

Minutes of Annual Meeting
ACBL District 1
August 13, 2016

Present:

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Annie Williams	Unit 194	
Richard Kenny	Unit 230	rakenny53@gmail.com

1. Call to Order

The District President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM were reviewed. It was moved by J. LaTraverse and seconded by R. Kenny that the Minutes be approved. Motion carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. 2020 levy from Kingston 2014 tournament

P. Clark said that Unit 192 will remit the monies owed from 2014. P. Clark noted that Kingston has likely lost money on its 2016 tournament due to the timing of the CBF Canadian Championships. G. Retek said financial statements should be requested.

ACTION - P. CLARK

b. Timing of Canadian Championships and CBF Regionals

D. Hamilton will draft a letter to petition the CBF not to schedule the Canadian Championships and CBF Regionals close to a District 1 Regional. **ACTION - D.HAMILTON**

4. Treasurer's Report

J. LaTraverse provided the District Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for 2015 and the Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2015. J. LaTraverse will arrange to invest \$30,000 in a GIC. It was moved by H. Peckett and seconded by R. Kenny that the financial statements be adopted as presented. Motion carried. **ACTION - J. LA TRAVERSE**

5. District Director's Report

L. Weniger informed the Board that his detailed report from the July Nationals was sent to the Unit Presidents and will be posted on the District Website soon.

Some of the highlights of his report include:

- ! restructuring the Board system to make it more efficient
- ! reviewing the recorder system
- ! ACBL is looking at better ways to prevent cheating at all levels.
- ! The new Junior membership fee is \$5. Juniors will not receive the Bulletin for this fee.
- ! Changes to the levels for the Mini-Spingold from 1,500 to 2,000 and 2-day NABC Pairs from 5,000 to 6,000.
- ! L. Weniger is still on a committee looking at the continuing challenges for Canadian members due to the Canadian/US \$ rate of exchange.

6. New Business

a. District Website

Yves Chartrand will take over administration of the website. Mike Ritcey will assist Yves Chartrand if any restructuring is required. The webmaster will take ownership of the site to ensure that he gets all the information he needs to keep it up to date. Simple items such as the email addresses and pictures of the District executive should be posted.

b. Status of the 2020 Nationals Fund

The Treasurer provided a chart displaying the revenues collected from each Unit for the 2020 Nationals. Regional table counts are reasonably close to forecasts made in 2011 to hit the \$75,000 target. Concern was expressed over more recent Regionals where table counts are lower than forecast.

P. Clark suggested a revisit of the target in view of the reduced attendance and revenues from recent regionals. J. LaTraverse noted that this money is to be used to fund hotel room rebates below the rate of \$120 CAN which was agreed upon between the ACBL and Tourism Montreal. Now 4 years out, a reforecast is to be reproduced. **ACTION-J. LATRAVERSE**

c. Location of upcoming CBF Canadian Championships

The CBF policy states that the Canadian Championships are to be held in Central Canada (Montreal- Toronto), two years out of three. G. Retek noted that the proposed locations of the next 3 Canadian Championships are all outside this corridor. Winnipeg-2017, Halifax-2018 and Vancouver-2019. J. La Traverse noted that it is the local Unit that has to find the volunteers to host these events. Montreal has been very generous in hosting a number of CBF events. Unit 192 (Ottawa) has not hosted the Championships in a long time. Possibly the CBF could ask Unit 192 if they might be able to host one of these Championships. It was moved by G. Retek and seconded by J. LaTraverse that on behalf of all players we need to hold one of these Championship events in central Canada within the next three years. The District President will prepare a letter for the CBF. **ACTION - J. LATRAVERSE**

d. NAP

The ACBL pays \$700 to each member of the A, B and C pairs entitled to receive the first place award and \$300 to each member of the pairs entitled to receive the second place award. No subsidy is provided for pairs placing third (Flights A, B and C) or fourth (Flights B and C).

For 2016-17, the winner and 3rd place will be deemed to come from the Western Area (Quebec and Eastern Ontario) and 2nd and 4th place from the Eastern Area (Maritimes).

For Flight A, the third place pair eligible to represent our District will come from the “Area” from which the 1st place pair was determined. The NAP Coordinator has drafted a review of the future conditions for determining the definition of “Area”. This will be reviewed at a subsequent meeting.

L. Mascolo and K. Macnab are working on the scheduling of the District finals.

e. STAC Fees and Profits

The motion made last year, that starting with 2016 STACS, profits were to be prorated based upon a Unit's participation in a STAC, was rescinded. It was moved by J. LaTraverse and seconded by R. Kenny that each Unit be able to keep any profits it makes, after paying the required fees to the Coordinating Director. Motion carried.

f. Conditions for awarding the CLW and George Retek Trophies

A Unit must provide its nominations in writing to the selection committee. The District is not obligated to select a winner in any year. It was agreed that all recipients must reside in District 1.

R Kenny volunteered to replace K. Macnab on the committee for a term of 3 years. G. Retek will chair the committee for the upcoming year. J. LaTraverse is the other member.

g. Grass Roots Funds

As of December 31st, the District had unspent 2015 funds of \$2,800. The District has received \$4,600 in Grass Roots monies for 2016, and will be writing cheques totalling \$3,300 for the GNT (B and C) and NAP (B and C) participants who went to Washington 2016.

h. GNT Scheduling and Selection

The District Director, on the recommendation of the District GNT coordinators, made a decision to send a team that wanted to participate in the Open flight in Washington after no team from the qualifying game wanted to go.

It was proposed and accepted that any team, not able to attend the District Final for good reason, may apply to attend the National Finals if no qualified team is willing to go. The GNT District Coordinator, together with the District Director will make the selection from the pool of applicants. In 2016 several teams showed up for District Open Flight finals but no team wanted to go to the Nationals.

As there are more eligible teams from the Western Area for the Open Flight, it might make sense if the District Finals for this category be held in the Western area more often than in the Eastern Area.

These considerations will be discussed further during a conference call.

In 2017, the Eastern Area will hold District Finals for the A and C Flights, while the Western Area will be responsible for the Open and B Finals.

i. District Charity Game

The John McAdam District-Wide Charity Game will be held on Thursday afternoon November 3, 2016. Rob Williams has volunteered to be the coordinator for this event.

9. Other Business

a. District Conference Calls

The District will continue to schedule conference calls every 3-4 months.

b. Doug Heron Award

Unit 230 is once again the recipient for having the greatest growth in members.

c. Director Fees

There have been inconsistencies in the fees charged by Directors of the GNT events. This will be discussed further during the next conference call. The Conditions of Contest also have to be revisited.

10. Election and Appointment of Officers

*Nominations were made for the following positions. Individuals with an * next to their name were not present to confirm their nomination and willingness to fulfill the desired position. The District President will confirm their nomination in the coming weeks.*

President	Jean LaTraverse
Past President	Doug Hamilton
Vice-President	Richard Kenny
Secretary	Heather Peckett
Treasurer	Hugues Boisvert
Charity	Rob Williams
Discipline	Peter Clark*
Recorder	Nick L'Ecuyer*
Appeals	Zygmunt Marcinski*
Education and Membership	Kathie Macnab*
NAP Coordinator	Louise Mascolo
GNT Coordinator	Kathie Macnab*
Special Events/Tournament Coordinator	Bill Halliday
Website Coordinator	Yves Chartrand*

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned. The 2017 AGM will be held in Montreal, early Saturday evening August 12, 2017 during the CANAM.