MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF DISTRICT 18 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SUN VALLEY, IDAHO, MAY 15 and 16, 1987

May 15, 1987 - 5 p.m.

Present: Phyllis Burke, Rae Bateman, Shirley Burks, Carl Forner, Shirley Castle, Mary Jean Morris, Phil Wood, Marie Jolley, Bob Donaldson, Charlene Martindale and Billy Zerebesky, proxy for Geraldine Sugarman. Absent Geraldine Sugarman

President Bateman called meeting to order. Bruce Ferguson, tournament chairman was introduced and stated that if Board takes prompt action on the matter, facilities at Sun Valley will be available for the next 5 or 6 years at approximately the same cost for rooms, with free playing space available. He also advocated having a non-smoking tournament. Mr. Ferguson then left the meeting.

Upon motion made and seconded, reading of minutes taken at Butte was waived.

Phil Wood then gave his tournament report. His impression of the facilities is favorable and he predicts the tournament will run 1,000 tables. He pointed out that certain costs for the directors will be higher. He also said that a non-smoking tournament must be advertised and that it is too late to do it for any 1987 tournaments. He predicted that our net profit for this tournament would be three or four thousand dollars. He then presented his Future Regionals Report.

Upon motion made and seconded, with approval of Mary Jean Morris, Pocatello and Boise will host their Regionals at Sun Valley. Board tentatively approved Sun Valley as tournament site every other year.

The 1990 Spring regional will be held in Salt Lake City subject to satisfactory arrangements for a playing site being made. Rae Bateman will submit proposal to Board at Edmonton. It was moved and seconded that the 1990 Summer regional be held at Edmonton and the 1990 Fall regional at Butte if Marie can make satisfactory arrangements.

Bob Donaldson suggested that we should be making plans for a Senior Citizens Regional. The matter was tabled to Edmonton, as the qualifying event will be held at that tournament. Bob then reviewed the tournament schedule.

Marie Jolley then made her recommendations regarding the North American Pairs. It was the opinion of the majority of the Board that one site is most satisfactory. After discussion it was moved and seconded that both Flight A and B be held at Great Falls October 10th and 11th, with a sectionally rated tournament starting the afternoon of October 9th. Castle cast a nay vote. The Unit level of the North American Pairs will be held on September 19th and 20th. The Unit boards may choose which day for which flight.

It was moved and seconded that Grand National Team qualifying will start at the club level, with the game to be held anytime in January. The date of the intermediate level will be set at Edmonton. District finals will be held the end of April.

Discussion was had as to free plays given at Calgary North American Pairs. Phil reported this was necessary to equate field.

It was then pointed out that net proceeds of midnite Swiss games are to go to Grand National events and District NAC. Accounting of funds was tabled until Saturday morning meeting.

Charlene Martindale then discussed the difficulty she has in obtaining correct tournament dates for <u>Wasumi</u>. It was decided that Board members are to be responsible for getting their sanction dates to her for the next year by November 1st of the prior year.

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She has been notified that we can publish in Wasumi in twelve issues, but recommended against it. It was moved and seconded that we continue our current practice of publishing only eight times annually. Charlene recommended that District 18 sponsor a Charity Game with proceeds going to a fund for the treatment and care of 'Aides'. Board approved and set a date of December 11, 1987.

It was announced that Lyle Kinsey of Billings won the Phil Wood Trophy.

Meeting adjourned.

May 16, 1987 - 9 a.m.

Present: Burke, Bateman, Burks, Forner, Morris, Wood, Castle

President Bateman called the meeting to order. Castle noted that the Board needs to elect a secretary and indicated that she was not interested in serving. After polling the Board members, President Bateman tabled the matter until the Edmonton meeting. Phyllis Burke was appointed election officer to handle election of Board members from Idaho and Wyoming. Carl Forner was appointed to purchase a gift, not to exceed $50.00C, for Mary Clarke in appreciation for her prior services as Board secretary.

President Bateman then brought up the matter of two District 18 members, Joan LIkes and G. R. Van House, who wish to transfer to adjacent units. It was moved, seconded and passed that Likes be allowed to transfer from the Bozeman Unit to the Butte Unit, and Van House be allowed to transfer from Unit 389 to Unit 386.

