

**DISTRICT 10
BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING**

Hot Springs, Arkansas
May 10, 2008

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on May 10, 2008 at the Hot Springs Regional which was held at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The meeting was conducted in the Magnolia Room at the Arlington Hotel. The Delegates helped themselves to the breakfast buffet in the Arlington Dining Room before the meeting began.

District 10 Units were represented by the following Voting Delegates* and 1st Alternates**

Unit 134 Louisiana	John Federico *- not present
Unit 138 Mississippi	Chuck Wilkinson*
Unit 144 Tennessee	Cecile Skaggs* Vera Lamar **
Unit 157 Alabama	Don Kemp* O.T. Johnson **
Unit 161 Arkansas	Dave Seibert*
Unit 170 Shreveport	Claire Covington*
Unit 179 Central TN	Art Lowen **
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast	Lynne Logan*
Unit 182 Baton Rouge	Craig Cordes *- not present
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana	Dr. Otis K. Lovette* – not present
Unit 214 Hattiesburg	Jim Etheridge*
Unit 215 S. Alabama	Fran Krizman*-not present
Unit 220 S. Arkansas	Jack Tidball*
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana	Tamah Goad*- not present
Unit 232 N. Alabama	Paul Munafo* - not present

The following District 10 officials were in attendance.

President – Jack Tidball
Vice-President - Dave Seibert
Secretary - Judy Knox
Treasurer - Lynne Logan
Past President – Clair Chisler
Recorder – W. Dane Clay
NAP/GNT Coordinator – Russ Jones
Tournament Chairman – Charles MacCracken

The following Visitors were also in attendance.

Robert Teel - Birmingham, Alabama
Dena Cameron – Past District 10 Secretary
Celinda Devish – Hot Springs Regional Tournament Coordinator
Dick Heil- North Little Rock, Arkansas
Ned Irving- Hot Springs Village, Arkansas

President's Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 8 am by Jack Tidball, District 10 President. Jack started the meeting with a delegate roll-call. It was determined that 9 delegates were present. We need a majority to have a Quorum to vote. A majority of 15 total delegates would be 8. We have a quorum to vote on the Tournament Rotation Options. The meeting will proceed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Art Lowen and seconded by Lynne Logan to approve the minutes of the Biloxi, MS meeting held on February 2, 2008. The minutes were approved as mailed.

Tournament Oversight Committee
Chuck Wilkinson, Art Lowen, Jack Tidball
Presented by Chuck Wilkinson, Committee Chairman

The purpose of the meeting today is to vote on the 4 options presented at the Biloxi, MS meeting on February 2, 2008. Please see Options 1-4 which are attached at Exhibit "A". The Tournament Oversight Committee has recommended against Option #1 and they have recommended for Option #3. The proposed Regional Rotation schedules will cover the years 2011 through 2014.

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 was opened from the date of the report until April 1, 2008. All comments were to be delivered to the Committee Chairman, Chuck Wilkinson.
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.

Chuck handed out the 4 options to each delegate and gave a brief overview of each one. Chuck asked for the delegates to vote on the option that they liked best. The oversight committee recommended Option #3 as the best option for District 10.

There was a lot of discussion regarding all 4 options. After all of the discussion ended ballots were passed out for delegates to vote. We need 6 votes to have a majority. Option #2 got 6 of the 9 votes. Option # 2 is our new Tournament Rotation Schedule. Chuck thanked Jack Tidball, Charlie MacCracken and Art Lowen for their work and help on this Committee.

Tournament Coordinator Report – Charles MacCracken

Charlie stated that everything is going well. Sanction applications are coming in for 2009. Sanction applications are due for 2011 regionals. Please get the 2011 Sanctions in. All sanctions are listed on the ACBL website under Tournaments. That's all I have.

NAP/GNT/STaC Coordinator Report – Russ Jones

Russ handed out a schedule showing Total tables and attendance for each Unit GNT team in flights A, B, and C. He went over each of the items on the schedule. He presented 2 options for the Unit 10 delegates to vote on. Please see Exhibit "B" attached for a copy of the schedule. The options he discussed were the following:

<u>Distribution per formula</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	
1. Minimum by Guidelines	\$1200	\$1200	\$1200	= \$3,600
2. Mix Formula & Guidelines	\$1200	2,023	1200	= \$4,423

David Siebert officiated this vote since Jack Tidball had a conflict of interest. Delegates voted by Raised Hands. Option #1 received a majority of the votes. District 10 will be matching \$1892 to pay the \$1200 across shown in option 1. GNT next year will be at Tupelo for A, B & C. A motion was made for the GNT to be held at the Biloxi, MS. Regional for 2009. Russ proposed that the Board should Vote to have the championship at Biloxi, MS. next year. The vote passed unanimously in favor of this. The GNT championship will be held at the Biloxi, MS regional in January 2009.

