

**DISTRICT 10  
BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING**

Biloxi, Mississippi  
February 2, 2008

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on February 2, 2008 at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Regional which was held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, MS.

District 10 Units were represented by the following Voting Delegates\* and 1<sup>st</sup> Alternates\*\*

Unit 138 Mississippi	Chuck Wilkinson*
Unit 144 Tennessee	Cecile Skaggs*
Unit 157 Alabama	Clair Chisler*
	Mary Jo Howard**
Unit 161 Arkansas	Dave Seibert*
Unit 170 Shreveport	William Young*
	Linda Young**
Unit 179 Central TN	Art Lowen **
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast	Lynne Logan*
Unit 214 Hattiesburg	Carolyn Elliott*
Unit 220 S. Arkansas	Jack Tidball *
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana	Tamah Goad*

Units 134, 182, 211, 215 and 232 were not represented.

The following District 10 officials were also in attendance.

President - Clair Chisler  
Vice-President - Jack Tidball  
Secretary - Judy Knox  
Treasurer - Lynne Logan  
ACBL- BOD - Bill Cook Jr  
Forum Editor / Webmaster – Don Kemp  
Parliamentarian – Robin Wilkerson  
ACBL BOG Representative – Dr. James Tucker

**President's Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m by Jack Tidball, District 10 Vice President. The President, Clair Chisler was present but had a severe cold and laryngitis.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Dave Seibert to approve the minutes of the Tunica, MS meeting held on September 29, 2007. The minutes were approved as mailed.

## Tournament Coordinator Report – Charles MacCracken

### District 10 Regional Tournament Allocation

Adopted September 20, 1997(from 9/20/97 Minutes)

Updated January 9, 2008 by Charles MacCracken, Tournament Coordinator

Year	Fixed Date & Site Every Year	Fixed Date & Site Every Year	Rotating Site Alternate Years	Splits- 3 Year Rotation
2007	Tunica	Gulfport	Birmingham *	Nashville/N.O.
2008	Tunica	Biloxi	Hot Springs/B'ham	Mobile/Shreveport
2009	Tunica	Biloxi	Vicksburg	B'ham/BatonRouge
2010	Tunica	Biloxi	Hot Springs	Nashville**
2011	New Rotation to be agreed upon by District 10			

- (A) \*Birmingham could not find a location last year, so it moved to Feb/March of this year (2008).  
(B) \*\*Normally Nashville would split with New Orleans, but there is an NABC in New Orleans in 2010, so they severed the split with the agreement that New Orleans would have a single –site regional in 2013.

I will not be in Biloxi and my only report is that the sanctions for 2009 are coming due.  
'Unit Representatives please ask your Unit Tournament Coordinators to submit the 2009 applications promptly.'  
Thanks,  
Charlie

### Tournament Oversight Committee

**Chuck Wilkinson, Art Lowen, Jack Tidball**

**Presented by Chuck Wilkinson, Committee Chairman**

As promised at the September 2007 meeting of the District 10 Board of Delegates ("Board") in Tunica, the District 10 Tournament Oversight Committee ("Committee") review of the regional rotation is attached. (See Appendix A attached for a complete copy of the report.)

1. At the Biloxi meeting on February 2, 2008, the Committee presented options on the regional rotation for the Board to consider.
2. Given the complexity of the issues involved, a comment period on the various options will be opened from the date of this report until April 1, 2008. All comments should be delivered to the Committee Chairman, Chuck Wilkinson. He can be contacted as follows:

Chuck Wilkinson  
1806-B Saint Ann Street  
Jackson, MS 39202-1257  
Telephone: 601-948-7108  
Cell phone: 601-750-5830  
Fax: 601-948-4522  
Email: [cwilkin@aol.com](mailto:cwilkin@aol.com)

3. At the 2008 meeting in Hot Springs, the Committee will give its recommendation to the Board, and the Board will vote on the issue.

### **NAP/GNT/STaC Coordinator Report – Russ Jones**

Russ Jones sent an e-mail for his report. Hand outs were made and Jack Tidball gave the report.

Each unit is REQUIRED to hold a unit qualifying for Flights A (under 5000), B (under 2000) and C (NLM) during the months of January - April (before the 15th). Only about 60% have sanctioned these events. The unit coordinator should apply for a sanction through the acbl website. You may not hold a qualifying during the Detroit NABC. At the completion of the unit games, the director should send a copy of the game report and \$7 per table per session (\$14 for 2-session event) to me at: 2113 Browns Lane, Jonesboro, AR 72401. The acbl fee of \$1.25 per table per session will be automatically added to your monthly report. To ensure enough teams for a 2-session event, it is recommended to stratify the 3 flights.