Carol Diblee then entered meeting to make presentation regarding the Salt Lake City National. She presented a letter to each Board member asking for funds for N.A.B.C. and read a letter discussing proposals for the National tournament. Diblee reviewed financial contributions made for the last National tournament held in Salt Lake City and said she hoped she could count on something similar for the coming tournament. Following discussion it was moved, seconded and passed that District 18 contribute $2,500.00 to the National tournament committee to help defray organizational expenses. ***(see last page)

Bateman then read a letter from Dibblee objecting to locations of the 1989 Regionals. Diblee then left the meeting.

A question was then raised about the tournament staff at the 1987 Canadian Regionals. It was the Board's opinion that it is convenient to have Donaldson and Jolley in attendance at meetings and we feel that they should be employed as Directors at our Regionals. Phil Wood presented memo stating ACBL policy on staffing and pointed out that he is bound by that policy as to which directors are used. He then agreed, if possible, to use Donaldson at Edmonton and Marie at Regina at Board request. Wood asked the Board to ban smoking at all Regionals sponsored in 1988.

Phyllis Burke offered a proposal that a split-site tournament in Coeur d'Alene and a Canadian site to be determined be held in 1990. Wood expressed doubt that Idaho facilities are adequate, but will review the space and report to the Board.

It was moved and seconded that Martindale's air fare to Edmonton, in the amount of $402.30, be paid in advance, and the Treasurer was instructed to issue a check in that amount now.

The financial statements were then reviewed. Bateman suggested that Canadian funds be used for payment of expenses until our U. S. dollar fund is replenished. Phyllis asked that Carl furnish a more exact breakdown on hospitality funds used. It was the consensus of the Board that the tournament chairman at Regina be advised that the committee at the last Regina tournament exceeded their budget and the 1987 budget will be reduced by the amount in

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excess. The Butte proceeds were then reviewed, with the question being raised as to why the profit wasn't greater.

Carl reported that a review of the financial records reveals that the proceeds from the midnight Swiss games allocated to the National tournament are a little in excess of $2,000.00. No report was made of the amount to be allocated to Grand National events.

Castle then asked Forner to review his correspondence with the IRS due to Notice of Penalty being sent by the IRS. Forner stated that he had filed the 1985 tax return in February, 1986, in the same format as the 1984 return. He presented a letter from the IRS dated 24 July 1986 stating that the return was incomplete and asking for more information. Forner said he received this letter in January, 1987 and immeidately sent the requested information to Philadelphia, place of origin of the July , 1986, letter. It was pointed out that notices from the IRS regarding this matter are going both to Forner and to Paul Nelson's address in Powell, Wyo. The Board decided that Forner should go to Ogden to appeal the penalty and resolve the matter.

Meeting adjourned.

May 16, 1987 - 4:30 p.m.

Present: Burke, Bateman, Burks, Forner, Castle, Morris

Meeting reconvened. The Board adopted a policy for the 1988 tournaments as regards smoking. Smoking will be allowed at all sessions if segregated non-smoking room is available. If segregated room is not available, or if there is a cross-over, smoking will be banned in the playing area, but three 4-minute breaks will be held during each session.

Upon reconsideration of the matter, the Board agreed that Bateman will visit the IRS office in Ogden to try to resolve our problem. The Board gave her authority to hire a tax attorney, if necessary.

Burke then made her report concerning District 18's support of an education program. She feels that Bruce Ferguson's presentation is unworkable, but is very impressed with the ACBL pilot program for bridge education. She recommended that the program be started in Edmonton and Salt Lake City. It was moved and seconded that District 18 accept the ACBL program. Phyllis is to furnish prospectus to Board members. BOARD VOTED TO FUND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR EDMONTON AND SALT LAKE.

Burke then brought up Scholarship Competition sponsored by the ACBL. She urged District participation in enlarging program. No Board action was taken at this meeting.

Forner then presented Calgary proposal for promoting bridge in the Alberta area. The Board was favorably impressed and approved donating $1,000C for the program.

Bateman then read a letter from the coordinator of the Canadian Ladies Team Championship asking for a donation from the District for costs. It was moved and seconded that the request be denied. Castle is to respond.

Burke notifed the Board that our District 18 First Alternate is in danger of being expelled from ACBL due to failure to pay sanction and table fees for Grand National events. Castle asked that the Board request his resignation. As the ACBL has given this man until 1 June to pay the sums, it was moved and seconded to defer action on his position until after that date. Castle and Forner opposed.

Meeting adjourned.

Shirley A Castle

Secretary pro-tem

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ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF MAY 16, 1987

Carol Diblee asked, and received permission from the Board, to solicit a contribution of $50.00 from each Unit in District 18 to help defray expenses for the 1988 National tournament in Salt Lake City.