

**Minutes of Conference Call
ACBL District 1
December 5, 2015**

Present:

Douglas Hamilton	District President
Jean La Traverse	District Treasurer -Unit 151
Bill Halliday	District Tournament Coordinator
Richard Kenny	Unit 230
Bilgin Batman	Unit 194
Louise Mascolo	NAP Coordinator-Unit 151
Heather Peckett	District Secretary

George Retek	Director Emeritus - Regrets for late arrival
Leo Weniger	District Director - Regrets

Item	Action
<p>1. Call to Order</p> <p>The District President welcomed everyone to the call. Units 192, 199 and 152 were not represented.</p>	
<p>2. Grass Roots Funds</p> <p>We have \$3,200 available for distribution in 2016. Last year the available money was given to 16 players attending the NAP finals. No funding was provided to any of the GNTs. After some discussion it was decided to allocate available funds on a basis of 50-50 to the NAP and GNT participants. Currently the ACBL gives funding to the 1st place and 2nd place finishers in each of the NAP Flights A, B and C.</p> <p>It was moved by H. Peckett and seconded by J. La Traverse that the available funds be distributed 50-50 to the GNTs and to those NAP pairs not already receiving funding from the ACBL. Carried.</p> <p>Monies will be provided to the participants upon their return from the ACBL Finals.</p>	<p>J. La Traverse L. Mascolo</p>
<p>3. Location of NAP Finals</p> <p>In an email sent to members, Kathie Macnab provided a short history of how the location of the Eastern Finals has been determined. One year the A and C flights are held in Moncton, and the B flight in Halifax at the Maritimes Cards and Games Bridge Studio. The next year the reverse happens. A request from the Halifax Bridge World was made to Unit 194 asking that it be permitted to host the NAP District finals. To date this request has not been officially forwarded to District 1.</p> <p>J. La Traverse gave some history as to how it operates in the Western Area. The District Board delegates to Unit 151 the responsibility of finding a suitable</p>	<p>R. Kenny B. Batman</p>

<p>location to host the Western portion of the NAP District Finals each year. Clubs express their interest in holding these games which are reviewed by Unit 151 Board Members. Consideration is given to allowing all interested clubs an opportunity to hold the event, provided they are able to properly accommodate the expected number of tables. There are currently two clubs who are interested and the Unit 151 has rotated the event the last 4 years between these two clubs. Revenues for the selected club are for rental space only. Any remaining profits, after sanction, director, caddy and other expenses are returned to the Unit. Usually these amounts are quite minimal as it is not the desire for the Unit to make a profit from this event, only to ensure expenses are covered.</p> <p>It was made it clear that the NAP is a District event and not a Unit event. For the Eastern portion, R. Kenny and B. Batman agreed to volunteer to work together to put forward a process satisfactory to all concerned for the selection of the location for the Eastern Area of the 2016 District Finals. It was Moved by H. Peckett and seconded by L. Mascolo that the District delegate its responsibility for finding suitable location(s) to hold the Eastern portion of the 2016 NAP District Finals jointly to R. Kenny and B. Batman. Carried.</p>	
<p>4. NAP Conditions of Contest.</p> <p>Currently the winner of the 3rd place in Flight A is deemed to come from the Area with the greatest attendance. The Eastern Area has its events over separate days and as such, there is more opportunity for players to play in two events and to result in greater attendance than in the Western Area. Rarely would a pair ever come from the Western Area.</p> <p>Once the winners for 1st and 2nd place have been selected, it was agreed that the pair with the next highest score (regardless of in which area the pair participated), be deemed to be the 3rd place winner. The methodology for breaking of ties proposed by Sol Weinstein will be used.</p>	
<p>5. Overlaps between CBF Canadian Championships and Canadian Regionals</p> <p>In 2016 the Canadian Championships being held in Toronto overlap for 3 days with the split regional being held in Kingston and Summerside.</p> <p>It was proposed by G. Retek that D. Hamilton prepare a letter to send to the ACBL asking that they not allow a sanction for the Canadian Championships to overlap with any Canadian Regional. The CBF should be put on notice as well. D. Hamilton will discuss the wording of the letter with L. Weniger and G. Retek. A copy of the letter will be sent to the President of the CBF. Everyone agreed.</p>	<p>D. Hamilton G. Retek L. Weniger</p>
<p>6. Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned. The next District Conference Call is tentatively planned for Saturday March 5, 2016 at 10 am AST.</p>	<p>J. La Traverse D. Hamilton</p>