NAP club qualifying will be held again in June - August. I urge each club to hold as many as possible so that D10 can win the additional pair representation as we did this year.

Don't forget the June STAC coming up. Let's increase our participation this year.

Have a great meeting and good luck at the bridge table,

Russ

### **Education Liaison Report – Janice Van Dyke**

Janice Van Dyke could not attend the meeting. She e-mailed her report to the District 10 Secretary who made hand-outs. Lynne Logan, District 10 Treasurer gave the Educational Liaison Report for Janice.

Since the last meeting of the Mid-South Bridge Conference there have been three requests for educational reimbursement and all three have been approved by the Executive Committee.

The first was from the Gulf Coast Bridge Association, Inc., in Gulfport, MS, for teaching Easy Bridge lesson. The total amount was for \$725.64, of which the unit will pay half.

The second was to the Southwest Louisiana Bridge Association (Unit 221) which has a practice of awarding a \$500 educational scholarship annually to a club that works on increasing membership by teaching the game of duplicate bridge. This year the \$500 educational scholarship was awarded and paid to Ace Bridge Club in Alexandria. In addition, their board voted this year to grant annually two \$250 scholarships to help defray expenses to participate in the Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP). The rationale is: without teachers, there are not students and without students, there are no new members. Under the reimbursement guidelines, Unit 221 was eligible for \$500 in total, half the expenses they awarded this year.

The third request was from the Tennessee Bridge Association (Unit 144), which held a series of mentoring games in the fall of 2007 that were well-attended. Life Masters were paired with players who had fewer than 500 points. In games that usually drew 4 or 5 tables, the mentoring concept drew these counts—18, 21 ½, 15 ½, 20, 13, 17, 10 ½, and 15. The expenses for the games totaled \$446.06, of which the unit asked \$223.03.

### **Forum Editor/Webmaster Report – Don Kemp**

Don Kemp, District 10 Webmaster and Forum Editor gave his report for 2008. The Forum's average expense per issue is \$3,000 and the average income is \$2,000. It is losing approximately \$6,000-\$8,000 per year even after charging for regional advertising. A Committee Meeting was held yesterday and came up with 3 recommendations to cut costs. The following 3 proposals were discussed.

1. Go from bi-monthly to quarterly issues of the Forum and raise advertising cost by 10%.
2. Ask Units to share the cost (25 to 50 cents per member)
3. 10% increase in advertising rates.

All of the above options were discussed in great detail. A motion was made by Bill Young to consider an increase of 10% to the ad rates and reduce the number of Forum Issues to 4 per year. The motion was seconded by Dave Siebert and passed by 7 for and 2 against it. The motion passed and will be effective next issue which is April, 2008.

### **Treasurer's Report - Lynne Logan**

Lynne Logan, District 10 Treasurer gave the Treasurer's report for 2007. Revenue and gross profit is up for 2007. We had net income of \$120.58 compared to a negative \$10,118.80 for 2006. The Katrina reimbursement program is a negative \$14,036.64 compared to negative \$21,779.46 for 2006. There was a lot of discussion regarding the Treasurer's report. See Appendix B for a copy of the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for 2007 and for 2006.

- 2007 Tunica Regional Profit and Loss Statement- See Appendix C attached
- Request for review of Sept. decision re bank statement recipient – This request was denied. Jack Tidball stated that the original bank statements will start going to the Secretary, Judy Knox ASAP. Judy will photo copy them and send them back to Lynne for her to prepare her reports.

### **Financial Status Committee Report – Chuck Wilkinson**

At the last District 10 meeting in Tunica, MS, Jack Tidball made a motion to accept all the Financial Status Committee findings shown on the Financial Status Committee Report except for Item # 2 (B) on page 5 under the heading of "Recommendations for Correcting Current Financial Situation" until we get actual data at the next Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Cecile Skaggs. This motion remains.

The above motion was re-visited in today's meeting and it was passed unanimously. All of the Financial Status Committee findings shown on the report will be accepted except for item # 2(B) on page 5 under the heading of "Recommendation for Correcting Current Financial Situation". The correction will be notated by the Secretary on the original exhibit in the September 29, 2007 minutes.

