September 24, 1992
5:00 PM
Kallispell, Montana
District #18 Board of Directors Meeting

Present: Bob Holdren, Floyd Hawley, Sally Christensen, Shirley Burks, Martin McDonald. Absent: Dick Anderson, Billy Zerebesky.

Meeting called to order by Bob Holdren, President.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were discussed. A motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Bob, that the minutes be accepted amd approved. Carried.

2. Treasurers report was handed out and explained by Floyd. GST taxes have not been paid for the Canadian tournaments. A motion was made by Sally, seconded by Shirley to accept the treasurers report. Carried.

3. The TAP program was discussed. There were concerns that it could get out of hand. A motion was made by Sally, seconded by Martin to allow $1500.00 a year for the TAP program, and that recipients for these funds must first get approval from the District #18 Board of Directors before the program so the money could be set aside. When the $1500.00 is gone for the year, it's gone unless the board allocates more money. Carried.

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Bill Zerebesky, Dick Anderson, Phyllis Burke, and Phil Wood joined the meetings.
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4. Bob read a letter from ACBL concerning a Judiciary Committee
8 for District #18. After discussion, Bob will chair this committee and then get help from the board member in the various areas for help in suggesting 3 or 4 people from their areas to serve on it.

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Bob Donaldson, Marie Jolley joined meeting.
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5. Correspondence: Thank you letters from ACBL and CBFC were read acknowledging receipt of charity funds, $126.00 & $132.00.

Letter from ACBL concerning district wide charity game. A motion was made by Sally, seconded by Shirley not to hold this game. Carried. Sally will write a letter advising ACBL of same.

A letter for request for funds for the CBF Ladies Team Bridge Championship which will be held in Saskatoon was discussed. A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Floyd to send them $500.00. Carried.

A letter from Sun Valley was read and discussed about the Spring Regional in 1995. Since the managers have changed and the letter did not give the board enough specific information about the free playing space, room, and other ~~amenities~~ AMENITIES, Bob will look into this and report in SLC. This will be tabled till SLC, May, 1993.

6. Request for tournaments: A request from Butte for 1994 Fall Regional. Shirley will notify Butte and Janet Ralph will chair this tournament. The dates are not yet finalized.

Calgary was tabled till this meeting. The chairperson for Calgary will be Linda Thierman and Jackie Ross. Phil has made tentative arrangements with the convention center in Calgary. Martin is still going to check out some other possibilities and report to our board. A motion was made by Martin, seconded by Floyd to award the summer tournament in 1994 to Calgary. Martin will coordinate with Linda and Phil. Carried.

Phil recommended Ev Heal as tournament chairperson for Moosejaw Seniors for 1994. Phil said there was a $2500.00 rental agreement in place. A motion was made by Shirley and seconded by Billy to award this tournament. Carried.

The 1995 Red Deer summer regional was discussed. A motion was made by Sally, Seconded by Martin to set this tournament to July because of conflicts and then Sept. can go to Regina. Carried.

7. Bob congratulated Billy for his outstanding work in the Ukraine and as president of the board. A present was presented to Billy.

8. Tournament report by Phil. Regional and National tournament attendance is down nationally and the sectional are more healthy. Kallispell is down 18-19%, Red Deer was down about 13-14%, Moosejaw down about 9%. A question about the rent in the last Moosejaw tournaments rent was asked, it was in the last minutes as being estimated at about $1800.00 and came in at $3076.00. Nobody knew why, but the estimate could have been wrong.

9. Sally asked about how much money in a regional should be spent on Future Masters. No amount had been set as a matter of policy because the Future Masters Program varies from area to area. Sally asked how much to budget for SLC this coming May. A motion was made by Billy, seconded by Shirley to allow $300.00 for the Future Masters Program in SLC. This is to include any type of trophies also. Carried.

