

**DISTRICT 10**  
**MID SOUTH BRIDGE CONFERENCE**  
**BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING**  
September 15, 2012

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**Delta Dealin' Regional Sam's Town Gambling Hall and Casino**  
**Tunica, MS**

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on September 15, 2012 at the Delta Dealin' Regional Tournament which was held at Sam's Town Casino in Tunica, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Alternates\*\*

Unit 134 Louisiana	<b>Absent</b>
Unit 138 Mississippi	Chuck Wilkinson*
Unit 144 Tennessee	Cecile Skaggs*
	Don Paterson**
Unit 157 Alabama	Don Kemp*
	O.T. Johnson **
Unit 161 Arkansas	Ned Irving*
	Betty Schultz**
Unit 170 Shreveport	Mina Chestnut*
	Linda Young**
Unit 179 Central TN	Pat Williams*
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast	Lynne Logan*
Unit 182 Baton Rouge	Craig Cordes
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana	<b>Absent</b>
Unit 214 Hattiesburg	Robert C. Shearer*
Unit 215 S. Alabama	David Kern*
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana	<b>Absent</b>
Unit 232 N. Alabama	Paul Munafo*

**The following District 10 and ACBL officials were in attendance.**

ACBL President -Sharon Anderson  
**REP TOACBL 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. David introduced Sharon Anderson, ACBL President and her husband Roger.

**Sharon Anderson ACBL President**

Sharon stated that our CEO, Robert Hartman believes that ACBL can better serve the organization if the staff members know how to play bridge. There are a lot of ACBL staff members here at the tournament to observe and learn how a tournament functions and how it is set up. She was at ACBL headquarters about 4 months ago and went to the break room and there were 3 tables of staff members taking bridge lessons. It is a good idea for staff members to know how to play bridge. This will give them a better idea of how best to serve the ACBL members.

The last NABC we had a Women's knock out and there were only 11 teams in the game. So, we are concerned with having an NABC event with only 11 tables. Sharon developed a task force to try to think through whether we should phase out the event or grow it. Sharon stated that "Bridge is a great game that I love and I have made many, many friends through bridge."

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**Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Directors minutes from the meeting in Biloxi, MS on January 28, 2012 were distributed to all delegates present. The minutes were also emailed to all Unit delegates in District 10 last year after the meeting. Lynne Logan made a motion to approve the minutes for last year. It was seconded by Cecile Skaggs. The minutes were approved.

**Charlie MacCracken- Tournament Coordinator**

The regional here has always been a success since it started. In 2007 we had 2183 tables, in 2009 just over 2000. In 2010 when we started the 10 and 3 schedule we had 1888 tables. Last year it was 1875 tables. We are close to the same table count for this year as we were last year in 2011.

District 11 invited us to participate in a STAC in December. I declined since we already participate in a STAC with District 7. Sanctions are all in good shape. Regionals for 2015 should be in by now and Sectionals for 2013 are due. Charlie was asked if the 10 & 3 schedule is working. Charlie thinks that with the aging population of bridge players, the 10& 3 schedule works best. He thinks that in the future all tournaments will go to this schedule. He doesn't know if the downward spiral will continue or if the NABC in Memphis had something to do with it. There was a big discussion regarding the new 10 & 3 schedule.

**Treasurer's Report - Lynne Logan**

Lynne Logan, District 10 Treasurer gave the Treasurer's report for 2012. Lynne walked us through all of the financial reports. See Exhibit "A" which is attached for a complete copy of Lynne's report.)

**Profit and Loss – January through July 2012**

Total Regionals	\$ 13, 536.89
STACs/ Nationals	<u>22,320.89</u>
Total Income	\$38,570.89
Less: Expenses	<u>(29,911.34)</u>
Net Profit	\$ 8,659.55
Less: Expenses	<u>3,057.04</u>
Net Income	\$ 5,602.51

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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 Memphis, TN on March 11, 2012 and in Philadelphia on July 9, 2012. Please see copies of both of Bill's reports from these meetings attached at Exhibit "B". Bill Cook is running for President of ACBL in November, 2012.

Special games have been authorized to have at local clubs to raise money for the NAP and GNT games in December. The money will pass through to the district to augment what we are now doing to raise money for NAP games. The same rules that apply to education and international fund games will apply to these Grass roots games. These games start in December. Director of the games cannot participate in District STAC overall awards. ACBL should send out a "condition of contest". ACBL will send out these "conditions of contest".

**Webmaster Report – Don Kemp**

**Don Kemp is the District 10 Webmaster. We have about 1200 to 1800 visits per month to the web page. Don is also posting tournament results on the District 10 web page. Tell directors to send them in to him. 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. You can send Tournament schedules to Don and he will send them to ACBL.**

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**Education Liaison – Dick Heil**

**Dick Heil submitted the following Educational Reimbursement report:**

Club	Teacher	Total	Unit 161	District 10
Jonesboro	Russ Jones	\$ 525.00	\$ 212.50	\$ 212.50
Hot Springs Village	Denny Penticoff	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Hot Springs	Tony Gunn	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club	Dick Heil, Burla Sims, Jane Dickey	\$ 3,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Hot Springs	Tony Gunn	\$208.04	\$ 104.02	\$ 104.02
<b>Total YTD Educational Reimbursements</b>		<b>\$ 6,503.04</b>	<b>\$ 2,366.52</b>	<b>\$ 2,366.52</b>

**No requests for educational reimbursements were from Units other than Unit 161.**

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

**Chuck Wilkinson gave the status report of budget requests for Regional Tournaments and the schedule of events submitted to date for all District 10 Regionals: A motion was made to accept the following regional tournament schedule subject to further discussions with New Orleans regarding changing it to Biloxi, Ms. In the event that New Orleans isn't interested in having a Regional. The motion passed.**

START DATES	REGIONAL	SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	PRO FORMA BUDGET
February 4, 2013	Nashville	Approved	Not Received
May 13, 2013	Hot Springs	Approved	Not Received
July 8, 2013	New Orleans	Not Received	Not Received
September 16, 2013	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received
January 20, 2014	Gulf Coast	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2014	Mobile/Shreveport Split	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2014	Birmingham	Not Received	Not Received
September 8, 2014	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2015	Nashville	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2015	Hot Springs	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2015	Baton Rouge	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2015	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2016	Gulf Coast	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2016	Birmingham	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2016	Jackson	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2016	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2017	Nashville	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2017	Hot Springs	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2017	New Orleans	Not Received	Not Received
TBA 2017	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received

**The Pro Forma Budget Report was submitted by Chuck Wilkinson. See the entire pro forma report on the next page.**

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	Actual Prev. Reg.	Upcoming Regional	Notes
<b>YEAR</b>			
<b>TABLE COUNT</b>			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Entry Fees			\$12, \$9 (Under 100 MPs), (\$5 Under age 21); May request for exceptions
Contributions			Sponsors, District contributions for I/N Program
Miscellaneous			Additional Swiss Meals, etc.
<b>Total Revenues</b>	0	0	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>ACBL Expenses</b>			
Directors Fees			Including local TDs & I/N Coordinators
Director Transportation			Including local TDs & I/N Coordinators
Director Lodging			Including local TDs & I/N Coordinators
Director Per Diem			Including local TDs & I/N Coordinators
ACBL Sanction Fees			Including GNTs, NAPs
ACBL Duplicate Hands			
ACBL Supplies			
<b>Total ACBL Expenses</b>	0	0	
<b>Host Expenses</b>			
Daily Bulletin			Editor (fees, room costs, per diem), printing, etc.
Caddies			
Hospitality			Meals, snacks, player entertainment, etc.
Promotional			Advertisements, mailings (including postage)
Registration Gifts			Suggested, but not required
Supplies			
Prizes			O/A & Section tops required for I/N events; Optional for other events
Playing Space Rental			
I/N Program			Receptions, lectures, trophies for I/N
Rentals			Copiers, tables, etc.
Electronic Scoring			BridgePad rentals & fees
Miscellaneous			Free plays for fill-ins, hand record printing, etc.
<b>Total Host Expenses</b>	0	0	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	0	0	
<b>GROSS PROFIT/LOSS</b>	0	0	
D10 Share (50%)	0	0	District fees for single site regionals are 1/2 of the gross profit.
Less District expenses			Free Plays for D10 officers, District meetings, etc.
Net D10 Profit/Loss	0	0	
Host Share (50%)	0	0	
Less Host only expenses			Free Plays & Lodging for local volunteers & Committee Chairpersons
Net Host Profit/Loss	0	0	
Guidelines:			
			1. The budget must be submitted to the D10 Tournament Oversight Committee 12 months in advance.
			2. The Financial Statement for the regional is due six weeks after completion of the tournament.
			3. Please submit these reports to Chuck Wilkinson, Committee Chairman via email to : cwilkin@aol.com.
			4. For questions and/or clarifications, contact Chuck via email or phone (601-948-7108).

**A Motion was made by Jane Dickey to approve the above Pro forma Budget format. The motion passed. It was approved.**

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**A motion was made to accept the following Tournament Oversight Committee Guidelines as revised. The motion passed. These guidelines can be found on the District 10 web page.**

**Tournament Oversight Committee Guidelines**

Our primary purpose is to ensure that volunteers, who might not have a lot of experience in running regional tournaments, will be helped to avoid some of the pitfalls that could hurt attendance and avoid losses due to overspending. Our role is to provide guidance in accordance to district guidelines. This document outlines those guidelines and may be revised at any district meeting.

1. The host unit is responsible for organizing the tournament, including the appointment of the tournament chair, the recruitment of volunteers, and all of the local operations associated with putting on the tournament.
2. The contract with the playing site must be submitted at least 24 months in advance. The contract must include room rate, comp room policy and playing space charges.
3. The budget must be submitted 12 months in advance. The budget must account for registration gifts, daily bulletin, hospitality, advertising, novice/IN program (including trophies for all strata, a party, lectures and a room for the novice/IN coordinator), caddies, and any other expenses associated with the actual play (director's fees, sanction fees, hand records, computers, supply fees, etc.). The tournament coordinator will supply estimates of the actual play fees based on projected table counts. Note: Overall and section top prizes are suggested but no longer required.
4. The schedule must be submitted 12 months in advance.
5. The financial report must be submitted 6 weeks after completion of the tournament.
6. The committee will not approve a schedule that has two regional championships starting opposite the first or second round of a knockout when the total expected attendance is fewer than 1400 tables.
7. A full novice/IN schedule must be provided and highlighted separately in all ads and flyers.
8. Per person, entry fees are \$12 per session except for under 100 MP games (\$9) and for district 10 residents 21 years of age or younger (\$5). The oversight committee may grant exceptions.
9. The host unit may grant free plays to its volunteers, but they will be debited against the host unit's share of the profits.
10. District fees for single site regionals are ½ of the net profit, or for split sites, \$1 per table. One half of the collected District fees are distributed to all units not hosting a full or split regional within the year, based equally upon unit membership and unit participation in that year's district regionals.

Additional items which have been designated by the district board of directors include:

Handicapping the top bracket knockout events is required for Regionals, other than Tunica and Biloxi, using the rule that if the last team had less than 20%MP than the top team, the bracket will be handicapped. Tunica and Biloxi have the option to follow this rule if the chairman so chooses.

If ACBL Mid-Chart Conventions are allowed, it must be stated on the tournament program.

There will be no D-10 regional scheduled less than six weeks between another D-10 regional. However this may slide to as few as four weeks if the Tournament Co-coordinator and the district oversight committee agree.

