

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
ACBL District 1
June 10, 2026 (via Zoom)

Present:

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	Action
1. Call to Order and Welcome After quorum was established, the President called the meeting to order at 7pm EST and welcomed everyone. It was moved by P. Tremblay and seconded by M. Moldovan that the Agenda be approved as written. Carried.	
2. Minutes The Minutes of the 2025 AGM were reviewed. C. Brodie moved and R. Williams seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Carried	
3. Treasurer's Report M. Moldovan presented the financial statements for 2025. M. Moldovan thanked P. McCabe for providing the report of the Review Committee which confirmed that all transactions were in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. M. Moldovan also thanked R. Williams for helping segregate all "Fund" transactions from the statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the District. Approximately \$34,000 has been given to the Units that held their 2025 regional tournaments. Halifax will be receiving its share after the 2026 CanAt. It was moved by R. Williams and seconded by C. Brodie that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Carried.	
4. Report on the Disbursement of the Montreal 2020 NABC Fund The District Executive determined that all remaining monies should be distributed to Units based on Unit contribution and membership. These monies will be disbursed upon receiving documented expenditures for promotion and hospitality over 2026-2029. A Committee consisting of M-A Fourcaudot, T. Edwards-Davies and D. Fraser will review all applications. Monies not used will be reinjected into the overall calculation for the following year.	M-A Fourcaudot T. Edwards-Davies D. Fraser
5. Grass Roots Fund R. Williams reported that few Units have applied for the \$1,500 which is available for expenditures on such items as education and mentoring. M-A Fourcaudot will send a note to each Unit to remind them that these monies are available to them	M-A Fourcaudot

6. Grass Roots Games (GRG) Every club can register to play in GRGs each May. The extra fees go to the ACBL and then get sent back to the Districts. Additionally Units should be encouraged to allocate special GRGs at its sectionals. Unit 151 will be having GRGs at all of its upcoming Sectionals.	
7. Special District Grass Roots Week A proposal was put forward to have October 6-9 identified as a week when clubs could register to play in these District GRGs. The purpose is to raise additional monies to subsidize GNT and NAP qualifiers. The additional sanction fees would go directly to the District. Much discussion ensued: -many of our aging players do not want the extra points, so do not want these special games -although this is Club Appreciation Month for no extra fees, the ACBL approved the Sanction - too many of our special games overlap -could the District spread these games over the year -no conflict with a Canada-Wide Olympiad Game (CBF is not holding its game October 8th) It was moved by M. Forget and seconded by R. Williams that the District hold this event October 6-9th. Carried. P.Tremblay and M-A Fourcaudot will coordinate sending information to all Units. Carried. Sanction applications are to be sent to P. Tremblay at tremblayp4@hotmail.com	M-A Fourcaudot P.Tremblay
8. CLW Trophy and George Retek Trophy Winners H. Peckett- chair of the Selection Committee - reported that no nominations were received for the CLW Trophy. The Committee received three nominations for three very worthy candidates for the George Retek Trophy. Christine Bourbeau (Unit 151) was selected as the winner. P. Tremblay gave a short summary of the many contributions she has made and continues to make volunteering in Unit 151 activities. H. Peckett reported that her 3-yr term on the Committee was up. When asked if she would be willing to start another term, she agreed. B. Halliday will chair the Committee in 2027. P. Tremblay begins his second year on the Committee.	
9. Eric Kokish Trophy In memory of Eric Kokish, District 1 established a trophy to be awarded annually to the Junior player who earns the most master points. Connor Havens is the 2025 winner.	

10. Doug Heron Award Congratulations to Unit 230 who received the 2025 Award. The Award is given to the Unit with the largest % increase in members.	
11. North American Pairs (NAP) and Grand National Teams (GNT) M-A Fourcaudot reported that the District saw a 20% decrease in attendance in the NAP Finals. In the GNTs, there were no Open and Flight A entrants and only 14 teams in the Flight B and C categories. M-A Fourcaudot noted that the District is mandated to hold these events. How can we increase attendance? Discussion points were as follows: - lots of gold points available -club qualifiers used to be very popular, now not all clubs participate as many players do not care about the extra points -can we have online games which are stratified - in previous years at a team game in a Regional, teams could pay an extra \$1 to have their team designated as a GNT participant - how many of our players understand what these events are-appears to be a big knowledge gap - people do not care- there are too many special games especially StaCs - does the location of the National Final make a difference - do other Districts have similar problems - can there be more money for subsidies - can we have club challenges -ask other Districts to see how they promote these events It was moved by R. Williams and seconded by C. Brodie that a Committee examine the future of GNTs and NAPs in the District. They will look at participation in other Districts and the management and promotion of these events. They will report back to the District before the end of August in case the NAP Conditions of Contest will have to be revised. Carried. M. Moldovan, R. Williams and M. Forget will form this Committee	M. Moldovan R. Williams M. Forget

12. Election and Appointment of Officers As chair of the Nominating Committee, R. Williams presented its proposed slate of officers. There were no further nominations. The Officers for 2025-26 will be: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>M-A Fourcaudot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Past President</td> <td>R. Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice-President</td> <td>R. Jacques</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>H. Peckett</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>T. Edwards-Davies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special Events/Tournament Coord.</td> <td>B. Halliday</td> </tr> </table> District Chairs appointed by the President after the AGM: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Charity</td> <td>P. Tremblay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Discipline</td> <td>D. Duncan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recorder</td> <td>D. Duncan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Appeals</td> <td>D. Duncan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education and Membership</td> <td>K. McNab</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NAP Coordinator</td> <td>M-A Fourcaudot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GNT Coordinator</td> <td>R. Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website Coordinator</td> <td>M-A Fourcaudot</td> </tr> </table> M-A Fourcaudot expressed a thank you to M. Moldovan for his service to the District as Treasurer.	President	M-A Fourcaudot	Past President	R. Williams	Vice-President	R. Jacques	Secretary	H. Peckett	Treasurer	T. Edwards-Davies	Special Events/Tournament Coord.	B. Halliday	Charity	P. Tremblay	Discipline	D. Duncan	Recorder	D. Duncan	Appeals	D. Duncan	Education and Membership	K. McNab	NAP Coordinator	M-A Fourcaudot	GNT Coordinator	R. Williams	Website Coordinator	M-A Fourcaudot	
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13. Nominating Committee for 2027 R. Williams, C. Brodie and P. Tremblay volunteered to form the Committee.	R. Williams C. Brodie P. Tremblay																												
14. Adjournment and Date of 2027 AGM It was moved by M. Moldovan and seconded by T. Edwards-Davies that the 2026 AGM be held June 9, 2027. Carried.																													