

**DISTRICT 10
BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING**
Vicksburg, Mississippi
June 6, 2009

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on June 6, 2009 at the Vicksburg, MS Regional Tournament which was held at the Vicksburg Convention Center in Vicksburg, MS.

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

Unit 134 Louisiana	John Federico *
Unit 138 Mississippi	Chuck Wilkinson*
Unit 144 Tennessee	Cecile Skaggs*-not present
Unit 157 Alabama	Don Kemp*
Unit 161 Arkansas	Dave Siebert*
	Ned Irving**
Unit 170 Shreveport	William Young*
Unit 179 Central TN	Coley McGinnis**
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast	Michael Moses*
	Lynne Logan **
Unit 182 Baton Rouge	Craig Cordes *
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana	Dr. Otis K. Lovette*
Unit 214 Hattiesburg	Jim Etheridge*
Unit 215 S. Alabama	Don Kern**
Unit 220 S. Arkansas	Jack Tidball*
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana	Tamah Goad*
Unit 232 N. Alabama	Paul Munafo* - not present

The following District 10 officials were in attendance.

**REPRESENTATIVE TO
ACBL BD/DIRECTORS**-Bill Cook
District 10 President – David Siebert
Vice-President – John Federico
Treasurer - Lynne Logan
Secretary – Judy Knox
District 10 Tournament Chair – Charles MacCracken

The following Visitors were also in attendance.

President of ACBL – Jerry Fleming
Chief Executive Officer of ACBL- Jay Baum
Past President of District 10 – Clair Chisler

President's Welcome

The meeting was called to order by David Siebert at 7:30a.m. As explained in the Agenda which was mailed on May 7, 2009 **“This meeting will be conducted in 2 parts due to the 9am starting time of the Tournament schedule. We will have a morning meeting with coffee and continental breakfast. We will start at 7:30 am and adjourn at 8:45 am. Our afternoon meeting will start at 5 PM and will adjourn at 7:15PM. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided for dinner. This will allow everyone to play bridge and still attend each session.”**

Approval of Minutes- Judy Knox

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed. A motion was made by Jack Tidball and seconded by John Federico, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Tournament Coordinator Report – Charles MacCracken

Our partner in two STaCs, D-7, has asked that we consider moving our February STaC to the Easter week. Their reason is that there are no conflicts with tournaments in our area on that week and that our current time of late January or early February has a number of regionals and sectionals that may be conflicts. Our third STaC is solely our own and we run it in late June each year.

The change would also allow more lead time to solicit participation. Right now Tournament Chairs are reluctant to send out the information until the first of the New Year for fear of the holiday mailings getting put aside and then forgotten.

Right now D-10 runs the winter STaC and receives all the proceeds from both districts. D-7 runs the December STaC and receives all proceeds from both districts. For sure we receive more income from D-7 than they receive from us.

The only tournament that regularly runs near Easter is Hot Springs Village. Representatives have twice been asked if they have any reservations about D-10 switching the STaC to Easter and I have received no demurral.

I plan to schedule the 2011 winter (then to be spring) STaC on Easter week (i.e. ending Easter Sunday) absent strong dissent from this Board.

A motion was made by Coley McGinnis to accept Charlie MacCracken's proposal to schedule the 2011 STaC on Easter week. It was seconded by Don Kemp and approved unanimously by the District 10 Board.

Treasurer's Report - Lynne Logan

Lynne Logan presented The Balance Sheet , and the Profit and Loss Statements for the Mid South Bridge Conference – District 10 for January, 2009 through May 31, 2009. Please see copies attached at Exhibit A.

Bill Cook's Report

Bill discussed the ACBL marketing feature of participating in publishing bridge hands in local newspapers. Anyone who is interested should contact Vicky Campbell in ACBL Marketing. Chuck Wilkinson talked about attaching information regarding bridge games and bridge classes along with the bridge hand articles. Bill also discussed the Youth NABC and talked about how there is a huge emphasis on the Youth games now by ACBL. Please see Bill Cook's report on the ACBL meeting in Boston on November 17-20, 2008 attached at Exhibit B.

Forum Editor/Webmaster Report – Don Kemp

Forum Editor, Don Kemp reported that changing the Mid-South Forum to quarterly did not eliminate the losses. While we had lower expenses, we also had lower income. We are still subsidizing \$1100 to \$1200 losses per issue. After much discussion it was decided to discontinue the Forum. A motion was made by Coley McGinnis to eliminate the Forum. We will publish one more time and notify everyone that it is the last copy. The motion was seconded by Lynne Logan. The motion passed.

Jay Baum – Chief Executive Officer of ACBL

Jay Baum said he was happy to tell us that ACBL is not leaving District 10. They are moving to Horn Lake, MS which is only 6 miles from the current location. They are lease purchasing the building and the lot. The Building is finished on the outside and they are able to finish the inside the way they want it. They were able to get a great deal and will be in the building by the first quarter of next year. He invited everyone to stop by and visit when they are in the area. It will clearly be up and running by the time Memphis has the NABC in 2012.

