

Minutes of Annual Meeting
ACBL District 1
May 18, 2019
Fleur-de-Lys Regional in Québec City

Present:

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Heather Peckett	Secretary	bridgecat@rogers.com

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	Action
<p>1. Call to Order and Welcome J. La Traverse welcomed the delegates. He also thanked Unit 152 for making the arrangements (room, coffee, food) for this meeting. He gave a special welcome to Claire and Sylvie from Unit 199. Christine (Unit 151) is also present via teleconference.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were reviewed. It was moved by R. Williams and seconded by T. Edwards-Davies that the Minutes be approved. Carried.</p>	
<p>3. Business Arising The regular conference calls are now covered by our Bylaws. S. MacPherson developed the wording.</p>	
<p>4. Treasurer's Report R. Williams presented financial statements for 2018. All interest received from 2020 Fund GIC's is being credited to the 2020 Fund. Monies received from the REACH games are our only source of revenues other than those that are designated for a specific purpose. At least one more game is scheduled after the Vegas Nationals. Once the 2019 levies are received, the 2020 fund should reach \$61,000. It was moved by H. Boisvert and seconded by H. Peckett that the financial statements be adopted as presented. Carried.</p>	

<p>5. District Director's Report Deferred to the next Conference Call.</p>	
<p>6. District Website Everyone was asked to make sure that the website is populated with all the information necessary to make it complete. The webmaster is happy to update with the information we submit.</p>	All Delegates
<p>7. Grass Roots Funds Funds raised at club games are remitted to the ACBL, who in turn sends them back to the District to help fund GNTs and NAPs.</p> <p>The following proposal was made by the Grass Roots Working Group:</p> <p>To stop subsidizing Flight B players to attend GNT and NAP finals. It is believed that a select few players continue to earn these subsidies and in no way do these subsidies encourage players from participating. Grass Roots Funds should continue to be used to subsidize first time winners of Flight C GNT and NAP events to attend National Finals at NABCs.</p> <p>Note: Once a Flight C player has been awarded a Grass Roots Funds subsidy for NAP or GNT that they become ineligible for future Grass Roots Funds subsidies.</p> <p>Guidelines for projects that could be submitted for approval by District 1 Units include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Education programs at the Unit level or their clubs ● Use to fund education or promotion of I/N tournaments ● Support for Mentorship programs ● Support for Rookie/Master games besides the two current national events ● Hospitality for events organized specifically for new players <p>The Grass Roots budget be approved each year where amounts are allocated to either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NAP / GNT Subsidies; and ● to Units for projects for consideration <p>The proposal was accepted.</p> <p>We currently have \$10,200 in Grass Roots Funds, with \$3,200 committed spending for this year. We expect to receive \$5-6,000 in 2019 funds.</p> <p>Discussion ensued concerning how these projects should be approved- should monies only be given to the smaller Units?</p> <p>It was moved by G. Retek and seconded by M. Lacroix that \$500 be the upper limit of funding for a Unit project submitted to the District. Carried.</p> <p>A committee consisting of R. Williams, G. Retek and J. La Traverse will receive</p>	<p>R. Williams G. Retek J. La Traverse</p>

