

DISTRICT 10
MID SOUTH BRIDGE CONFERENCE
BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING
September 21, 2013

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on September 21, 2013 at the Regional Tournament which was held 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 1st Alternates**

Unit 134 Louisiana	Nelson Daigle Jr.*
Unit 138 Mississippi	Chuck Wilkinson*-Absent
Unit 144 Tennessee	Cecile Skaggs*
Unit 157 Alabama	Don Kemp*
	O.T. Johnson **
Unit 161 Arkansas	Russ Jones*
Unit 170 Shreveport	Mina Chestnut* Absent
	Linda Young** Absent
Unit 179 Central TN	Coley McGinnis*
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast	Lynne Logan*
Unit 182 Baton Rouge	Eddie Ashworth*
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana	Loretta rivers*
Unit 214 Hattiesburg	Robert C. Shearer*
Unit 215 S. Alabama	Gary Klussman*
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana	Annette Harlow*
Unit 232 N. Alabama	Paul Munafo*

The following District 10 and ACBL officials were in attendance.

District 10 President – Don Kern
Vice President – Coley McGinnis
Treasurer - Lynne Logan
Secretary – Judy Knox
Charles MacCracken-Tournament Chair
Paul Munafo- Judiciary Chair

President's Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Don Kern, President of District 10 at 8am. Don commented on the good jobs that all District 10 Regional Tournament chairs are doing. Hot Springs and New Orleans Tournaments were especially great this year.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Directors minutes from the meeting in Nashville, TN on February 9, 2013 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. It was seconded by Cecile Skaggs. The minutes were approved.

Charlie MacCracken- Tournament Coordinator

Sanctions are coming in. Tourney TRAX, introduced in January is being accepted and problems are being overcome. Tourney TRAX is much more efficient than what we had before. In Nashville earlier this year, we changed the schedule for Tunica from 10 and 2:30 to 1 and 7. Through Thursday we were ahead of last year in attendance. Yesterday was a disaster and there is no indication that we will be picking up a large number of tables this weekend. It looks like this Tournament will be down a little from last year. Coordinators should be thinking about getting their 2015 Sectionals. Regionals are in good shape. New Orleans was up about 100 tables this year.

Tunica room rates are doubling on weekends and this is why the attendance is low on weekends. Some people are not even getting the bridge rate for the weekend due to the cut- off date. The Hollywood was charging only \$79 and several people are staying at the Hollywood or the Best Western. That needs to be addressed for the next Tournament. Ed Davis is meeting with the Hotel people to discuss the Room Rate for the next Tournament.

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Treasurer's Report - Lynne Logan

Lynne Logan, District 10 Treasurer gave the Treasurer's report for 2013. 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, 2013

Total Regionals	\$ 12,208.93
STACs/ Nationals	<u>25,919.00</u>
Total Income	\$43,635.93
Less: Expenses	<u>(23,468.65)</u>
Gross Profit	\$ 20,167.28
Less: Expenses	<u>2,517.40</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 17,649.88</u>

Bill Cook's Report

Congratulations to Bill Cook who is now President of ACBL! Go to the District 10 web page D10bridge.org and see Bill's reports on Atlanta and St. Louis. They are also attached to this report at Exhibit B. District 10 is holding an election to replace Bill Cook as our District 10 Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors. Coley McGinnis and Russ Jones are running for the position to replace Bill Cook. Results of the election will be announced in October, 2013.

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 daily game results if the director sends them daily. Hand records in pdf format can also be posted daily. 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. Tournament results attracts people to the web site. The web site also has a schedule of all District 10 Tournaments.

Tournament Oversight Committee- Chuck Wilkinson, Coley McGinnis, O.T. Johnson

Chuck Wilkinson was not present and did not send a report. A discussion was held regarding Lake Charles wanting to have a Regional Tournament in 2017. Mobile may also be interested in having a Regional for the 2017 vacancy that we now have. Don Kern told them to send an email to Chuck Wilkinson to get procedures on applying for a Regional Tournament by their respective Units. We need to set a new deadline for the Oversight Committee to review the tournament applications by December 1, 2013. This deadline is for 2017 Tournaments that are to be scheduled. Chuck will discuss this at the next meeting in Biloxi which is the second week in January, 2014.

