

Saturday, May 6, 1989

Sun Valley Lodge

District 18 Board of Directors Meeting

Sun Valley, Idaho

9:00 AM

Present: Shirley Burks, Phyllis Burke, Al Grospiron, Carl Forner,
Sally Christensen, Phil Wood, Bob Donaldson, Marie Jolley,
Bruce Ferguson, Steve Boothe, Carol Dibblee.
(Steve B. AND Carol B. from SLC Unit #386)

There was a welcome given to new board member Sally C. by President Shirley Burks, and President Shirley Burks called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes of the September 1988 board meeting were read and accepted. Moved by Al G., seconded by Phyllis B. Carried.

2. Introduction of Steve Boothe and Carol Dibblee from Unit #386 in Salt Lake City, Utah concerning the bills left from the Summer Nationals which were held in SLC summer of 1988. Unit #386 paid the national headquarters \$750.00 so they would finish paying the unpaid bills that the tournament chairperson did not have money for. Steve Boothe presented Carol D. statements, letters from Memphis, and other documentation that supported his position that the local SLC unit could not be held responsible for these debts. Carol Dibblee was chairperson for the nationals and they over spent their budget by at least \$3,000.00. Carol D. was asked who appointed her chairperson for that tournament, and she said "Phil Wood". Phil W. was there and this is not true. It appears Carol called National Headquarters and Phil and appointed herself. Steve and Carol were dismissed from the meeting. Discussion...It was clear to the board that Carol D. was responsible for gross negligence and mismanagement of the tournaments budget. The board agreed to pay back the SLC Unit #386 \$750.00, Send Carol D. a letter about the negligence and mismanagement, and to work out these bills with Memphis. Shirley B. and Phyllis B. will work with the national headquarters on this. It was moved by Al G. and seconded by Sally C. Carried.

3. Marie Jolley gave a report on the Grand National Terms and the North American Pairs. There seems to be a district wide lack of interest in these events. It was decided to lower the entry charge and eliminate milage. The Grand National Teams will be played off at the District 18 Spring Regionals...with the first one to be held at the Spring Regional at Salt Lake City May 1990. The North American Pairs will be played off at the District 18 Fall Regional and will also start in 1990. The board felt this will boost interest and participation.

Moved by Sally C. and seconded by Al G. Carried. *for 100 PM Starting*

The dates and times for starting these events at the tournaments will be further discussed at Red Deer, Alberta.

4. The treasurer, Carl Forner gave his report and passed out copies. The district made money in Saskatoon. An accounting of the Canadian and American accounts was passed out.

5. Phill Wood and Bob Donaldson presented the board with the 1990 tournament schedule. Copies were given to board members and corrections were made. (a copy of this revised schedule is attached.) is was approved.

6. Letters were read by President Shirley B. A letter from Shirley C. from Wyoming expressed some concerns about the Grand Nation and North American Pairs Events. The board felt they have already addressed these problems.

Shirley also read a letter from James Brown, Bountiful, Utah wishing to transfer his membership from the Ogden Unit to SLC Unit. These transfers were already approved by the district board and this transfer will take place.

7. The manner in which chairpersons are selected for regional tournaments was discussed. It was decided that the local district board member should talk to Phil Wood and recommend to the district board a person who they feel is best qualified. Then they should submit that persons name to the district board for approval. For Salt Lake City in May of 1990 that person will be Rhea Foulger. Phil W., Sally C., and Rhea will meet in Billings to finalize these plans. The local district board member should over-see these regional tournaments.

8. President Shirley B. read a letter from Gerry Sugarman. Gerry S. would like to be replaced on the district board by Bill Zerebesky for the remainder of that term.
Motioned by Al G., seconded by Phyllis B. Carried.

9. Jim Wallace from Red Deer, Alberta arrived at the board meeting. He was introduced by President Shirley B. and welcomed. The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

10. Carol D. (SLC) sent a letter recommending Ellen Furgis and Rhea Foulger for the National Good Will Committee. These appointments are made by Phyllis B. who makes every effort to select the best people for this committee and are spread around District 18. She has always done a great job on this and will continue to do so.

11. President Shirley B. told board members that Phil Wood proposed his contract with District 18 continue for 1990 the same as it was for 1989. (US funds \$500, Canadian funds \$600.) His yearly salary will be paid at the spring regionals.
Motioned by Phyllis B., seconded by Sally C. Carried.

12. Phil Wood proposed that the upcoming spring regional for 1991 be held again in Sun Valley.
Motioned by Bruce F., seconded by Phyllis B. Carried.

13. Free plays for the District 18 Board Members at the regionals were discussed. Free plays for district board members will continue.
Motioned by Bruce F., seconded by Phyllis B. Carried.

14. Elections: It was discussed and decided that President Shirley B. would appoint the offices that were becoming vacant...secretary and treasure: Sally C. will keep the minutes at the board meeting and Al G. will do the correspondence. Sally C. was appointed district treasurer.

15. Ways were discussed to help the local clubs in the district and to get better attendance at sectional and regional tournaments. Each board member is to draw up a list of ideas to be discussed at the next board meeting. Bruce F. voiced some concern about the image of bridge and about senior tournaments. The board had the general feeling

that it would gain much needed experience from the first seniors tournament which will be held at Great Falls, Montana, and then discuss this further at the board meeting in Billings.

A motion was called to adjourn the meeting.
Motion by Phyllis B., seconded Jim W. Carried

5:15 PM

Submitted by Sally Christensen