8. Bob Donaldson gave the board a schedule and reported on the scheduling of up-coming tournaments.

9. Marie Jolley gave a report and financial statement on Grand National Teams and North American Pairs. The teams were discussed and wondered in round robins instead of knockouts were possible. A motion was made by Shirley, seconded by Sally to try this format. It will be on a one year trial basis. Carried. It was recommended to keep the intermediate stage as is.

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Marie and Bob D. left meeting
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10. 199ers regionals were discussed. The 199ers sectional should be looked at first and see how they come along. District #18 will <u>not</u> hold a 199ers regional in 1993. We will look at it again next year.

11. National Board of Governors was discussed. Need to get these names into ACBL.

12. Bob told the board about Bruce Fergesons accomplishments and some type of ~~accommodation~~ Commendation. Bob will write a letter.

13. Tables and contracts with Cliff were discussed for the senior tournaments. Bob will talk to Cliff about the supplies and tables for the up-coming seniors regional in Boise.

14. Phil had the floor. He is prepared to continue as head director for District #18, and would be disappointed if not asked to continue.

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Sue McCoskery joined the meeting.
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15. The Wasummi was discussed. Billy had an good idea and discussed it with Sue. A motion was made by sally, seconded by Shirley that District #18 discontinue the Wasummi in the Daily Bulletin for the coming year. A news letter format for the Wassumi will be put out six times a year, (February, April, June, August, October, and December) and sent out to the clubs. The budget for each issue will be $800.00 and the board empowers Sue to do this. This will be reviewed in SLC. A letter will be sent out about deadlines. Carried. Sally will send and distribute the Wassumi to Utah clubs, and Floyd to Wyoming since there are not that many clubs involved in these areas.

16. Dick Anderson gave his report from the National Board. His reports to our board members are greatly appreciated. He announced the new CEO, Mr. Green. Mr. Green businessman with experience in accounting and management and is a bridge player. He was the first choice of the selection committee. They are planning on restructuring the National Board of Directors. Dick is in favor of leaving District #18 as is.

Dick reported that several clubs in District #18 did <u>not</u> comply with ACBL regulations. SLC, for example, needs to submit annual financial report. Sally will get this done and sent to Dick. Sally will send members copies of clubs not complying so district reps can notify them.

17. A vote was taken whether to continue Phil Woods contract till it runs out in 1993. Three voted for discontinuation and three voted to let it run out till end of 1993. Bob broke the tie and Phils contract will run to end of 1993.

18. Bob appointed a selection committee to look for possible replacements for Phil Wood for 1994. The committee will be Billy, Sally, and Bob.

19. Card fees were discussed. A motion was made by Billy, seconded by Sally to leave the card fees remain the same throughout the coming year. Carried.

20. Psyches were discussed. Announcements will be made by the directors on reporting your own psyches and how opponents can report psyches against them on the score slips. There should also be an article in the daily bulletins and in the Wassumi.

21. Questions were asked about the old hand records with old dates and cities on them. Bob will check into this and report to us.

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22. Martin gave a report on trophies and awards. He is getting this information without going to ACBL and paying a lot of money for it.

23. Discussion was held on when a regional tournament doesn't spend all their tournament hospitality money, they get that much more at the next regional they host. Phyllis said this has been on the minutes some time back. A motion to discontinue this practice was made by Billy, seconded by Sally. Carried.

24. Martin volunteered to archive the minutes of the Board of Directors Meetings for District 18. This was felt to be a good idea. Martin will get past minutes from Phyllis or Billy and take care of this.

Martin also brought forth the idea of changing the format for regionals. Suggestions were made for starting on Monday at 1:30 and having 6 days of gold point events with last gold point event finishing Saturday evening, early. (Starting saturday 10:30 with flighted teams events). Charity game will be one session early sunday so people can get an earlier start for home. It will be discussed with other surrounding districts to see what can be done.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.

Saturday: Open meeting.

No one showed up except Mrs. Bob Holdren.