NAP/GNT Coordinator – Russ Jones

North American Pairs: Remember, that there will be no required Unit QUALIFYING in the NAP. Units may have the game for master point awards. Units will get a packet from ACBL about this. All Flights must still qualify at the club level. (Please see a copy of Russ's Report at Exhibit C) Now every club manager gets an email to send the club qualifiers to Russ. He has to input the information into the computer. Unit finals give gold points but they are not required.

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Grand National Teams: The GNT remains a struggle to keep attendance up at the unit and district levels. We should remember that the main funding for teams to travel to the NABC is through unit and district level participation in the GNT. Unit qualifications are being held between now and April 15. If your unit has not scheduled your game yet, please have them go on line and request a sanction. Also, Championship Flight will be on line in Spring 2014.

We will have to schedule matches to be on BBO between now and April. On line play has to be through an on-line vendor and you must have a proctor present in the room when you play. We have to have time to set this up. A motion was made by Russ to send out an email to everyone in the District to say if you want to play in the on line games send me your application and team member's names by Feb. 1, 2014. Set a deadline of Feb. 1 to notify the D-10 Secretary. We need pre-paid entries. Send in applications and fees to Secretary before Feb. 1. Lynne Logan seconded. Motion was passed.

Grass Roots: Russ recommended that all Units put a Grass Roots game and charge an extra \$1 in their sectionals. All Units can have grass roots game for the month of January.

Russell made a motion that we run a 4-day District wide Fund games in 2014 to be run just like a Black point STAC game for \$6.00 per table. We will Schedule 4 days of district wide Fund Games. It was seconded by Lynne Logan. The motion passed. Russ will get with Charlie to determine the dates for this. This money goes to the Unit to be used for anything we want. We will use it for GNT and the excess can be used any way we want.

Another Change for Jan., 2014 is NLM regionals up to 750 master points will be like Gold Rush Pairs and pay Gold Points. We are allowed one per year. You can treat it as a Sectional. Money all goes to the Unit.

Education Liaison, Dick Heil was absent and did not send a report. Gary Klussman took a group to the Atlanta Nationals. We all need to get involved in doing things like this to try to get younger people involved. Please see a copy of Gary's report which is attached at Exhibit D.

Old Business:

- Amending By laws to allow election of officers every 2 years instead of every year. This amendment was sent out by Coley 30 days prior to this meeting which is required by the by laws before we can vote on it. A motion was made by Coley McGinnis to change election of officers from every 1 year to every 2 years. This motion was passed. (2) Change the number of consecutive terms that can be served by officers from 3 to 2 terms. This motion also passed.
- Biloxi will be the new election. We can elect to split President and Secretary for 2 year terms, the vice president and treasurer for 1 year terms. The following year they will be elected for 2 years. We will have elections every 2 years. The motion passed.
- District to look into purchasing a travel clock timer for regional tournaments and Charlie can carry them to every tournament. Other directors have them with them. They are about \$500. This issue will be tabled to the next D10 meeting.
- Coley McGinnis made a motion to contribute \$30,000 to New Orleans for their NABC this summer. This is money that was made from STAC games. The motion passed.
- A motion was made by Loretta Rivers to have the meetings between the 2 afternoon sessions instead of at 7am in the morning for Biloxi. Lynne will decide on the day and will provide dinner at the next meeting. Second by Russ Jones. The motion passed.

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New Business:

- Don discussed a problem in Jackson, MS. He had to run an appeals meeting for a complaint about bad behavior at a tournament. He got Cecile and O.T. Johnson to help serve on the committee since they were already at the tournament. It will now be appealed at the National Level. Don is requesting reimbursement for expenses incurred by himself and the other committee members. Don requested \$165 plus mileage to attend and run this meeting for the District. Lynne suggested that we give each person a per diem amount instead of an actual meal.
- Lynne Logan made a motion to reimburse mileage at the government rate, and 1 night of hotel room and one day of per diem at the per diem rate in the area. If someone is already at the tournament they should not get any re-imbusement. The motion was seconded by Coley Mcginnis. The motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be on Friday, January 10, 2014 at the Biloxi Regional Tournament in Biloxi, MS at 5 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

Judy Knox,
District 10 Secretary