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Target profits for regional will be between 5 and 18%.

Only indirect costs that are directly traceable to "traditional tournament expenses" are chargeable to a regional. Items purchased by a unit which might be used at other times are NOT approved as expenses of district sponsored tournaments. For example, this policy allows for renting tables but not for buying tables or bid-boxes (Units are encouraged to share bid-boxes for district regionals).

Current Chair: Chuck Wilkinson (9/15/12)  
Current members: Coley McGinnis and Don Kern

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. Don Kern will take care of updating the Unit officer's page and will send it to Don Kemp to put on the District 10 web page.

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. The names and documentation for each charity were given to Bill Cook to be submitted to ACBL for consideration. A motion was made to approve the following charities nominated by the District 10 Units. The motion passed.

- 1) Unit 182- St. Elizabeth Foundation – Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 2) Unit 214- Christian Services, Inc. and Edwards Street Fellowship Center
- 3) Unit 161- Teen Challenge of Arkansas
- 4) Unit 144 – St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memphis, TN

NAP/GNT Coordinator – Russ Jones

NAP

We were in the top 4 in attendance for NAP. We finished all club qualifying in August. I am getting requests daily and weekly for Unit finals. Anybody can go to the District website to see Unit final schedules. Do we want to continue to have unit finals for NAP? The only 4 districts that require Unit finals are Arkansas, Texas, Missouri and Buffalo, NY. Everybody else has eliminated Unit finals and they did it to have better attendance at the District. We pay fees to ACBL and they provide funds to match. The Unit final doesn't count. What is the advantage of Unit finals? They get games to award gold points. It keeps people from going to the District. If they miss the Unit final or don't qualify there, they can't go to the District. Attendance has been flat. Attendances from Cs have dwindled. I have no problems with eliminating the Unit finals. Now we can go straight from clubs to District with no Unit qualifiers. It doesn't hurt us one way or other. A motion to do away with Unit Qualifying NAPs at the District level was made by Jane Dickey and second by Cecile Skaggs. The motion passed unanimously. This is for 2013 and 2014.

GNT

- 1) Grass Roots Fund Games are coming up in December. I encourage each club to have at least one of these games in December.
- 2) I also recommend that the Grass Roots money should all go to the GNT until they catch up with the NAP. A motion was made for this to happen. It passed unanimously.
- 3) There is a game still 100% rated. It is the GNT fund game. Each club is allowed to have a GNT fund raiser each year. Remember to schedule these games. There is a form that prints out and there is one for each club sanction. Send the money to Russ. Russ will send an email to all Units to remind them of this game.
- 4) The ACBL approved for us to go on line and run finals for GNT. We have the ability if we want to do this. We can test it and see how it goes. I prefer to try it for the Championship flight only. We are talking about the 2013 and 2014 years.
- 5) STAC – The new coordinator is David Siebert. Jan. 21-27 is next STAC.

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**David saluted Memphis for having the best NABC ever.** Don Paterson, Carol Paterson and Henry Francis were all at this meeting. They were invited here to congratulate them on the best NABC ever held in District 10.

Jane Dickey- Whirlwind Bridge

Information is in the packet on ACBL web page. Arkansas held "Learn Bridge in One day?" You get all materials for \$150. They had 21 tables on a Saturday. We have already had 30% to sign up for our fall classes. Call or email Jane Dickey for more information.

A lot of teachers use an email tool "Constant Contact". It can only be used by a nonprofit organization. It sends out professional emails you can send to your friends. This email tool has been hugely successful.

Go to ACBL web site for a link to ACBL Education Foundation to register for assistance with Educational programs.

A motion was made to start electing officers for 2 year terms instead of one year terms. Before we vote on this, we need more discussion and we may need to change the by- laws. The motion was tabled to the next Board meeting in Nashville next year.

The next Board Meeting will be Saturday, February 9, 2013 at the Nashville Regional Tournament at 7:30am.

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