

DISTRICT 10
BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING
Biloxi, Mississippi
January 30, 2010

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on January 30, 2010 at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Regional which was held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, MS. The delegates enjoyed breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy before the meeting was called to order.

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*
	O.T. Johnson **
Unit 161 Arkansas	Dave Siebert*
Unit 170 Shreveport	William Young*
	Linda Young**
Unit 179 Central TN	Elaine Said*- not present
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast	Mike Moses*
Unit 182 Baton Rouge	Craig Cordes *
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana	Dr. Otis K. Lovette* – not present
Unit 214 Hattiesburg	Jim Etheridge*-not present
Unit 215 S. Alabama	Don Kern**
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana	Bud Murphy**
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

President's Welcome

The meeting was called to order by David Siebert, President of District 10 at 8am. David commended Lynne Logan for her excellent work on the Biloxi Tournament. He also commended Bill Cook for his excellent work on the ACBL Board of Directors. David turned the meeting over to Judy Knox, Secretary for approval of the minutes for last year.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed by Judy Knox. A motion was made by Mike Moses and seconded by Lynne Logan, to approve the minutes. The motion passed. The Board of Directors minutes from the Vicksburg, MS meeting in 2009 were approved.

Tournament Coordinator Report – Charles MacCracken

Charles MacCracken could not attend the meeting. He did not have anything to report.

Treasurer's Report - Lynne Logan

Lynne Logan, District 10 Treasurer gave the Treasurer's report for 2009. Lynne stated that she wants permission to have the Biloxi Tournament changed to start 2 weeks after the Super Bowl next year. David said she will have to get Charlie MacCracken's permission to do this. Lynne said she hopes everybody likes the Treasurer's report this year. We actually had a profit. We had \$35,000 in checking and \$600 of accounts receivable. The National Hospitality fund is \$30,000. So, we actually have \$5,000 to spend any way we want to. (Please see Exhibit "A" which is attached for a copy of Lynne's report.)

Bill Cook 's Report

Bill Cook's Report addressed 3 areas of concern for the District:

- 1. NABC-2012: Specifics on the role of the local Memphis Unit 144.** This will be the 75th anniversary of ACBL. There will be a lot of promotion for this tournament. Since we have the new Headquarters and the Hall of Fame here. The Unit and District have no obligation to fund. ACBL will provide all funds. I received an email from Jeff Johnston, a director at ACBL. They would like the Memphis people to take responsibility to organize volunteers. ACBL will provide staff, but they are not familiar with organizing tournaments. They would like the Memphis Unit to organize the Tournament. They are not obligated. The local Unit will decide if they will take the responsibility to do this. (See copy of email attached at Exhibit "B".)
- 2. The ACBL San Diego Fall Board meeting report.**

I was unable to attend due to illness. David represented us. There were several controversial areas discussed: (Please See Exhibit "C" which is attached for a copy of this Report.)

- Changing master points in flight B to 0 -2500.
- There was a very close 13 to 12 vote to eliminate 1/3 of points on-line to account for advancement in rank. There is a lot of pressure on ACBL to do away with this requirement and accept master points won on-line at full value. There was much discussion regarding this issue.
- All fees are going up by ACBL.

Bill stated that he was very excited about the new building in Horn Lake, MS. He was instrumental in keeping ACBL Head Quarters in the Memphis area. We considered Atlanta, Dallas or Memphis. I think we made the right decision with the new facilities at a fraction of the cost of going somewhere else. We have received approval from the state of Mississippi to put up a sign to advertise the ACBL Hall of fame at the Exit directing people to go to the Hall of Fame from the interstate.

3. Request for funds for welcome packages for ACBL Board members attending the ACBL Board Meeting in New Orleans.

It is Traditional to provide welcoming packages to the Delegates when they come for the ACBL Board meeting in New Orleans. I would like to request a vote to provide welcome packages to the ACBL Board of Directors Delegates attending the National Tournament in New Orleans this year. We need at least \$1,000. There was some discussion regarding this issue. Lynne Logan suggested we give \$2,000 or \$1500 for the packages for New Orleans. Mike Moses made a motion to approve \$1500. It was seconded by Don Kern. The motion was passed.

NAP/GNT/STaC Coordinator Report – Russ Jones

Russ Jones could not attend the meeting in Biloxi this year. David Siebert read his report which is shown below.

District 10 won the extra pair in both NAOP –B and NAOP – C. Congratulate the clubs for their good participation. The Units need to have already scheduled the GNT Unit Finals for A, B, and C. It must be held between now and April 10. Sanctions are on line. The GNT Championship Flight is to be held on Sunday at the Hot Springs Regional. Participation at the District Finals of NAOP were down about 20% but may be due to weather and rumor that hotel may not have water. Thanks. Russ

Webmaster Report – Don Kemp

Don did not have anything to report. David asked if he was having any complaints about the Forum not being sent out anymore. Don said he has not had any complaints. Don asked if anyone has any suggestions for things to put on the web site. Judy Knox asked Don to start putting the District 10 meeting schedule on the web site. Don said he would do that. Judy will send Don an email with the date, time and place of the District 10 meeting about 2-3 weeks ahead of the time that it is scheduled.

