

Minutes of Annual Meeting
ACBL District 1
August 10, 2018

Present:

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Regrets: Lydia Prange Unit 194 prangelydia@gmail.com

	Action
<p>1. Call to Order and Welcome On behalf of the District President who was not able to be present, H. Peckett welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>L. Weniger sent his regrets. S. MacPherson and R. Williams will look after getting him a gift on behalf of the District</p>	<p>R. Williams S. MacPherson</p>
<p>2. Report of Nominating Committee G. Retek, who chaired the Committee consisting of T. Edwards-Davies and C. Bourbeau, presented a slate of officers. It included J. La Traverse as President, Y. Chartrand and H. Boisvert for VP, H. Peckett as Secretary and M. Lacroix as Tournament Coordinator. H. Boisvert was appointed after an election was held. J. La Traverse will notify Y. Chartrand. S. MacPherson clarified the Bylaws for us by stating that a slate of officers means only one person's name is to be given for each position. C. Bourbeau will chair the same committee next year.</p> <p>J. La Traverse took over the meeting at this point.</p> <p>On behalf of the members present, J. La Traverse thanked C. Bourbeau for organizing the food for this meeting.</p>	<p>J. La Traverse</p> <p>C. Bourbeau</p>
<p>3. Minutes The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were reviewed. It was moved by C. Bourbeau and seconded by H. Boisvert that the Minutes be approved. Carried.</p>	
<p>4. Treasurer's Report R. Williams presented financial statements for 2017. He noted that the District had a small loss of \$500. The ACBL has not sent the 2018 Grass Roots Funds yet. We expect to receive \$4,000.</p>	

<p>Although the Unit levies will likely not be required for 2020, we will revisit next year. J. La Traverse suggested that levies still be collected after 2020 as the District has no source of revenue.</p> <p>It was moved by H. Peckett and seconded by T. Edwards-Davies that the financial statements be adopted as presented. Carried</p>	
<p>5. District Director's Report</p> <p>J. La Traverse attended the Board meetings in July as a substitute for L. Weniger who was ill.</p> <p>Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. on-line bridge is to be embraced b. membership is flat c. regional attendance is down 7% d. motion was passed to limit a Director's term of office to 4 terms e. the ACBL will stop development of the Customer Relations Management System at a cost of \$350,000 f. Reno is approved for the Spring 2022 Nationals g. J. La Traverse will be a member of the Technology Review Committee h. newly elected District Directors will no longer be subsidized to attend the Fall NABC meetings before their term starts (in January). 	<p>J. La Traverse</p>
<p>6. New Business</p> <p>a. District Website</p> <p>The site was recently hacked. J. La Traverse will speak to the webmaster to ensure due diligence in its operation.</p> <p>b. Status of the 2020 Nationals Fund</p> <p>The District is tracking positively towards its commitment of \$60,500 for the 2020 Nationals. It was agreed that the interest earned on the fund would be part of it.</p> <p>c. 2020 Split Regional</p> <p>T. Edwards-Davies reported that Kingston is willing to host the western part of the 2020 regional on the traditional date in May. He will ensure a sanction is obtained. The tournaments may start and end on different days and have different schedules.</p> <p>d. NAP</p> <p>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 3rd (Flights A, B and C) or fourth (Flights B and C).</p> <p>For 2018-19, the winner and 3rd place will be from the Western Area (Quebec and Eastern Ontario) and 2nd and 4th place from the Eastern Area (Mari times).</p> <p>For Flight A, the third place pair eligible to represent our District will come from the "Area" having the greatest participation in the event.</p>	<p>Y. Chartrand J. La Traverse</p> <p>T. Edwards-Davies C. Bartlett</p> <p>L. Mascolo K. Macnab J. La Traverse</p>

Le Mirage will host the western Finals on October 14th.
Halifax will host the A and C Flights on November 3 and 4th respectively. Moncton will host Flight B on October 27th.

L. Mascolo has put in much effort in trying to ensure we have a full complement of players attending the National Finals. C. Bourbeau said that it is important that as many people attend as possible.

An expression of thanks was given to L. Mascolo for her work.

e. District Charity Game

The John McAdam District-Wide Charity Game will be held on Tuesday afternoon November 6, 2018. R. Williams has not been able to get any information from the CBF on the monies earned. T. Edwards-Davies assisted by M. Lacroix will organize and get the sanction for the 2018 game.

T. Edwards-Davies
M. Lacroix

f. CLW and George Retek Trophies

Peter Clark will be the 2018 recipient of the GR trophy and Jean Claude Boudreault will receive the CLW trophy.

T. Edwards-Davies will arrange with J. La Traverse and L. Weniger for the presentation to P. Clark.

T. Edwards-Davies
J. La Traverse

H. Peckett volunteered to replace G. Retek on the committee for a term of 3 years. J. La Traverse will chair the committee for the upcoming year.. L. Weniger is the other member.

g. Grass Roots Funds

The District will have \$4,700 unspent funds once the 2018 subsidies have been paid. R. Williams expects to receive about \$5,000 for 2018. There is approximately \$1,500 left unspent each year.

C. Bartlett
T. Edwards-Davies
J. La Traverse

It was suggested that each Unit develop proposals for education/promotion of bridge. The District will evaluate such proposals and if selected, a Unit can receive up to \$250 in a year. C. Bartlett, T. Edwards-Davies and J La Traverse will set up Guidelines for the development of such proposals.

Allocation of subsidies will continue in the same manner for 2018-2019

h. GNT Scheduling /Selection/Financial Reporting

It is difficult to get dates to hold these events. Last year the Open flight was held in the East, but there was no interest in attending attending the National Finals.

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 were held in the Western area more often.

L. Mascolo
K. Macnab
J. La Traverse

Even without a playoff, open solicitation can be made to see if any team (s) would like to participate. Selection of a team will be determined by the GNT Coordinator and the District President.

It was proposed 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. In 2016 several teams showed up for District Open Flight finals but no team wanted to go to the Nationals.

In 2019, 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.

The GNT event in the Western Area made a profit of \$400. Both coordinators will give a financial report on all final events.

J. La Traverse will work with K. Macnab and L. Mascolo on the current policy

9. Other Business

a. District Conference Calls

The District will continue to schedule conference calls every 3-4 months. S. MacPherson provided wording to update the Bylaws to include reference to such meeting. A motion was made and passed that the Bylaws be updated to reflect this change. H. Peckett will update the Bylaws and distribute to members.

b. Doug Heron Award

Unit 194 is the recipient for having the greatest growth in members.

c. Thank you to Bill Halliday

J. La Traverse will send a thank you to B. Halliday for his work over the past several years as District Tournament Coordinator.

d. One-Day Limited Sectionals

Each Unit is permitted to hold as many I/N sectionals as it wants. The ACBL now permits Units to have as many as 6, one-day sectionals for newer players.

e. Confirmation of selection of Chair of 2020 Nationals

The District happily approved the selection of J. La Traverse as the Chair.

10. Election and Appointment of Officers

President	Jean La Traverse
Past President	Leo Weniger
Vice-President	Hughes Boisvert
Secretary	Heather Peckett
Treasurer	Rob Williams
Charity	Tim Edwards-Davies
Discipline	Peter Clark
Recorder	George Retek
Appeals	Zygmunt Marcinski

H. Peckett

J. La Traverse

Education and Membership Kathie Macnab NAP Coordinator Louise Mascolo GNT Coordinator Kathie Macnab Special Events/Tournament Coordinator Mark Lacroix Website Coordinator Yves Chartrand	
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11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned. The 2019 AGM will be held in Quebec City May 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.	
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