Everything is looking good for ACBL. Membership is continuing to creep up. We have more members today than we had back when we gave away memberships. Tournaments are continuing to have a lot of tables even though the economy is not good. No record breaking attendance, but decent. We are looking forward to New Orleans in the summer of 2010.

I only have one issue with this District. There are 3 positions vacant on the Board of Governors for your District. You should appoint any three people who regularly attend NABCs. It would be to your District's advantage to do this.

Jay Fleming – President of ACBL

Jay Fleming spoke briefly to the group. He thanked District 10 for inviting him to Vicksburg. It is a Super town. The Tournament is smaller than what was hoped for. The people are wonderful and friendly. He added a little to what Jay Baum had said about the fact that ACBL was able to get such a good deal on the building. It cost them one half what was originally expected. Bill Cook deserves a lot of credit for keeping ACBL in District 10. ACBL is in good shape.

Resignations and Replacements

The new Education Liaison replacing Janice Van Dyke will be Dick Heil. Jane Dickey who is a member of the Rose Law Firm will replace Dane Clay as the District 10 Recorder. Coley McGinnis will replace Art Lowen on the Tournament Oversight Committee. He is also the new President of Unit 179. All of these new replacements were appointed by David Seibert, President of District 10.

Unit 220, (Jack Tidball's Unit) has dissolved and asked to join Unit 161 in Little Rock, Arkansas. The request must be approved by ACBL first. They are looking into it now. It is a formal procedure and will be dealt with in Washington at the NABC. It may have to split and go ½ to Little Rock and ½ to another Unit. The Unit has already approved the request. District 10 must approve this request. Coley McGinnis made a motion to approve this request. The motion was approved unanimously.

Michael Moses is the new Unit 180 President and new Unit Representative replacing Lynne Logan. Ned Irving is the new Unit 161 representative.

NAP/GNT/STaC Coordinator Report – Russ Jones

For the GNT, attendance was up from 268 to 297 tables in 2009. \$4156 will be distributed to the winners from flights A,B, and C. Three units did not hold GNT unit finals and should be reprimanded. Russ discussed the lack of participation in the GNT games. We need to impress on all of the Units in district 10 to sanction these games.

Units 170, 180 and 211 do not hold GNT games. Even Memphis qualified this year. There was a lot of discussion regarding the GNT games and how we should pay the matching funds to the teams who participate. Russ provided a spreadsheet indicating the GNT 2009 amounts to be given to the 3 winning teams. Please see this spreadsheet which is attached at Exhibit C.

There are new STaC procedures to register on-line. Everyone should become familiar with these procedures.

Qualification is currently going on for NAOP. All players in all flights must qualify at the club level. Unit qualification should be held between Sept 1 and Dec 31. All flight B/C players must qualify at the unit level. Finals will be 1/16-17/10 at Jackson Sectional

Next STAC is 12/14-20/2009

ADJOURNMENT OF MORNING SESSION

The morning session was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. by David Siebert. He told everyone to return at 5p.m. for the second half of the meeting.

SECOND SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

The second half of the meeting was called to order by David Seibert at 5 p.m. The Board of Delegates enjoyed turkey and ham sandwiches with chips and a drink as they continued with the second half of the District 10 meeting.

Discussion of Current District Handicap System

David Seibert brought up a discussion regarding the current District 10 handicap procedures. There was a lot of discussion regarding this issue. David stated that he thinks we should change our current policy to be consistent in all District 10 games and tournaments. He thinks this would bring in better teams and would encourage more teams to participate in the District 10 Tournaments.

David proposed that it should be a district rule that if any team is under 20,000 points or less than 5,000 master points per person, they should have a handicap. If a team has more than 20,000 points or more than 5,000 master points per person, they do not get a handicap. A motion was made by Jim Etheridge to accept this proposal and try it for one year. If it turns out to be a good policy we will keep it, if not we will not keep it after one year. We will have to vote on this again after the one year period. The motion passed.

NABC in Memphis in 2012- What is the Memphis Unit's Responsibility?

Jack Tidball asked David Siebert this question "What are the expectations for the Memphis Unit 144 regarding the NABC tournament in 2012?" There was some discussion regarding this question. No one knew a definite answer. It ended with Bill Cook saying that he will check this out with Jay Baum and get back to the Board with a definite answer.

2013 Regional Rotation Plan

This issue has been around for a long, long time. It is time we made a decision and put this issue to rest. David Seibert and Chuck Wilkinson each presented their proposed schedules for the next regional rotation plan for 2013 to 2018. After much, much discussion on this issue, it was determined that the proposal submitted by David Seibert with a minor adjustment to item # 4 of the proposal would be the most fair to all the units and the best interest of the District. Jack Tidball made a motion to accept David Seibert's proposal with changing item # 4 to 4 years. The motion was seconded by Coley McGinnis. The motion passed with 100% approval by the Board of Directors. Please see exhibits D and E attached for copies of the 2 proposals that were submitted.

Hot Springs will be the site for the GNT Finals.

There will not be a District 10 meeting in Tunica in 2009. The next District 10 meeting will be in Biloxi in 2010.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

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District 10 Secretary