Tournament Oversight Committee

Chuck Wilkinson, Committee Chairman (Chuck did not have any topics to present)

New Business

A discussion was led by David Siebert regarding re-scheduling the next 3 Regional Tournaments that do not already have published schedules to start at 10am and 3pm for Major events instead of 1:30pm and 7pm. The next 3 regional Tournaments that would be affected by this policy are Nashville (July 12 – 18, 2010), Tunica(Sept 20-26, 2010) and Biloxi (2011).

The older people get, the earlier they get up(Per David Siebert). A lot of Districts are going to the schedule of 10 and 3 for major events. The locations of our regionals are great entertainment towns. There are a lot of things you can go out and do at night. We could still have our 9 o'clock games. At one of the compact knockouts I attended recently, there were 5 teams and we played the same teams over at the same time. No one is showing up. We could still have a knock out at 8pm at night. I talked to at least 100 people and only one did not like the idea, they were young people and they liked to sleep late. There are not many of them around. All that I talked to seemed to be in favor of doing this except for that one person.

This schedule was tried it in Tunica 5 years ago and they were not pleased with it. I think it was because people were driving back and forth from Tunica to Memphis and were not happy with the 10 am start time. I think it will increase attendance, and enjoyment by people who attend since they can go out at night and not have to worry about getting back to play bridge, etc. I would like to see this District adopt this new time schedule. We can try it for the next 3 regionals that have not been scheduled. If it doesn't work, we can withdraw it. Bill Cook stated that he like the idea. Don Kern asked about the first day's schedule. David said we would keep that one the same. Monday night would stick with the original schedule. Tuesday would be 10, 3 and 8.

There was a lot of discussion regarding whether or not we should proceed with this idea without contacting the Nashville unit first. Even though this might be the best idea on earth, we should get Nashville's input so we will not offend anyone per Don Kern. There was a suggestion by John Federico to table this discussion until the next meeting. David can approach the people who will be affected and we can discuss it at the next meeting. Mike Moses made a motion to table this discussion until the next District 10 meeting. It was seconded by Bill Young. The motion was passed unanimously to table this discussion to the next District 10 meeting. David will get some feedback from the Units that will be affected by the changed schedule before we vote on it.

Bud Murphy asked if we could have a split regional with Lake Charles. Is there any way this can be done? Chuck Wilkinson, Tournament Oversight Committee Chair, stated that we have already scheduled all District 10 Regionals through 2016. Bud asked if there is a chance anyone would drop out. Chuck said for him to send a letter with the request and we will consider putting Lake Charles on the agenda for 2017.

Old Business

(1) Clarify new ACBL Handicap procedures (as discussed in the Vicksburg Minutes in 2009). David Siebert led this discussion. Here is what ACBL came up with at the Board meeting in San Diego. They are going to handicap flight A knockouts under the following procedure. Each District has a choice of two ways that they can handle this procedure.

- If a team averages 5,000 pts or more there is no handicap at all.
- If a flight A team averages less than 5000 master points, they get handicapped by all teams that average greater than 5000 master points.

The following choices are available to each District:

1. Every team above 5000 gives that team the same handicap or
2. Handicap those teams according to the number of master points they have. If a team has 80,000 points, they would handicap the teams more than the team that has 25,000. The greater the master points that the team averages, the greater the handicap points they have to give. A team that averages 80,000 master points will have to give more handicap points than a team that averages 25,000 master points. The handicap will be based on the ACBL formula.

A motion was made by Bill Young to accept the choice of handicapping the teams that have less than 5000 master points by all teams over the 5000 points and allocate them based on the ACBL formula(choice #2 above). The motion was seconded by Mike Moses. The motion was passed.

(2) District 10 policy for Education re-imburement : Dick Heil, Education Liaison was not present. The Unit submits the Education reimbursement request to the Education Liaison. The Education Liaison submits the request to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee approves the request for reimbursement and notifies the Unit Secretary. The Secretary sends the letter to Lynne Logan to write the check. The Executive Committee is: Chuck Wilkinson, Lynne Logan, Dave Siebert, John Federico, and Jack Tidball. (District 10 Education reimbursement procedures are attached at Exhibit “D”).

Election of Officers for 2010

Bill Young made a motion that we keep the whole slate of officers in tact for the coming year. He Nominated the current slate of officers for re-election. It was seconded by Don Kern. The motion passed unanimously. The following officers were re-elected for the 2010 year:

**David Siebert – President
John Federico – Vice President
Lynne Logan – Treasurer
Judy Knox - Secretary**

The next Board meeting will be in Nashville on Saturday July 17, 2010 at 7:30 am.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Don Kern. It was seconded by John Federico. The meeting was adjourned by David Siebert.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

Judy Knox
District 10 Secretary