<p>funding requests from Units if submitted by October 31, 2019.</p> <p>8. District Charity Game The John McAdam District-Wide Charity Game will be held on Wednesday afternoon November 6, 2019.</p> <p>M. Lacroix will organize and get the sanction for the 2019 game.</p>	<p>M. Lacroix</p>
<p>9. Doug Heron Award Congratulations to Unit 199 who is the recipient due its 7.2% increase in membership. This phenomenal rate increase was 12th in the ACBL.</p>	
<p>10. GR and CLW Winners On behalf of the District selection committee, J. La Traverse was pleased to announce Laurier Gerard (Unit 199) as the recipient of the GR trophy and Sylvain Descôteaux as the winner of the CLW trophy.</p> <p>G. Retek noted that all recipients of the CLW trophy have been tournament directors. He emphasized that the intention of the trophy was to recognize individuals who maintain the highest ethical standards. Individuals such as recorders, discipline and appeal committee members should all be considered.</p> <p>T. Edwards-Davies will replace J. La Traverse on the Committee for a 3-year term. L. Weniger and H. Peckett are the other members.</p> <p>The District has not been consistent in the amounts we have spent for the annual keeper plaques, certificates or trophies. In discussion it was thought that perhaps, individual winners might rather have the large trophy for a year rather than a smaller memento. Leo will ask previous winners what their preferences were.</p>	<p>T. Edwards-Davies L. Weniger H. Peckett</p>
<p>11. Report from Executive Committee May 5, 2019</p> <p>J. La Traverse expressed his gratitude to both the District NAP and GNT coordinators who have provided exceptional service in promoting and coordinating these events over the last number of years. However, an unfortunate occurrence took place when the 2019 Eastern GNT finals were held without approval by the District.</p> <p>The following motion was adopted at the Executive committee meeting:</p> <p>That going forward,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Criteria will be developed to assist coordinators organize all aspects pertaining to the running of the District NAP and GNT events, 2. The Executive Committee will approve the proposed criteria, and 3. The Executive Committee will review and endorse all events prior to their sanction. <p>It was moved by R. Williams and H. Peckett that the committee of T. Edwards-Davies, C. Bartlett and J La Traverse plus the two District Coordinators be charged with the development of these criteria. Carried.</p>	<p>T. Edwards-Davies C. Bartlett J. La Traverse NAP Coordinator GNT Coordinator</p>

<p>12. 2020 NABC Preparations</p> <p>It was the District’s intention that the District Levies for Units (to remit \$0.50 per player entry at Regional events) would provide funds needed to honor the District promise to support the 2020 NABC. The promise also outlined that these funds would be used to subsidize hotel room rates to players attending the 2020 Summer NABC.</p> <p>At the 2018 AGM it was asked that the District confirm the contractual obligations of this promise as it was felt that the funds could be used in a manner deemed more conducive than funding hotel room rates (where the US exchange rate was at par at the time the promise was made.)</p> <p>Jean and Leo held a conversation with ACBL CEO Joe Jones who confirmed that the promise was never parlayed to a formal contractual obligation.</p> <p>The President will call a conference call of the Executive Committee to decide on the best way of using these monies.</p>	<p>J. La Traverse</p>																												
<p>13. Other Business</p> <p>a. Longest Day Preparation Each club may hold its games on any one day of the week of June 17, 2019.</p> <p>b. CBF Information H. Boisvert noted that only 25% of Canadian members are members of the CBF. Our District is encouraged to promote CBF membership.</p>																													
<p>14. Election and Appointment of Officers</p> <table data-bbox="142 1287 919 1833"> <tr><td>President</td><td>Jean La Traverse</td></tr> <tr><td>Past President</td><td>Leo Weniger</td></tr> <tr><td>Vice-President</td><td>Hughes Boisvert</td></tr> <tr><td>Secretary</td><td>Heather Peckett</td></tr> <tr><td>Treasurer</td><td>Rob Williams</td></tr> <tr><td>Charity</td><td>Mark Lacroix</td></tr> <tr><td>Discipline</td><td>Peter Clark</td></tr> <tr><td>Recorder</td><td>George Retek</td></tr> <tr><td>Appeals</td><td>Zygmunt Marcinski</td></tr> <tr><td>Education and Membership</td><td>TBD</td></tr> <tr><td>NAP Coordinator</td><td>TBD</td></tr> <tr><td>GNT Coordinator</td><td>TBD</td></tr> <tr><td>Special Events/Tournament Coordinator</td><td>Mark Lacroix</td></tr> <tr><td>Website Coordinator</td><td>Yves Chartrand</td></tr> </table>	President	Jean La Traverse	Past President	Leo Weniger	Vice-President	Hughes Boisvert	Secretary	Heather Peckett	Treasurer	Rob Williams	Charity	Mark Lacroix	Discipline	Peter Clark	Recorder	George Retek	Appeals	Zygmunt Marcinski	Education and Membership	TBD	NAP Coordinator	TBD	GNT Coordinator	TBD	Special Events/Tournament Coordinator	Mark Lacroix	Website Coordinator	Yves Chartrand	
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<p>15. Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned.</p>																													

Due to time constraints, discussion of NAP and GNT updates, Tournament Sanction Applications and ACBL fee increases was moved to a meeting of the Executive Committee.

The 2020 AGM will be held in Halifax during the Can AT at a time suitable to the delegates.