

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD IN
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - AUGUST 6, 1976

A regularly scheduled meeting of the District 18 Board of Directors was called to order by President Linda Thierman in the Salt Palace at Salt Lake City, Utah at 9:00 AM. Present were Linda Thierman, Paul Nelson, Peggy Kauffman, Phyllis Burke, Jerry Fleming and Robin MacNab. Also present was Phil Wood. Absent members were Dr. Stan Abrams and Ken McGuirl. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. A detailed treasurers report was not available because of the change in District treasurer, but Peggy Kauffman noted that the net worth of the District is in excess of \$7400.00. This is lower than previous figures because the District appropriated \$2500.00 to the hospitality funds for the Salt Lake National tournament.

First subject under old business was the affiliation of District 18 with the Western Conference, a subject discussed at length at the Boise meeting. Robin MacNab indicated that he had conferred by phone with David Tuell, President of the Western Conference, regarding the resolution of the District 18 Board that the Conference dissolve itself. Robin said that Mr. Tuell had indicated that he would appear before the board at the Salt Lake meeting and discuss the subject, but he didn't appear.

At this point Don Oakie, President of the ACBL, and Dick Goldberg, Executive Secretary of the ACBL, were welcomed to the meeting by Phil Wood. Dick thanked the District Board for the work and hospitality in evidence at the Nationals in Salt Lake City. The subject then got back to the Western Conference. Mr. Oakie pointed out that it cost District 23 \$9000.00 to pull out of the Western Conference. He went on to say that if District 18 does the same, it would have to duplicate the services now performed by the Conference, mainly publish a newspaper and schedule Regionals to avoid conflicts. He pointed out that a major problem in pulling out could be opposition from the other member Districts and from the conference itself. He said this could become expensive. He brought up the question of loyalty - in the early days mountain area bridge incurred monetary losses paid for by profits on California tournaments. Peggy Kauffman pointed out that tournament scheduling is posted well enough in advance that we could schedule our own without conflicts, so that point was not a serious matter. Robin MacNab said he felt it was not necessary for the Western Conference to maintain such a large balance and still charge member Districts \$1.45 per table at each Regional. Don Oakie said that if we could provide at least the same services as provided by the Western Conference for less than \$1.45 per table that we should get out. Linda Thierman asked what Eastern Districts do, and Dick Goldberg said that they

charge higher card fees. Phil Wood said that, as costs increase, and Units and Districts look for places to cut costs, that the \$1.45 sticks out. In effect, the players attending the Regionals are paying for the Forum. There was another large expenditure, prizes, that were recently drastically cut back.

After all the discussion, the general consensus is to see how much it would cost us to produce the same services as we receive from the Western Conference before we consider taking serious action such as pulling out of the conference. Peggy Kauffman will compile a record of amounts paid to the Forum and what we receive in return. She will also report on what it costs to produce the Forum.

Phyllis Burke brought up the subject of Salmon Idaho. She said that the members wish to be in some other Unit than Boise, because they're too far away. Robin MacNab said he discussed this subject with Ralph Cohen, and said that they will probably ultimately become members of the Butte or Missoula Units.

A letter from Dr. Stan Abrams was read, in which Dr. Abrams criticized the scheduling of the North Battleford sectional the week after the South Saskatchewan sectional in Regina. Linda discussed the matter with Bob Donaldson, who said that the people in the North Saskatchewan Unit were aware of the Regina date and felt that their planned schedule would not hurt either tournament. Jerry Fleming pointed out that there are several other such closely scheduled sectionals in the District, such as Idaho Falls-Butte-Havre within a period of three weeks, and that the great number of sectionals sometimes made this impossible to avoid. At that point, the matter was dropped.

Concern was expressed regarding the lack of representation of Saskatchewan at the District Board meetings. The District secretary was instructed to write a letter to Dr. Abrams asking him if he is still interested in serving on the Board.

Jerry Fleming distributed the conditions of contest for the Grand National teams for 1976-1977. He pointed out that the ACBL had turned down the paragraph allowing players to continue to be eligible if they played 50% of the boards in either the qualifying round or the intermediate round. It was mentioned that the District 18 representatives to the Zonal final in Seattle conducted themselves in an exemplary manner. Robin MacNab said that he heard such reports from both Larry Jolma (District 20) and Percy Bean (district 19). The secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to both the Grand team and the Edmonton Unit.

Phil Wood reported on the scheduled regionals: Edmonton, Sept-Oct 1976; Salt Lake, May 1977; Calgary, July 1977; Billings, Sept-Oct 1977; Boise, May 1978; Edmonton, July 1978; Regina, Sept-Oct 1978. Phil Wood said tentative arrangements have been made to hold the 1979 tournaments in Salt Lake City in the spring, Calgary in the summer, and Helena in the fall. It was moved by Phyllis Burke and seconded by Jerry Fleming that these

1979 sites be approved. The motion passed.

The subject of having a meeting in Edmonton was brought up. At Boise, the District board voted to not meet in the fall. It was decided that Linda, Jerry and any other District Board member present in Edmonton would conduct a District Forum on Friday at the Edmonton tournament; this will give any players there the opportunity to get their views before the District Board.

Jerry Fleming moved and Phyllis Burke seconded that the District express its appreciation to the members of the Salt Lake City Unit and especially Carol Dibblee for the excellent job they did with the National tournament. It was noted that nice comments were heard throughout the tournament from players all over the country. The secretary was instructed to write this letter and to send it to Carol Dibblee.

Phil Wood reported that Stan Matheson, Don Carson and Maria Jolley have become active as District 18 tournament directors recently, and that they have made great progress. He said that the District could still use one or two new Directors.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the District 18 Board of Directors will be held on Saturday morning during the Salt Lake City regional.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Fleming
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Secretary