The Board Of Directors of District 18 met at 9:00 a.m. on May 15, 1976 at the Rodeway Inn in Boise. Present were: Linda Thierman, Paul Nelson, Phyllis Burke, Jerry Fleming, Robin MacNab and Peggy Kauffman.

Absent members were: Stan Abrams and Ken McGuirl.

Also present for part of the meeting were: Phil Wood, Carol Dibblee, Elaine Evans and Bob Donaldson.

The President announced that Phyllis Burke and Paul Nelson had been re-elected to the Board for another term.

A request for an increased Hospitality grant was received from Edmonton. MacNab moved, Kauffman seconded, and the Board passed that 25-45% of the 1974 Edmonton profits - not to exceed $400.00 - be given to the Unit. A search of the records showed a net loss of $271.00 on the 1974 Regional, so a letter to that effect was sent to Edmonton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, as was the current Financial Report.

Phil Wood said he anticipated approximately 1200 tables in Boise. He reported Hospitality was on budget, the rent would be in the neighborhood of $1200-$1600. He predicted a $2300.00 profit if we gave prizes only to Overall winners, and $1000.00 if we continued to give prizes to all Section winners, as well as to the Overalls.

Burke moved, Nelson seconded, and the Board passed a motion to dispense with prizes at Regionals, except for Free Play Certificates to be given to all Overall winners.

The Board reiterated its policy that insofar as Tournament supplies are concerned, each Tournament is to be handled separately, and no one contract will be awarded.

MacNab moved, Burke seconded, and the Board passed a motion that the By Laws revisions be accepted.

MacNab reported on the Western Conference Board Of Directors' Meeting in Portland. He told us that in order to receive a Western Conference subsidy for Novice (under 10 points) or Junior (under 20 points) games at Regionals, these events must be advertised and designated <u>Western Conference</u> Novice and/or Junior Pairs. He also said that District 17 gets the lion's share of the Western Nationals and that Hospitality funds are a problem.

A discussion was then held pertaining to withdrawal from the Western Conference. The Board went on record as "strongly in favor of the dissolution of the Western Conference," and appointed Robin MacNab to so notify the Western Conference.

Jerry Fleming gave a report on the Grand Nationals. The following action was taken on the proposed changes in the conditions of contest:

#1 - Passed
#2 - On a one year trial basis, Units are to receive $1.75 per entry rather than $2.00. Passed
#3 - Passed

#4 - Passed - With the standing in previous rounds eliminated.
#5 - Rejected
#6 - Playoffs to continue at Great Falls
#7 - Change to "should be encouraged" instead of "should be scheduled"

It was decided that 4, 5, or 6 man teams could enter, with no additions allowed, and that a person must play 50% of the rounds to receive Master Points; that a player does not have to play 50% of the Qualifying and Intermediate rounds to be eligible for the finals. All players must be present at the Finals, and all must play 50% of the Final rounds.

It was left to Jerry's judgment as to how to break ties. The Qualifying rounds are to be completed by the end of November.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Jerry for the outstanding job he has done on the Grand Nationals.

Phil Wood left at this point. The Board expressed its pleasure with his job as Tournament Manager, and wish him to continue.

Carol Dibblee reported on Salt Lake City's plans for the Summer Nationals.

The Treasurer is to get vouchers printed and they are to be submitted monthly.

Election of officers produced the following:

President	Linda Thierman
Vice President	Paul Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer	Jerry Fleming

Bob Donaldson spoke about the 1979 scheduling of Regionals.

Linda requested Robin to write an article about District 18 for the Forum.

The Next Board Meeting will be in Salt Lake City during the Nationals.

The annual Membership Meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 6, in Salt Lake City.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay each member two days hotel and two days per diem at each Regional.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary