

DISTRICT 10
MID SOUTH BRIDGE CONFERENCE
BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING
January 28, 2012

Biloxi Regional Mississippi Gulf Coast
Biloxi, MS

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on January 28, 2012 at the Biloxi, MS Gulf Coast Regional Tournament which was held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, Ms. The delegates enjoyed breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits, hash browns, fruit, juice 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	Absent
Unit 138 Mississippi	Chuck Wilkinson*
Unit 144 Tennessee	Cecile Skaggs*
Unit 157 Alabama	Don Kemp*
	O.T. Johnson **
Unit 161 Arkansas	Jane Dickey*
Unit 170 Shreveport	Mina Chestnut*
Unit 179 Central TN	Bob Allard*
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast	Lynne Logan*
Unit 182 Baton Rouge	Absent
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana	Loretta Rivers*
Unit 214 Hattiesburg	Robert C. Shearer*
Unit 215 S. Alabama	David Kern*
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana	Absent
Unit 232 N. Alabama	Paul Munafo*

The following District 10 officials were in attendance.

REPRESENTATIVE TO
ACBL BD/DIRECTORS-Bill Cook
District 10 President – David Siebert
Vice President – Don Kern
Treasurer - Lynne Logan
Secretary – Judy Knox

President's Welcome

The meeting was called to order by David Siebert, President of District 10 at 8am.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed by Judy Knox. The Board of Directors minutes from the meeting in Tunica, MS on September 17, 2011 were distributed to all delegates present. The minutes were also emailed to all Unit delegates in District 10 last year after the meeting. Don Kern made a motion to approve the minutes for last year. It was seconded by Lynne Logan. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Lynne Logan

Lynne Logan, District 10 Treasurer gave the Treasurer's report for 2011. We have Gross profit of \$12,174.83 and net income of \$6,379. Lynne walked us through all of the financial reports. See Exhibit "A" which is attached for a copy of Lynne's report.)

There was a discussion regarding financial reports not being received timely from our regional tournaments. The secretary is supposed to get copies of all financial statements from every Unit that holds a Regional Tournament in District 10. David suggested that next year we should have a report of all regional tournaments from every Unit. The treasurer from each Unit should prepare the financial statements for every regional and send them to Judy Knox, Secretary.

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Bill Cook's Report

Bill Cook is the district 10 representative to the ACBL Board of Directors. His report covered the ACBL Board of Directors meeting held in Seattle, Washington on November 19, 2011. The following actions were taken by the Board:

- Sharon Anderson from Eagan, Minnesota was elected 2012 ACBL President.
- Bruce Blakely from California and Georgia Heth from Illinois were elected from five candidates to serve three year terms as ACBL representatives to the World Bridge Federation.
- Chuck Wilkinson from Jackson, MS was unopposed for re-election to a four year term as Pension Plan Trustee.
- Defeated by a vote of 13-12, a motion from Board of Governors to reconsider waiving all entry fees for the NABC final GNT events. I voted against this motion because I didn't believe this was the answer to increasing participation in the event. A task force of District GNT coordinators met in Seattle to make recommendations on how to improve the event.
- Approved adjustments in the Master point awards for the following NABC Championship events:
 1. Open Pairs (no other events, four sessions) changed from 130 to 125.
 2. Red Ribbon Pairs changed from 70 to 60.
 3. Canadian Open Pairs Championships changed from 75 to 65.
 4. Women's KO Teams changed from 140 to 120.
 5. USBF Women's Team Trials changed from 140 to 120.
 6. USBF Senior Team Trials changed from 50 to 120.
 7. Canadian Senior Team Championship changed to 60 Master points instead of being computed by the general formula.

The Reduction Factor for club (and online) games not restricted by Master points of fewer than 18 Boards will be 60%. The Strength of Field Formula (SOF) for use in Sectional and Regional pair events was deferred to the 2012 spring meeting in Memphis, TN. I voted to defer to give time for input on the changes in the formula that the advocates say won't adversely affect the points available for novice and intermediate players. I was prepared to vote against adopting the SOF had it come to a vote.

- The 2012 budget was approved and reflects expenses exceeding income by \$118,190 which include onetime expenditures of \$85,000.
- Regional and Sectional (including STACS) tournaments per table sanction fees are increased by \$.04 effective April 1, 2012.
- TD session fees are increased by approximately 4% effective April 1, 2012.

(See exhibit B attached for a complete copy of the report)

NAP/GNT/STaC Coordinator Report – Russ Jones

Russ was unable to attend the meeting on Saturday. He sent an email with the following report:

NAP: The District finals were just held in Jackson and attendance was up 10% from the previous year with 14 tables in B and 13 tables in C. The Flight A finals were previously held in Tunica with attendance remaining the same in Flight A.

GNT: Units are currently holding qualifying for Flights A, B, and C. All unit games must be held prior to April 10. The Unit finals for A, B, and C will be held the last weekend in April at Tupelo, MS sectional. The Championship will be held tomorrow (Sunday) during the Biloxi Regional. Remind units that the unit surcharge is now \$10/table per session and should be sent to me with the unit game file immediately after the game.

STAC: The next STAC begins Monday (Jan 30). Hopefully, all District 10 clubs have already registered to participate.

Thanks for the help,
Russ

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Webmaster Report – Don Kemp

Don Kemp is the District 10 Webmaster. We have about 1200 to 1600 visits per month to the web page. Directors Don is also posting tournament results on the District 10 web page. Tell directors to send them in to him. He can also post partial Tournament results and hand records. Don can post anything that is of special interest to your area on the District 10 web page. It would be helpful if you would put the District web site on any advertisements you have. The District 10 website address is D10bridge.org. Don can post game results and hand records in pdf format. Tournament Chairs can post tournament schedules on D10 web page if they send it to Don in pdf. How to get Board members updated. Just send Don an email if anything needs to be updated. Don't wait 6 months to notify Don. You can send Tournament schedules to Don and he will send them to ACBL. Don can put Tournament Fliers on the D-10 web site.

