

Minutes of Conference Call
ACBL District 1
November 15th, 2014

Present:

Leo Weniger - District Director
George Retek - Director Emeritus
Douglas Hamilton - District President
Jean La Traverse - District Treasurer (acting Secretary for this conference call)
Bill Halliday – District Tournament Coordinator
Jean-Pierre Bilodeau – Unit 199
Bilgin Batman – Unit 194
Mike Hartop – Unit 230 (joined halfway)

Item	Action
<p>1. Call to Order</p> <p>The District President welcomed everyone to the meeting. Units 192 and 152 were not represented.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>2. Agenda and Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the 2014 AGM were not reviewed. The agenda was proposed by District President Doug Hamilton.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>3. GNT</p> <p>Kathie McNab has worked diligently these past weeks with Louise Mascolo on a proposal to better structure the GNT competition as well as foster increased awareness and promotion.</p> <p>Kathie’s proposal was put forth to add club qualifying games prior to holding separate ‘split’ District semi-final followed by an online final per flight which the ACBL has endorsed as a feasible solution. There has been limited traction to hold club qualifying games in the 4 western Units (151,152, 192 and 199) whereas there is within the two eastern Units (194 &230).</p> <p>Kathie also proposed alternating flights between eastern and western Units every year so that representation for all flights can come from either side from year to year. Proposal for 2015 was for Eastern Units to hold qualifying events for Flights A (0-6000) and C (0-500 NLM) and Western Units to manage Open Flights and Flight B (0-2500).</p> <p>Proposal was moved by Doug Hamilton and seconded by Jean La Traverse. Alternating sides however was not agreed upon and may be revised on a yearly basis. Financial subsidies and monies to support the costs of sending teams to the GNT Final to be held in Chicago in August 2015 will be determined at a future date. Additional Conditions of Contest may be forthcoming from ACBL after the Providence NABC.</p>	<p>Kathie and Louise to follow-up on carried motion</p>

<p>Kathie should edit Conditions of Contest to read that “Subsidies, either complete or partial will be considered”.</p> <p>Carried.</p>	
<p>4. Unit 194 request for 2015 Split Regional.</p> <p>Request from President of Unit 194 that consideration be given to allowing Unit 194 to hold a split regional in odd numbered years when Can-At is held in Unit 230.</p> <p>After discussing the possibilities, Unit 194 was informed that it was incumbent on them to elicit the support of Unit 192 for the proposed split Regional in October 2015 or any other proposed split Regional.</p>	<p>Unit 194 to contact Unit 192</p>
<p>5. Making Annual AGM more effective.</p> <p>District President asked for ideas/suggestions as to how we can speed up the annual meeting in August every year. Two clear suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to hold quarterly conference calls to move items throughout the year; • Remove agenda items that simply inform the members of the Board. Make meeting around moving and carrying motions. 	<p>None</p>
<p>6. Contentious Issues to be discussed at Providence NABC in November 2015</p> <p>Leo Weniger asked for assistance by providing him feedback and input on some contentious issues that he will be asked to vote on at upcoming Board of Director Meeting at the Providence NABC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Masterpoints with lifetime achievement awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should there be separate lists for Online Master points and Face-2-Face points or can they continue to be combined as is? • ACBL Score+ • Grass Roots Monies • Possibility of allowing 7-day Regional Events • Creation of a Flight Y to cover 750-2500 gap <p>Comments and suggestions should be sent to Leo no later than Sunday November 23rd, 2014.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>7. District Guidelines for Tournament Scheduling and Coordination</p> <p>Tournament Coordinator mentioned that there are no official guidelines to administer tournament calendar.</p> <p>Units are invited to submit their suggestions and recommendations to Bill Halliday before the next conference call so that he may prepare a draft which will be reviewed at the next conference call.</p>	<p>Bill Haliday All</p>

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned. The next District Conference Call is tentatively planned for Saturday February 7th 2015 at 10am EST.

None