AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE

District 18

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Salt Lake City   Friday, April 30, 1982

In attendance: Phyllis Burke, Mary Clarke, Paul Nelson, Carol Dibblee, Margaret Simonson, Robin MacNab, Phil Woods, Marie Jolley, Bob Donaldson

The problems which arose at the GNT second level play-off in Havre, Montana, in February, were the first item on our agenda. After reading the correspondence pertaining to the withdrawal of Ric Floren (7763174) and Janet Higgins (P810245) of the Glasgow team, Marie Jolley and Bob Donaldson gave their views on the situation. Ric Floren, in his letter, freely admitted to his withdrawal and his adamance in refusing to finish, which match was then forfeited. His partner, Janet Higgins, supported him, and refused to finish the match with another partner. In view of this information, and his letter, a motion was made by Carol (motion carried unanimously) to suspend Ric Floren for 60 days, effective immediately. In regard to Janet Higgins, the board felt the same suspension should apply to her. However, Margaret was directed to write a letter advising her that she has a right to appear before the Board and state her position. Until that time she remains an active ACBL member.

Salt Lake CityUnit had also had a problem with the GNT playoffs. It was decided the have the members from Salt Lake City, Logan, and Ogden Units meeting prior to our meeting On Sat. and see what could be worked out. Marie Jolley and Carol Dibblee to meet with them.

In the GNP, a motion was made by Margaret to have a split site - 1 in Canada and 1 in the U.S. (probably Idaho.) Conditions to be clearly stated in Rules of Contest. Motion carried unaminously.

The Sub Masters of the Grand National Teams has been held in Butte, in conjunction with the GNT play-offs. ACBL says we cannot have Canadian Sub Masters. However, this is subject to re-examination. (Which is being done.)

The experimental Knock Out Team drawing, which we are trying at this tournament was discussed by Phil. There were 24 teams entered, and there was a partial seeding. Phil explained this was done to protect the average teams. In the future, a proviso, "No seeding except in certain round robin situations" will be printed in all advertising and official program. Clarification will be appended to entry.

Phil informed the Board that the attendance here is way up, and will hit close to 1200 tables. (in contrast to 900 tables at the last SLC Regional. Financial picture is good. He also told the Board that the 1983 summer Regional will be held in Red Deer, Alberta, rather than Calgary, due to prohibitive costs in Calgary.

Phil is going to hold a hearing tonite on a situation involving a professional player and 2 Los Angeles players. He asked the Board to suggest members ofa panel, if interested. The Board instructed Phil to use his own judgment in choosing a panel.

Meeting adjuouned until Saturday morning.

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In attendance: Phyllis, Paul, Margaret, Mary, Carol, Robin, Phil

Election of officers was held. Paul nonimated Mary Clarke to be vice president. Other officers to continue as before: Phyllis, President, Paul, Treasurer, Margaret, Secretary.

Margaret made a motion to give free play to all members of District #18 board at all District #18 Regionals. Motion carried unaminously. (Naturally.)

Chris Wilson recently approached Phyllis as to District 18 rejoining the Western Conference, of which she is President. We are not interested at this time. Phil recommeded we have our regional tournaments advertised in the Forum. Phyllis will check with Chris Wilson.Board agreed to keep on with WASUMI for the next year.

Bill Bradshaw was appointed to fill out the term of 2nd Alternate to the Board of Governors.

Robin thanked all of us for the gift which was presented to him last night. He will be happy to come to any future meetings when we nvws him.

There will be an Executive Board only in Edmonton in July, unless something important arises in the meantime.

Expenses for the Salt Lake City team, who will be going to Seattle were discussed. They will probably run around $1200.. The Board voted to allow the team that amount.

The Regina Tournament next fall will hold an open membership meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret
Margaret Simonson

NOTE: I contacted Marion Bendersky in regard to our [redacted] decision to suspend Ric Floren. She advised me that this cannot be done without advising him that he has the right to appear before the board stating his case. I called Phyllis and as of today haven't heard anything further. She was going to call Mrs. Bendersky.