thierman, Robin MacNab, Phyllis Burke, Peggy Kauffman. Phil Wood, Stan Abrams and Ken Mcguirl were absent. Bob Donaldson, Harold Shaw and Hazel Carter were also present during part of the meetings.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, after correction of two names.

Harold Shaw then spoke of the ways in which the Western Conference benefits members. The Conference furnishes a twenty-five cent per table allocation to tournaments producing a Daily Bulletin. He said the Forum was for our benefit, and urged us to use it.

Robin McNab volunteered to furnish all Board Members with names and addresses of all Unit Secretaries.

It was moved, seconded and passed to amend the motion (appearing in the previous minutes) re publishing of Daily Bulletins, to read "inclusive of Canada." This was duly changed in the minutes.

Shaw mentioned several possible problems confronting Salt Lake City and the 1976 Summer Nationals, and urged an immediate start on publicity. Peggy Kauffman volunteered to prepare an article for inclusion in the Daily Bulletin.

Robin MacNab was appointed to request advance payment to Salt Lake City of part or all of the Western Conference funds, as needed for expenses of the National.

MacNab moved, it was seconded and affirmed, that we allow twenty-five cents per table in Canada for publishing a Daily Bulletin at Regionals.

The next order of business was re the request from Calgary for an increased Hospitality grant, and an advance of \$2,000 for Hospitality at the July, 1975 Regional. The Board of Directors unanimously expressed a desire to provide increased incentive to host Units conducting Regional Tournaments in District 18. The Board therefore declared a policy that when host Units reflect a profit on a tournament already approved by the Board, that upon direct request of such host Units submitting budgets for subsequent awards of tournaments, it (the District) will tend to act favorably upon requests for increased budgets for entertainment and hospitality.

Phyllis Burke moved, it was seconded and passed that, effective at Billings, Hospitality grants be increased by twenty five cents per table.

To facilitate budget planning by tournament committees, it was decided that the Hospitality grant will be made on the estimated number of tables, such estimate to be made by the Tournament Manager. If attendance goes over the estimation,

the grant will be limited to \$1.50 per table in play. If attendance is under the estimation, the District will pay \$1.50 per table for the estimated number of tables.

Calgary's request for a \$2,000 advance was denied, and Linda Thierman volunteered to relay this information to that Unit.

It was decided it was the "sense of the Board" re absorption of losses, that the District would pick up 25% of the loss at any Regional, such amount to be repaid from the next tournament awarded to that Unit; that Host Units suffering losses be required to make up remaining losses; that our policy would be to grant an additional 25% for Hospitality at the next Regional for host Units that under-spend; that Phil Wood has the right to veto any proposed hospitality or entertainment that doesn't benefit most of the players. This was moved by MacNab, seconded and passed.

Hazel Carter spoke about her job as Publicity Chairman, and urged all to assist her by submitting items of interest to her for publication in the Forum.

Kauffman moved, it was seconded and passed that the next Edmonton Regional be held at the Edmonton Plaza September 27 - October 3, 1976. It was also voted to award a Regional to Calgary July 16-22, 1977, and to Montana in the fall of 1977. Authority was given Phil Wood to reserve space in Billings for the fall 1977 tournament, and Robin MacNab and Jerry Fleming were authorized to get information about the feasibility of holding a Montana Regional at Chet Huntley's Resort.

Peggy Kauffman read a request from Salt Lake City to host a Regional in 1977. Phil Wood is to supply the Salt Lake Unit with available Spring dates, and the tournament was awarded to that Unit, provided appropriate space can be obtained on the available dates.

Bob Donaldson explained the format of the Grand National Teams. He announced that players would win one red point for each match won. Bob's compensation will be computed on the following table: 50¢ per team per match for the first 150 teams, and 45¢ per team per match for 150-200 teams, 33¢ per team per match for 200-225 entries, 30¢ per team per match for 225-250, and 25¢ per team per match for 250 and up. He said some amount of a refund would go to teams that represented us in the past at their own expense.

Bob Donaldson proposed that Vernal be encompassed in District 18. MacNab is to report on this.

Phyllis Burke inquired about a Unit in Montpelier, and MacNab explained this was controlled by Pocatello.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

It was moved, seconded and passed that surplus Canadian funds be invested in short-term certificates. Phil Wood was asked to investigate.

Linda Thierman will work on obtaining three members of the District to form a Judiciary Committee.

It was decided to table action on the revision of the By-Laws until the meeting in Helena - with the exception of the rotation of the Board Members. Names were drawn to stagger the terms so that the possibility of having an entirely new Board at some time is now eliminated. The expiration dates - as drawn by lot - of the various representatives are as follows:

Saskatchewan - Election in 1975 - Expiration in 1978
Alberta - 1977
Wyoming - 1976
Montana - 1975
Idaho - 1976
Utah - 1977

Jerry Fleming is to send notices of elections to Montana and Saskatchewan. New members will assume office at the fall meeting of each election year.

The Treasurer was given approval to pay reasonable expenses as submitted to her, and to report all such payments to the Board.

The Board discussed a matter of alleged impropriety at the Billings tournament. This motion was directed to the attention of Phil Wood, Chief Director, and he assured the Board that a repetition in the future appeared highly unlikely.

Linda announced that the next Board Meeting would be an informal breakfast at Helena on Saturday morning, May 17th, and on May 18th at the conclusion of play.

A discussion was held about the cost of Tournament Prizes as furnished by Best Western Prizes. MacNab is to report about the legality of severing our association with that organization. It was moved, seconded and passed that if there is no legal barrier, Helena may arrange to furnish prizes of the tournament committee's choice, with the cost of each prize not to exceed \$3.50.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kauffman
Secretary