

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 22, 1972

The membership meeting was attended by Board members: Stan Abrams, Allen McAlear, Vonda White, Jean Erikson, Robin MacNab, and about 45 members.

Dr. Abrams said a few words of appreciation and turned the meeting over to Mr. McAlear. Doug Drew and Bill Robinson were introduced.

The question of the prize plan was discussed.

When the high cost of chartering a club (\$25.00) was brought up, it was suggested that the unit be approached to lend money to get new clubs started, and thus encourage membership.

Districtwide games, with hand records, were discussed. And the question was raised if the awards could be half red points. This is not possible under the present A.C.B.L. regulations.

Members were made aware of the page allotted to District 18 in the Contract Bridge Forum and were encouraged to submit items for inclusion therein.

Robin MacNab explained the new team event (see minutes of regular meeting).

Dates of upcoming regionals were announced, and it was brought to our attention that the date set aside for Regina was in conflict with a neighboring unit. (This date was later changed to September 17-23, with permission of District 17).

MEMO TO BOARD MEMBERS:

Very preliminary figures show a pretty good profit from Edmonton.

The following items have been submitted for the agenda in Boise and, since the list must be into the Forum by September 20, it is not too early to be thinking along this line. Please submit any items you wish to have included to me at 927 No. 12th Street, Cody, Wyo. 82414.

1. Approval of minutes
2. Financial Statement
3. Edmonton regional report
4. Division of profits
5. Extent losses should be absorbed
6. Bylaws changes
7. Enlargement of Board
8. Finalize regional assignments for 1974 and start on 1975
9. Approval of final budget for Salt Lake City regional

ARTICLE I

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be "District 18 ACBL Association," hereinafter referred to as "The District."

Section 2: The name "American Contract Bridge League" will hereinafter be referred to in these bylaws as "The League."

ARTICLE II

Section 1: The principal office of the District shall be such place within the area of the District that the Board of Directors may designate from time to time, and until designated shall be Box 1066, Bozeman, Montana.

Section 2: The jurisdictional area of the District shall be that area defined by the League as District #18, subject to realignment by the redistricting committee of the League.

ARTICLE III

Section 1: The purpose of this organization shall be:

A. To cooperate with and assist the League in the promotion and conduct of bridge tournaments, and to perform such other functions as may hereafter be delegated by the League.

B. To promote the highest standards of conduct and ethics for participants in tournaments and to take any and all steps necessary for that purpose.

C. To seek concerted action on all matters affecting the District by consultation with and recommendations to the District Representative on the National Board of Directors.

D. To conduct the regionals allocated to the District, deciding where and when they will be held, and to prescribe rules of eligibility for participation.

E. To schedule sectional tournaments between the units of the District using the following procedure except as it may be changed by the Board of Directors or the units.

1. Before any unit seeks sanction from the League for a tournament, they shall give reasonable notice to the District President of their intended date.

2. The unit president shall confer with a ranking, rated bridge director in the District, or if none lives in the District, then with other director as does the majority of the directing as shall be determined by the District President and in conjunction with said director shall schedule sectionals requested by the units.

3. Where, in the opinion of the District President, a conflict exists by reason of proximity of dates and distance or playing area,

he shall attempt to notify the two units and arrange agreeable rescheduling. If this becomes impossible, he shall then submit the question of rescheduling to the directors individually by mail or by phone in such a manner as to give reasonable notice of the question presented and an opportunity for them to signify their approval.

4. The District President and the members of the Board of Directors shall give consideration to the following things in determining questions of scheduling:

- a. The greatest benefit to the greatest number of players that would be expected to participate.
- b. The benefit to the individual units to permit financial success of their sectionals.
- c. The historic reservation of certain dates by certain units and the possibility of conflicts with national, regional or sectional tournaments located within or without the District in proximity to the unit seeking a sectional.

F. To provide a clearing house for individuals seeking candidacy for any bridge office in the League or Board of Governors or Western Conference or for the District organization where there is the possibility that there could be more than a single candidate.

G. To forward requests or to assist units in obtaining information from the Western Conference or any department of the League.

H. To promote the scheduling of a national tournament designated for the western zone within the geographical confines of District 18.

I. To promote District-wide games to provide financing for the District organization.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: Charter members of this organization shall be all those units of the League within the District area as of January 1, 1970.

Section 2: A member unit of the District may be suspended for cause by an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of the Board of Directors present at any official meeting. Such unit, upon filing a written request with the District Board for a hearing on the cause of such suspension, shall be accorded a hearing before a committee selected by the District Board for that purpose.