Education Liaison – Dick Heil

Dick Heil emailed his report. District 10 received only one request for reimbursement since Tunica. The Hot Springs Club requested \$331.62 from D-10. This was matched by Unit 161. We did get 2 inquiries for information on the D-10 Reimbursement policy, but no actual requests for money.

Tournament Oversight Committee- Chuck Wilkinson, Coley McGinnis, Don Kern

Chuck said for 2012 we have approved the schedule for Biloxi and the Hot Springs Birmingham split. We have approved the Hot Springs budget and schedule. We have not received the Birmingham schedule or budget yet. We have approved the schedule for Tunica, but not the budget. We have to review and approve the schedules and budgets for all regionals before they go to ACBL. There are guidelines for the Tournament Chairs on the D-10 web page for preparing and submitting schedules and budgets. We have a lot of new Tournament Chairs. A lot of them don't know what to do. You are supposed to submit a schedule and budget in advance of the Tournament and you are supposed to submit a financial statement within 2 months of the end of the tournament. Please tell your tournament chairs about the guidelines on the D-10 website. Chuck has not received pro forma budgets for any tournaments for 2012. Hot Springs has a good pro forma budget work sheet that we can use. Chuck will send Judy an example of the pro forma budget spread sheet. She will send them out to each Unit. For every Regional, we should send out a form for them to fill out. Everybody would be uniform. David said we should have a pro forma form to send to each Unit. They should complete it and send it back to District 10. A dead line date will be given for them to send it back to D10. Chuck will send out a pro forma form to Judy and she will send it out to all Units.

Status Report on NABC 2012 – Cecile Skaggs

Memphis is having an NABC in March, 2012. Our Committee has done an outstanding job and we will put on a Tournament that will make Memphis and ACBL proud. Cecile thanked each unit and each individual for their responses. We have had wonderful things provided by our volunteers. We have had lunches, dinners, all kinds of fund raising events. We hope to see everyone there at the tournament. We were guaranteed \$100,000 from ACBL. We didn't know what to expect in the beginning and we started out with \$30,000 as a goal. Then it went up to \$45,000. Now we have \$50,000 from all our fund-raising. We are working through a hotel, in total submission to the hotel and what they want to charge. The Hospitality chairman wants water all day every day. 10 days of water is \$60,000. This is why we need help with our finances from District 10. The cost is very, very high. Costs are unbelievable.

District 10 will not be providing any additional money to Unit 144 to help with hospitality at the 2012 NABC. The ACBL is providing money for hospitality and the local Unit will have approximately \$160,000 to spend on hospitality.

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Florida Panhandle

The Panhandle of Florida wants to become part of Unit 10. They need us to promise them a Regional every other year. It is in the same area as Mobile and Shreveport. They have expressed interest. They have to make application to District 9 to leave that District and join District 10. Then District 10 would have to approve for them to join District 10. This discussion was tabled from the last District 10 meeting.

ACBL will have to send out forms to all Unit 9 members and they will have to vote to join D-10. They have to get a 51% vote. They only want to join if they can have a Regional every other year. What would be our advantage for them joining us? We would get more members probably 5 or 600. How do we feel about them alternating tournaments every year? Biloxi is alternating with Nashville right now. STAC games - we would have a lot more clubs and we can get more money for hospitality for NABCs. The bridge population of the panhandle is growing. Lynne said she prefers a regional every year in Biloxi. If we are going to have to have one every other year, it should be Biloxi and another warm area. (Panhandle) Somebody will get bumped. Lynne made a motion for Chuck to check into this and find out if the Florida Panhandle wants to join D-10. Chuck went over the steps. We need approval of the D10 board, the D9 board and ACBL. There would have to be a vote. We need a member of their unit to attend our board meeting and request this officially. It could take 2 years to get approved. The TOC should check the situation out. They need to write us a letter to request this if they are interested. Don Kern said he will take responsibility to contact the Panhandle President and tell them if they are interested, to write a letter and send it to Chuck.

Updating District 10 Web Page

There was a discussion regarding updating the District 10 web page. The picture is old and needs updating. Carol Paterson took pictures at the Tunica Tournament last year to put on the web page. Don will check on this. The President and VP should be updated for each unit. Judy will do this and send it to Don.

Charities – ACBL to give District 10 - \$30,000 for Charities

ACBL is giving the District \$30,000 to donate to six different charities of our choice. We need to send this out to all of the Units and have them say which Charity they want to contribute to. We have until Dec. 15 to allocate the money. Each Unit should send us a suggestion for a charity they want to give to and tell us why. When we meet in Tunica on September 15 this year we will decide which 6 charities, we want to contribute to. Please have your Unit send these recommendations to Judy. Judy will get them together and summarize what everybody says. These need to be sent to Judy so she can send it out to everybody before the meeting in Tunica.

Election of New Officers for 2012

Cecile Skaggs made a motion to re-elect all the same officers for 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Board Meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 at the Tunica Tournament.

A suggestion was made to send requirements to each unit to let them know what District 10 requires from them. Each Unit is supposed to send a delegate and an alternate to each D10 meeting to make sure we have consistency and we have sharing of information. Lynne said Judy does an excellent job by sending the minutes out by email to each Unit after every board meeting.

There being no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Lynne Logan to adjourn. It was seconded by Cecile Skaggs. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox,
District 10 Secretary

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EXHIBIT A

TREASURERS REPORT

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