

**Minutes of Conference Call**  
ACBL District 1  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Present:**

Douglas Hamilton - District President  
Leo Weniger - District Director  
George Retek - Director Emeritus  
Jean La Traverse - District Treasurer  
Bilgin Batman – Unit 194

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Call to Order</b></p> <p>The District President welcomed everyone to the meeting. Units 152, 192 and 199 9 were not represented.</p>	None
<p><b>2. Grass Roots Funds</b></p> <p>Kathie Macnab and Louise Mascolo, District GNT and NAP coordinators respectively had provided a proposal for the District 1 Grass Roots Funds Distribution Policy. The proposed policy calls for the division of funds between the GNT and NAP events broken down by their respective stratifications. Feedback was positive. Units are to provide precise recommendations back to the District President so that the policy can be finalized.</p> <p>It was Moved by Leo Weniger and seconded by Doug Hamilton, that for 2015 GNT flights B and C, one-time \$500 subsidies will be made available to each team that qualifies for the GNT finals to be held in Chicago in August 2015. Of note, payment of such subsidies to be made after event participation.</p>	All Units
<p><b>3. Election of District Director</b></p> <p>Reminder that individuals must declare their candidacy to the ACBL by the end of May for the 3-year term beginning January 1, 2016.</p>	None

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<p data-bbox="186 233 673 268"><b>4. George Retek and CLW trophies</b></p> <p data-bbox="203 306 1247 447">Mr. Retek discussed the potential nominations received thus far for upcoming recipients of these two trophies. Nominations have been submitted from some Units. Unit Presidents are invited to submit their nominations to George Retek by June 6<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p data-bbox="203 489 1195 558">Presentations of the trophies will take place at the 2015 CAN-AM regional in Montréal to be held Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p data-bbox="203 600 1149 701">This site was selected because family members of the named awards have expressed an interest in presenting the trophies this first year. Most family members reside in Montréal.</p> <p data-bbox="203 743 1167 812">Travel subsidies were discussed to assist potential out-of-town recipients to personally attend a brief awards ceremony.</p> <p data-bbox="203 854 1230 955">It was Moved by George Retek and seconded by Leo Weniger that a \$100 travel subsidy be awarded to the potential winner should they reside within Units 152, 192 or 199.</p> <p data-bbox="203 997 1252 1098">It was Moved by George Retek and seconded by Leo Weniger that a \$300 travel subsidy be awarded to the potential winner should they reside within Units 194 or 230.</p> <p data-bbox="203 1140 1252 1176">No travel subsidy will be awarded to a potential recipient residing within Unit 151.</p>	<p data-bbox="1276 233 1401 268">All Units</p>
<p data-bbox="186 1220 537 1255"><b>5. District Levies to Units</b></p> <p data-bbox="203 1293 1256 1394">The levies for the 2014 regional tournaments held in Kingston and Ottawa (Unit 192) and the Saguenay (Unit 199) remain outstanding. Doug will contact the Unit Presidents. Jean will assist with Unit 199.</p>	<p data-bbox="1276 1257 1352 1293">Doug</p>
<p data-bbox="186 1440 488 1476"><b>6. Bridgeur Magazine</b></p> <p data-bbox="203 1514 1240 1654">The ACBL is reviewing the option of allowing members who wish to receive the Bridgeur instead of the ACBL Bulletin. Unit 151 has been in discussions with a local organization that might be able to provide a more cost effective printing solution.</p>	<p data-bbox="1276 1478 1398 1514">Leo/Jean</p>

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<p data-bbox="186 233 326 264"><b>7. STACS</b></p> <p data-bbox="201 306 1235 485">Doug Hamilton discussed details of a discussion he held with Sam Whitten from the ACBL regarding Districts that run and manage STACs as opposed to the individual Units within the Districts. Improved coordination of STACs and the redistribution of pro-rated profits back to the Units were seen as viable improvements.</p> <p data-bbox="201 527 1252 632">Leo will inquire with the ACBL Board of Directors to obtain more specific guidelines regarding the District management of STACs to determine if this would be a viable option for the District.</p>	<p data-bbox="1279 268 1354 300">Doug</p>
<p data-bbox="186 674 428 705"><b>8. Adjournment</b></p> <p data-bbox="186 747 1252 852">Meeting was adjourned. The next District Meeting will be held Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> after the afternoon session at the 2015 CAN-AM Regional to be held in Dorval Québec.</p>	<p data-bbox="1279 709 1354 741">Doug.</p>