North American Pairs qualifiers. D-10 won an extra seat in the NAP pairs in B&C. Fees were reduced to \$4.00 per table to encourage more participation in the club games. ACBL changed the rules to give the option of not having any Unit Qualifiers for the North American Pairs. Russ recommended that we vote to approve that Unit Qualifying is required for B&C in the N. American Pairs for this coming year starting June 1, 2009. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NAP club qualifying games are in June, July and August. Unit qualifying games must be held between 9/1 and 12/31. There is no unit qualifying game for Flight A. Flight A players will be allowed to play in the Unit qualifying games. As long as A players can play, even if none of them show up, master point awards are 20% higher and gold point awards are doubled. The top 60% of flight B and C pairs in the Unit qualifying games qualify for the District level. Flight A players do not have to play in a qualifying game to play at the District level.

Education Liaison Report – Janice Van Dyke

Janice could not attend the meeting. Lynne Logan gave the Education report for Janice. The Board requested that we give a complete report of money that has been spent in total from 2003 to 2008. We have spent a total of \$10,435.61 from 2003 to date on Educational re-imbursement. We spent the following amounts in each year shown:

2003	\$3,000	2006	\$ 125
2004	\$2,600	2007	\$ 628
2005	\$2,400	2008	\$1,656

There is a new request out now. It has not been approved or paid yet.

Forum Editor/Webmaster Report – Don Kemp

Don Kemp, District 10 Webmaster and Forum Editor gave his report. We have implemented the change from bi-monthly issues to quarterly issues for the Forum. Normally we have a March and May issue. This year we had an April issue. The March and May issues are usually the low income issues. This year in April we lost \$1,000 compared to previously losing \$2,000. I think we will see in July whether or not we can make a profit. I am not ready to say we won't make a profit, we probably will. We don't have all ads in yet. The cut-off date is May 15th for the July issue. Another thing that we had addressed was the idea to have more articles. I have solicited those but have not had any response. Dave Seibert said we could have something from Hot Springs. It would be nice to hear from the "8 is enough" game. Memphis is where the "8 is Enough" game originated. Mary Oshlag would be glad to contribute. Cecile Skaggs will tell Mary to contact Don with an article on the "8 is enough Swiss Team Game". Two pieces written by Chuck Said were also recommended that would be good articles for the Forum.

Clair Chisler discussed her letter that she sent to ACBL regarding the headquarters moving from Memphis. Clair was asked to write a letter to ACBL on behalf of District 10 at the last meeting in Biloxi, MS. Please see Exhibit "C" which is attached for a copy of the letter that Clair sent to ACBL.

Don ended his report by asking for everyone to stay after the meeting for a new photograph to be put on the District 10 Web Page.

Treasurer's Report - Lynne Logan

Lynne Logan, District 10 Treasurer gave the Treasurer's report for 2008. Please see Exhibit "C" which is attached for a copy of Lynne's report.

Old Business

There was some discussion about whether a decision had been made on keeping ACBL headquarters in Memphis. The committee voted 5 to 1 to remain there, but there is still more investigating going on before a final decision will be made by the ACBL Board of Directors.

New Business

Art Lowen brought up the fact that he thinks Option #2 that was voted on as the new Tournament Rotational Schedule should be reconsidered. There was much discussion regarding this fact. A motion was made by Lynne Logan to reconsider the vote that was just made to approve Option #2 as our new Tournament Rotation Schedule. The motion was seconded by Cecile Skaggs. Jack asked "All in favor of rescinding the vote to accept Option #2?" 5 were in favor and 4 opposed. The motion failed. There must be a 2/3 vote to rescind a vote that has just been passed. The Committee will not review the vote based on the 5 to 4 vote just recorded. Option #2 will be monitored very closely by the Committee.

Bob Teel mentioned that he thought changes should be made in the Regional Knock Out's, since it didn't make much sense to have the top bracket go from 5,000 to 120,000 master points, with the lower teams just being fodder for the higher teams. He suggested that teams should only be allowed to have one person with over 10,000 master points. There was a lot of discussion regarding this issue. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

Celinda Devish, Hot Springs Regional Tournament Chairperson asked that we reconsider the vote on approving Option #2 as the new Tournament Rotation Schedule. She stated that this would cause Hot Springs to have more split tournaments and would increase their costs for Directors and ACBL fees. This would cause Hot Springs to spend less on hospitality. This would not be good for the Hot Springs Tournament in the future. Chuck Wilkinson stated that it takes a 2/3 vote to rescind an approved vote. We did not have that. The new schedule will be monitored closely.

Jack asked if anyone wanted to have a Board Meeting in Tunica this year. No one wanted to have a Board Meeting in Tunica this year.

The next Board of Director's Meeting will be held in Biloxi, MS. On February 1, 2009

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

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District 10 Secretary