Section 3. Upon advice of censure or suspension action taken by a member unit, the District Board may suspend an individual member of a unit, from participation in any District activity, by an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of the Board present at any official meeting. The District Board may suspend a member of a unit for cause after proper notice and a hearing, subject to appeal to the League.

ARTICLE V

Section 1: The business, affairs and property of the District shall be conducted and controlled in all respects by the District Board.

Section 2: The District Board may appoint committees and delegate to them assignments, projects, fact finding or planning studies. The

establishment of policy shall remain with the Board. Members of such committees must be members of the League and members of units within the District area. The power and duty of a committee is limited to the restrictions included in the resolution by which it is created.

Section 3: The first membership meeting and meeting of the Board of Directors shall be called by the temporary president for July 20 through July 26, 1970, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and the annual meetings of the Directors shall be set henceforth by each annual meeting of the Board, but in no event shall they be set so that the term of the president and other officers shall be less than six months nor more than eighteen, and the meetings shall be held to coincide with a regional in the District.

Section 4: If the affairs of the District ever warrant and the income justify, the District Board may appoint a general manager or executive secretary to conduct the business of the District.

Section 5: District Board shall elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer for terms of two years, except that the offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined, and may appoint such additional officers as it deems necessary for the proper conduct of its business. The Board may designate the powers of the treasurer to receive, disburse and account for District funds and may require a bond of such officer, to be provided by District funds.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1: The District Board of Directors shall consist of one representative from each state or province, chosen by the member units, in a manner hereinafter described, plus the District Representative to the National Board of Directors of the League and the delegate to the Western Conference Board of Directors.

Section 2: In the election of members to the Board, each member unit shall be entitled to one vote for each hundred individual members, or major fraction thereof, of the unit as determined on May 1 of each year by League records.

Section 3: Each area shall be entitled to a representative on the Board, and an area shall consist of each state or province within the District. The provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and the states of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah are provinces and states of which the District is presently constituted. The vote of each member of the Board of Directors may be weighted in accordance with the votes cast for him as provided by Section 2, but no one Director shall have more than one fourth of the total vote.

Section 4: Election to the Board shall be for a term of two years, and no member shall succeed himself over two terms or four years; but after a two-year lapse, may run again. Approximately one half of the Board positions will come up for election each year, with the initial turn-over being determined by lot.

Section 5: Prior to the 1st of May, the Board shall appoint an election committee whose duties shall be:

A. In the first week of December to request each member unit within an area electing a representative to submit before the end of the year

the name of a nominee to the Board, residing within its area, for election to the Board for the following year.

B. Upon receipt of the notice of such nominees, and with the approval of the Board, to prepare a ballot for submission during the following June to each member unit, listing the nominees for election from its area, such ballot to be returned before the end of January.

C. Upon return of the ballots, to determine which nominees received the greatest number of votes and to request the Board to certify the result.

Section 6: If at any time a duly qualified member of the District Board cannot serve the balance of his term, the Board shall appoint a substitute from the same state or province to serve until the next election.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1: An official meeting of the District Board of Directors may be held at every District regional tournament when, in the opinion of the District President, it is desirable to do so. Notice of each meeting shall be made in writing by the President to each Board member at least thirty days prior to such meeting.

Section 2: The President, or any five members of the Board representing at least three areas within the District as defined in Article VI, Section 3, of these bylaws, may call a special meeting of the Board, by giving not less than ten nor more than thirty days' notice in writing to each member of the Board, stating the time and place of such meeting, together with an agenda of the business to be considered. All such meetings shall be held within the District area.

Section 3: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. If for good and sufficient reason the President cannot attend a meeting of the Board, the Vice-President shall preside; and if the Vice-President shall also fail to attend such meeting, the members of the Board present, constituting a quorum, shall select a member from among themselves to preside.

Section 4: A quorum for the transaction of business at any Board meeting shall consist of five members representing at least three areas within the District as defined in Article VI, Section 3, of these bylaws. A majority vote of those members present shall be necessary to enact a resolution.

Section 5: If the director wishes to appoint a proxy to represent him and his area at a Board meeting, he must do so in writing. The acceptance of the proxy shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1: These bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of the District Board present at a special meeting called for that purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 2, of these bylaws.

THESE BYLAWS ARE CURRENT AND INCLUDE ALL AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1971.