Bill Cook, District 10 representative on ACBL Board of Directors gave his report on the ACBL Board of Directors' Meeting in San Francisco, CA on November 18 – 20, 2007. (A copy of the report is attached at Appendix D). He has been placed on the Governance Committee of the National Board and requested input from all units and members on any governance issues. He also stated that the list of potential sites for the moving of ACBL Headquarters has been narrowed to 4 cities. They are Memphis, Atlanta, Dallas and Orlando. There were a lot of questions and much discussion regarding the moving of ACBL Headquarters from Memphis.

All of the District 10 Delegates were in agreement that ACBL headquarters should remain in Memphis. A motion was made by Chuck Wilkinson that a letter should be written to ACBL by the District 10 President, Claire Chisler to strongly urge them to keep ACBL headquarters in Memphis, TN. The motion was seconded by Lynne Logan and approved unanimously by the Board of Delegates.

### **Old Business**

#### **Update on Maurice Joseph Seminar**

Maurice Joseph was contacted to find out if he was still interested in doing his seminar. He sent an e-mail to the secretary to explain the seminar he wants to do. Hand outs of the e-mail were provided. The Board of Delegates voted not to accept Maurice Joseph's proposal to give the seminar at District 10 regionals in exchange for his expenses incurred. Art Lowen said that ACBL would provide the same information free of charge to anyone who wanted it. This topic is considered closed and Mr. Joseph will be notified that District 10 is not interested in his proposal to give the above mentioned seminars.

Robin Wilkinson, Parliamentarian for District 10 made a suggestion at the last District 10 meeting that she could scan all our records (past and present) into a CD in PDF format and send them to each Delegate. A motion was passed unanimously at the last District 10 meeting in Tunica to accept this suggestion. Robin asked if the delegates still wanted her to do this. Everyone agreed that she should scan all the minutes onto a CD and give it to the Secretary to keep with the District 10 records.

### **New Business**

#### **Unit 144 – Cecile Skaggs**

Cecile talked about all the positive activities that have been going on with Unit 144 Tennessee Bridge Association during the past couple of years at M.A. Lightman Bridge Club in Memphis, TN.

- “8 Is Enough” Swiss Team games held monthly on Wednesday nights. We usually have at least 25 tables at every game.
- A new Mentoring game was started in 2007. It is held twice a month for two 4-month sessions each year. We have between 10 and 20 tables for each game. Life Masters are paired with novice players under 300 points. They must play at least 4 games with the mentor in each session. This has been a huge success and has been instrumental in helping the newer players to improve their bridge games.
- A Birthday Bash game is held once a month on Saturday afternoons. We have a huge calendar on the Bulletin Board with names of people who have birthdays that month. Everyone who has a birthday in that month receives a free game. Ice cream and cake is served and we all sing “Happy Birthday”.

Unit 161 – David Seibert talked about the new building that was built in Little Rock for their bridge club. He discussed the fund raising techniques and told of a party where his brother offered to match all donations and wound up having to pay almost \$100,000 in one night.

### **Update of delegates/Unit Officers data- Judy Knox**

A form was sent to everyone with the Agenda to have your Unit Secretary complete and bring with you to the Meeting today. If you were not able to get it completed, please have your secretary mail it to me. It is a list of all current Unit officers and District Delegates, their addresses, their e-mail address and phone numbers. It is very important to keep all of this information updated. Please see Article IV, Section B and D from the District 10 By- Laws below.

Article IV –Section B (2) of the By Laws of the District 10 Board of Delegates states “ Units are to notify the District Secretary in writing as to the names of those chosen as the Unit’s Board Delegate and first Alternate Delegate immediately following such selection. “

SECTION D of the same article states the following:

“The District Secretary shall notify each Unit President immediately after each Board Meeting if its Delegate or First Alternate Delegate did not attend the meeting. If any Delegate misses two consecutive regularly scheduled Board meetings, he or she shall automatically be removed as a Delegate and Officer, if applicable, and the respective Unit will be asked to replace said Delegate immediately. If the Delegate so removed is also an Officer, the Board shall elect someone from its membership to fill the remainder of the subject term of office.”

### Election of officers for 2008

The following officers were elected to serve District 10 for 2008:

President – Jack Tidball  
Vice President – David Seibert  
Secretary- Judy Knox  
Treasurer – Lynne Logan  
New Member of Executive Committee – Chuck Wilkinson

The next Board of Director’s Meeting will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas on May 10, 2008.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox  
District 10 Secretary