AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

District 18

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 18 Board Meeting
Friday, May 15, 1981

The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Burke. Members present: Carol Dibblee, Doug Scott, Paul Nelson, Robin MacNab, Phil Wood, Margaret Simonson, Marie Jolley.

The minutes of the Board meeting in Saskatoon were corrected to read: Garlene Schou is to have free plays at all Regional Tournaments in Districy 18 for as long as she remains Editor of Wasumi.

The change in the By-Laws was the deletion of the Western Conference member on the Board. Other changes had previously been approved. Paul will send a copy with the amendments to ACBL as requested.

Phyllis told the Board that we must have a Judiciary committee. A motion was made, seconded and carried, that Phyllis Burke be permanent Chairman of this committee and appoint oth er members to the committee, in the area, if and when the need arises.

New members, Doug Scott, Saskatchewan, and Margaret Simonson, Montana, were sea ted.

President Phyllis read a copy of the agreement with Western Conference, regarding the monies payed us from th e Western Conference and the monies held (on interest) which will be paid us in 36 months.

Doug Scott gave the Treasuers Report.

Robin MacNab made a motion that the Treasurer be authorized by the Board to make the transfer of $10,000 to an interest bearing account, subject to provisions of withdrawal. Motion seconded and carried.

Phyllis stated that she had several requests to bring up the possible change in our Spring Regional dates. However, they have already been scheduled for 1982 and 1983 and cannot be changed until 1984. This matter will be considered at a latr date.

Phil Wood stated "We are getting $1.00 for $1.00 back on the rent for the amount of food purchased for hospitality at this tournament."

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

District 18

Marie gave a report on the Grand National Teams and Grand National Pairs. Phyllis said that she had been requested by several persons in various areas to see what could be done to change the location of the Intermediate rounds. Marie feels that because of the convenience to both Canada and the USA, the Pairs should definitely be held in Montana. She suggested that, in a five year period, we have one play-off in Canada, and one in Idaho, with the other three to be in Montana. She will have a complete plan with recommendations and suggestions to present to the Board meeting in July in Calgary.

Robin advised the Board we are to host the Zonal finals in 1982, for the GNT. Phyllis was instructed to write to Districts 13 and 14 and ask them if they will play the finals at the Salt Lake City spring Regional. If not, they will be asked if they would consider playing at the Pocatello Sectional the first week-end in June. Phil was asked to find out in Minnesota about costs of the Grand National Team Zonal play-off at Regionals and Sectionals.

Robin suggested that at this meeting we decide on the amount t o be given GNT winners. The decision was made to keep the amount at $1,000. as allocated in the past.

A short discussion was held on whether or not we can insure that top bridge players cannot substitute on teams at a late moment. Marie is to write a plan on this matter and also something as to what we can do to insure that teams to not drop out at the last minute. (More on this at Saturday's meeting.)

Motion was made and carried that Doug Scott be given four days per diem for attending the Boise Regional.

The meeting was recessed until Saturday morning.

AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

MAY 16/81

District 18

The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Burke. Members present: Doug Scott, Carol Dibblee, Paul Nelson, Robin MacNab, Marie Jolley, Margaret Simonson, Phil Wood. Also attending, Charlene Schott and Bob Donaldson.

Charlene explained the general format, deadline dates, and answered any questions on WASUMI. The Board was polled, member by member, as to what the people we represent think of WASUMI; the consensus was excellent. We had a discussion on increa sing or decreasing size and all agreed to continue as is (eight pages) for now. A standing ovation was given Charlene for her work. Also each member of the Board was polled individually as to any objections to the current format. There were none. All agreed it is great as is.

A motion was made, and seconded, and unanimously passed that Phil Wood, acting in his capacity as chief Director and Manager of District 18 Regionals, is hereby authorized and instructed to arrange discount fares for directors assigned to all District 18 Regionals, wherever feasible. Effective immediately until amended or rescinded. Those directors involved may, by request, ask for immediate reimbursement in writing to the District Treasurer.

Discussion of the Grand National Teams and GN Pairs was continued with Marie Jolley and Bob Donaldson. What cause can there be for teams withdraw ing at a late notice. It was decided that death in the immediate family, bona fide illness, or an act of God, will be the only causes. The second place team is to be contacted if the first place team withdraws. Marie is to write ACBL on replacement clause in Articles of Agreement for GNT.

A letter of severe reprimand is to be written to the six man team from Ogden which withdrew on the Wednesday before the Friday they were to play in Great Falls. The Board authorized Marie to write said letter and request an answer explaining cause. After the Board receives the explanation, they will decide on what disiplinary action to take.

Bob discussed Sectional Tournament dates, etc.

Phyllis told the Board that Bill Parks of Salt Lake City had asked if t here was a possibility of re-zoning for Grand National Team play-offs. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Appreciation was expressed to Doug by the entire Board for his fine work as our treasurer. We all know the effort and expense it was for him to make this particular trip.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be in Calgary in July.

Margaret Simonson
Secretary