MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DISTRICT 18 ACBL
Held in Edmonton, July 14 and 15, 1978

Present: Phyllis Burke, Robin McNab, Doug Scott, Paul Nelson
Al Andrukow, Linda Thierman (15th only), Phil Wood - Director
Marie Jolley (Grand Nationals)
Absent: Wayne Bradshaw

MINUTES of April 29, 1978 meeting, held in Boise, approved as circulated.

TREASURER's report was given by Doug Scott.

There was a discussion re Canadian money received from Units for Forum advertising. Bills are to be paid in U.S. funds to Forum. District 18 agreed to absorb exchange.

Doug Scott to write to Jerry Fleming, closing U.S. account and to have Jerry mail cheque for balance in account to Doug.

The BOARD approved an audit of District 18's books, at the time of election of a new treasurer.

THE BOARD approved free plays for HAZEL CARTER, Publicity, in all District 18 Regionals, as compensation for her work in coordinating publicity in the FORUM for District 18. This compensation is to last as long as she holds the job.

THE BOARD approved 1:00 pm and 7:30 starting times at all Regionals, except where conditions were such as to make it impractical. Starting times for Sectionals is at the discretion of Unit Board. Due to the large number of players favoring early starting times, the Board members agreed to recommend these times to Unit Boards.

THE BOARD also recommended that trophies for Novice and Junior games be presented at the tournament at which they were won.

The following Motion was unanimously approved: A player in the Grand National Pairs event can play in one second level competition, no matter how many times he has qualified at the first level.

The BOARD approved $750.00 for Marie Jolley to give her working capital for next year and to pay its obligations. Her salary for future to be decided at a further meeting.

There was much discussion on the question of smoking and non-smoking sections at District 18 Regionals. The Board reaffirmed its previous position:

THAT every effort will be made to accommodate non-smokers, contingent on playing conditions. The Tournament Director and Tournament Chairman are in charge of the problem. The BOARD sympathizes with the problem and will do all in its power to help to alleviate wherever possible.

IDAHO REGIONAL - 1980 Site to be decided in Regina.

WESTERN CONFERENCE:

The District Board previously voted to withdraw from the Western Conference if at all possible. Robin MacNab reported that District 19 was leaning towards getting out, but District 17 wished to stay in the Western Conference.

It was reported that District 18 contributes approximately $8,000 per year to the Western Conference. In return, we receive the Forum, and some monies for Western Conference Novice Games, and a donation towards the publishing of the Daily Bulletin. Originally, the Western Conference coordinated the tournaments in the West, but now Memphis does most of it.

The Board felt that the cost was too great for the benefits derived. Robin MacNab was to enquire at the Toronto Nationals about the costs of an insert in the Bulletin, such as the one the Canadian Bridge Federation publishes. He also agreed to find out what Districts 17 and 19 felt about the Western Conference.

Phyllis Burke appointed Linda Thierman and Doug Scott as an Executive Committee at the Regina Regional, since there would be no regular Board Meeting. They would be empowered to act on any information received from Robin re withdrawing from the Western Conference.

L. Thierman