

Minutes of Conference Call

ACBL District 1
February 28, 2015

Present:

Leo Weniger - District Director
George Retek - Director Emeritus
Douglas Hamilton - District President
Jean La Traverse - District Treasurer
Bill Halliday – District Tournament Coordinator
Heather Peckett District Secretary
Bilgin Batman – Unit 194

Item	Action
<p>1. Call to Order</p> <p>The District President welcomed everyone to the meeting. Units 199, 230 and 152 were not represented.</p>	None
<p>2. Le Bridgeur Magazine</p> <p>Leo reported that the ACBL is reviewing the option of allowing members who wish to receive Le Bridgeur instead of the ACBL Bulletin. Members who opt for this magazine would still have access to the Bulletin online. Leo will ask ACBL if it is possible for members to receive both magazines at the current cost of membership.</p>	Leo
<p>3. Election of District Director</p> <p>Individuals must declare their candidacy to the ACBL by the end of May for the 3-year term beginning January 1, 2016. Leo will be letting his name stand for re-election. Jean will send Doug a link to be posted on the District website.</p>	Jean L.
<p>4. Doug Heron Award</p> <p>Unit 230 has won this award as it had the greatest increase in new members for the year 2014. Doug will send a note of congratulations to unit 230.</p>	Doug
<p>5. 2015 CanAt and New Hampshire Regionals Overlap</p> <p>This year the two tournaments have 3 days during which their schedules overlap. Traditional dates are protected by the ACBL. As the potential dates for the CanAt cover almost a 2-week period, George reported that there had been an Eastern Conference Coordinating Committee that worked with the neighbouring Districts to ensure that such overlaps didn't happen. Leo has expressed his displeasure to the District 25 Director, and will bring it up again with the ACBL</p>	Leo

Regional Allocation Committee.	
<p>6. John McAdam Charity Game</p> <p>The game will be held Wednesday afternoon November 4, 2015. Bill will get the sanction for this game and Carol Hamilton will send notices to all the clubs.</p>	Carol and Bill
<p>7. District Levies to Units</p> <p>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.</p>	Doug
<p>8. Grass Roots Funds</p> <p>The ACBL has sent \$5,466 to our District. Sixteen cheques @\$200 have been issued to Flight B and C pairs who will be going to New Orleans to participate in their NAP Finals. It was Moved by Heather and Seconded by Jean, that in future any monies from the District be paid once players' participation has been validated. Carried</p> <p>Leo stated that we should be giving funds to GNTs as well as to NAP participants. Kathie and Louise, the NAP and GNT coordinators, will develop a proposal for the distribution of District funds.</p>	Kathie and Louise
<p>9. George Retek and CLW Trophies</p> <p>Heather will send out copies of the Guidelines that have been developed for the selection of potential candidates who might be eligible to win either of these trophies. Unit Presidents are to submit the names of potential candidates from their Units. Documentation on the reasons for their selection should be included. This information is to be sent to the District Secretary by April 30, 2015.</p>	Heather and Unit Presidents
<p>10. STACS</p> <p>Many players been confused by the ACBL identification of STACs for our District as District STACS, even though each may be sponsored by a different Unit. Doug will speak to the ACBL again to ensure that the sponsoring Unit is identified, and those other Units listed when they have been invited to participate.</p> <p>The District website should include a listing of all STACS sponsored by our 6 Units, and whom they have invited to participate.</p> <p>Bilgin felt that revenues generated by a STAC should go back to the participating Units based upon their table count. It was felt that the District does not have any authority to tell a Unit how to allocate these revenues.</p>	Doug

<p>11. Items to be discussed by the Board in New Orleans</p> <p>a. Currently, clubs within a 25-mile radius of where a sectional tournament is being held are only allowed to have regular games. The members present felt that Leo should vote in support the status quo.</p> <p>b. Monies raised for the Longest Day will no longer go to the Canadian Alzheimer's Society, but rather it will go to Canadian Alzheimer's Research.</p> <p>c. The Instant Matchpoint Game will be during a morning game this year.</p>	<p>Leo</p>
<p>12. Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned. The next District Conference Call is tentatively planned for Saturday May 9, 2015 at 9 am EDT (10am ADT).</p>	<p>Jean L.</p>