

Minutes of Annual Meeting  
ACBL District 1  
September 18, 2025  
(via Zoom)

Present:

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	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. Call to Order and Welcome</b></p> <p>The President called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.</p> <p>H. Chatagnier asked to have the discussion of the split regionals be the first item under new Business. Accepted.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the 2024 AGM were reviewed. P. Tremblay moved and C. Brodie seconded the motion that the Minutes be approved. Carried</p>	
<p><b>3. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>M. Moldovan presented the financial report for 2024. An independent committee consisting of G. Retek and P. McCabe conducted a review of the financial records. M. Moldovan thanked the committee for its work and the review report prepared by P. McCabe. Everything was in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.</p> <p>The major income streams for the District come from the Grass Roots Funds and Royal STaCs.</p> <p>Approximately \$25,000 has been given to the Units that have already held their 2025 regional tournaments. See item 5 below. The Treasurer</p>	M. Moldovan

<p>expects that an additional \$5,000 will be given to Unit 192 after its tournament this month.</p> <p>In terms of marketing expenses, no Unit took advantage of the cheaper Pianola credits offered by the District. The District still has credits available for 2026. D. Scott noted that Pianola often has sales.</p> <p>G. Retek expressed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his detailed report. It was moved by H. Peckett and seconded by D. Fraser that the Treasurer's report be approved. Carried.</p>	
<p><b>4. Regional Director's Report</b></p> <p>D.Scott highlighted a few items from her report from the summer Nationals.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Exchange rates are now calculated monthly</li> <li>b. Certain disciplinary actions have been reduced under EDGAR.</li> <li>c. Online games are not permitted during a F2F tournament.</li> <li>d. D. Scott hopes to get table counts increased for a "local" tournament.</li> <li>e. Guest memberships have been extended until a player earns 20 master points.</li> </ol> <p>G. Retek reported that he has not been able to get a copy of the ACBL's 2024 audited financial statements- even though it is advertised that they are available. D. Scott said she would ensure that it is routine to provide them.</p> <p>P. Tremblay and M-A Fourcaudot will translate the Regional Director's report in order that it can be posted to the District website.</p>	<p>D. Scott P. Tremblay. M-A Fourcaudot</p>
<p><b>5. Disbursement of the Montreal 2020 NABC Fund</b></p> <p>As M. Moldovan reported in his financial report at item 3 above, \$25,000 has been returned to the Units that have held their subsidized 2025 regionals. The \$12 fee reduction per table did not result in the increase in attendance that the District had hoped for. A question was raised as to why the District wouldn't just return the remaining money in the Fund to each Unit based upon what each contributed. Some players who contributed are not playing any longer, yet there are new players who get the benefit who did not contribute. The District will honour its commitment to Halifax in 2026 as they did not participate in the 2025 distribution.</p> <p>T. Edwards-Davies mentioned that there should be better coordination between Districts so that tournaments do not overlap, as this situation has contributed to lower attendance at District 1 regionals.</p> <p>A committee consisting of D. Fraser, M-A Fourcaudot, T. Edwards-Davies (G. Retek is an alternate) will get feedback from the 2025 regional chairs on the merits of the current distribution method, and any suggestions they might have for a different method. The committee will report back with a recommendation to the Executive within 2 months in order that a decision can be taken by December 15, 2025.</p>	

<p><b>6. Allocation of 2026-27 Split Regionals</b></p> <p>Quebec (Unit 152) and Kingston (Unit 192) will host a split regional the week before the holiday weekend in May 2026- Kingston's preferred date.</p> <p>Halifax (Unit 194) and Quebec will host a split regional in 2027 on the May holiday weekend- Quebec's preferred date. T. Edwards-Davies noted that there would only be 4-5 weeks between the dates of this regional and the tournament in Fredericton that year.</p> <p>M-A Fourcaudot noted that the CBF is interested in trying to coordinate its 2027 Canadian Championship with Quebec.</p>											
<p><b>7. CLW Trophy and George Retek Trophy Winners</b></p> <p>M-A. Fourcaudot- chair of the selection committee - reported that Dominique Guay and Louise Zicat are the 2025 recipients of the CLW and George Retek trophies respectively. Arrangements will be made to have M-A Fourcaudot make the presentations at the Ottawa Regional.</p> <p>P. Tremblay will join current committee members H. Peckett and B. Halliday for a 3-year term.</p>	<p>T. Edwards-Davies M-A Fourcaudot</p>										
<p><b>8. Eric Kokish Trophy</b></p> <p>In memory of Eric Kokish, District 1 established a trophy to be awarded annually to the Junior player who earns the most master points. Victor Lamoureux is the 2024 winner. Unit 194 will arrange for the presentation.</p>	<p>R. Williams G. Dexter</p>										
<p><b>9. Doug Heron Award</b></p> <p>Congratulations to Unit 199 as they had the largest % increase in new members in 2024.</p>											
<p><b>10. Disbursement of Royal StaC Funds</b></p> <p>In 2024, the District returned \$1 per table to the participating clubs in the May StaC. In 2025, the District has only received STaC revenue of \$1,100. R. Williams noted that the District needs about \$2,000 for annual operating expenses. It was moved by C. Brodie and seconded by H. Peckett, that all revenue received for the 2025 Royal StaCs be kept in the District's operating fund. Carried.</p>											
<p><b>11. Election and Appointment of Officers</b></p> <p>As chair of the Nominating Committee which included J. La Traverse and G. Retek, B. Halliday presented its proposed slate of officers. There were no further nominations.</p> <p>The Officers for 2025-26 will be:</p> <table data-bbox="142 1780 1019 1969"> <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>T. Edwards-Davies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>H. Peckett</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>M. Moldovan</td> </tr> </table>	President	M-A Fourcaudot	Past President	R. Williams	Vice-President	T. Edwards-Davies	Secretary	H. Peckett	Treasurer	M. Moldovan	
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<p>Special Events/Tournament Coord.</p> <p>Other District Chairs:</p> <p>Charity Discipline Recorder Appeals Education and Membership NAP Coordinator GNT Coordinator Website Coordinator</p>	<p>B. Halliday</p> <p>P. Tremblay D. Duncan D. Duncan D. Duncan K. Macnab M-A Fourcaudot G. Malazdrewicz L. Mascolo</p>	
<p>G. Retek expressed a thank you to R. Williams on behalf of the District for his leadership as District President and previously as Treasurer in spite of very difficult family challenges.</p>		
<p><b>12. Adjournment and Date of 2026 AGM</b></p>		
<p>The District has often held its AGM during the Montreal regional scheduled in August. D. Duncan asked why the AGM has not been held earlier in the year. Montreal seemed to be a central location to ensure best representation of Units. A joint Zoom-F2F meeting has not been practical. It was moved by M. Moldovan and seconded by T. Edwards-Davies that the 2026 AGM be held June 10, 2026. Carried.</p>		