

**DISTRICT 10**  
**MID SOUTH BRIDGE CONFERENCE**  
**BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING**  
**Mississippi Gulf Coast Regional**  
**January 10, 2014**

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on January 10, 2014 at the Regional Tournament which was held in Biloxi, MS. The delegates enjoyed dinner before the meeting was called to order at 5pm.

District 10 Units were represented by the following Voting Delegates\* and 1<sup>st</sup> Alternates\*\*

Unit 134 Louisiana	Vicki Willis*
Unit 138 Mississippi	Chuck Wilkinson*
Unit 144 Tennessee	Cecile Skaggs*
Unit 157 Alabama	Don Kemp* <b>Absent</b>
	O.T. Johnson **
Unit 161 Arkansas	Russ Jones*
Unit 170 Shreveport	John S. Lawrence*
	Betty s. Lawrence**
Unit 179 Central TN	Coley McGinnis* <b>Absent</b>
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast	Lynne Logan*
Unit 182 Baton Rouge	Eddie Ashworth* <b>Absent</b>
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana	Loretta rivers*
Unit 214 Hattiesburg	Robert C. Shearer*
Unit 215 S. Alabama	Gary Klussman*
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana	Rose Patout*
Unit 232 N. Alabama	Paul Munafo* <b>Absent</b>

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

District 10 President – Don Kern  
Treasurer - Lynne Logan  
Secretary – Judy Knox  
**ACBL National Rep. – Russ Jones**  
District Recorder – Jane Dickey

**President’s Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by Don Kern, President of District 10 at 5pm. Don commented on the good job that Lynne Logan has done on the Biloxi Regional this year. He also commented on how good the Biloxi Tournament is this year. Biloxi is only held every other year.

**Approval of Minutes**

Russ Jones pointed out an error on the last year’s District 10 minutes. A reference was made to the “Unit” which should have been to the “District”. This correction will be made by Judy ASAP. Lynne Logan made a motion to approve the minutes with that one error correction. The motion passed. The minutes were approved.

**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 December, 2013

Total Regionals	\$ 22,741.00
STACs/ Nationals	<u>25,886.00</u>
Total Income	\$56,205.00
Less: Expenses	<u>(36,417.79)</u>
Gross Profit	\$ 19,787.21
Less: Expenses	<u>7,136.03</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 12,651.18</u>
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**Bill Cook's Report**

Russ Jones is the new District 10 National Representative to ACBL. However, Bill Cook was still the representative when the Phoenix BOD meeting took place. Russ sent a summary of the important items that took place at the meeting and Bill Cook sent me his complete report which is attached at Exhibit "B". Highlights From the ACBL Phoenix BOD Meeting:

- Phyllis Harlan was elected ACBL President for 2014.
- No electronic smoking device allowed at NABC events.
- Flight GNT/NAP raised to 2500; Flight a GNT raised to 6000. GNT levels effective now and the NAP level will be effective June 1, 2014.
- Definition of Unit Sponsored cub adopted.
- In the matter of Michael Schreiber request; found District 10 President's decision was reasonable and fair and, therefore upheld.
- Opening 2-major showing weak 2-bid with a four card minor move to GCC.
- Formation of new unit in Florida defeated.
- Review nee LTPB software.
- Reviewed new ACBL Score + program and Tourney Trax.

**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.**

We have made arrangements with [bridgefinesse.com](http://bridgefinesse.com) to have "Fast Results" available soon after the Memphis Sectional Tournament sessions. This allows players to receive results delivered to their email and/or mobile device immediately following each session. Players who sign up for "Fast Results" won't have to stand around waiting for the directors to tape the results to the wall or results stand.

A pdf is attached with a one page flyer at Exhibit "C" to tell players how to sign up to receive the results. There is no cost to the players, tournament or district.

An online partnership desk is also available. This allows players to try to attempt to find partners or teammates prior to arriving at the tournament. There are links to the partnership desk on the District 10 home page and on the upcoming tournaments page on the web site.

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**Tournament Oversight Committee- Chuck Wilkinson, Coley McGinnis, O.T. Johnson**  
**Status Report**  
**January 11, 2014**

The schedule below has been approved by this District Board for the years shown. We normally go through a 5 year cycle and then review and change it as is necessary. We need to get the information from Birmingham. Three things have to be prepared and submitted to the Tournament oversight committee to have your Regional approved. 1) The dates, 2) The schedule and 3) The budget. We have pro forma spreadsheets for you to use for you budgets. Lynne brought up the fact that the free plays for D-10 Officers should not be deducted on the Pro forma budget sheet. If there are free plays, there is nothing to deduct. There should only be a deduction for the District 10 meeting breakfast or dinner. The TOC will look into this.

<b>START DATES</b>	<b>REGIONAL</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>Notified?</b>	<b>Comment</b>
February 24, 2014	Mobile/Shreveport Split	Approved	Approved	x	\$13 entry fee approved
August 4, 2014	Birmingham	Not Received	Not Received	x	
September 8, 2014	Tunica	Approved	Approved	x	
February 9, 2015	Baton Rouge	Not Received	Not Received		
March 12, 2015	New Orleans NABC				
May 11, 2015	Hot Springs	Not Received	Not Received		
July 6, 2015	Nashville	Not Received	Not Received		
September 14, 2015	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received		
January 25, 2016	Gulf Coast	Not Received	Not Received		
February 29, 2016	Birmingham	Not Received	Not Received		Approved 4 weeks from Gulf Coast
TBA 2016	Jackson	Not Received	Not Received		
TBA 2016	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received		
May 15, 2017	Hot Springs	Not Received	Not Received		
July 10, 2017	Nashville	Not Received	Not Received		
TBA 2017	New Orleans	Not Received	Not Received		Request Replacement site
TBA 2017	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received		

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New Orleans has requested that they be replaced for the Regional scheduled there in 2017. There was much discussion regarding which Unit will replace New Orleans. Chuck Wilkinson requested that the decision be postponed until the next District 10 meeting in September in Tunica.

**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.

**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 the spring of 2014. The District 10 finals will be in Jackson, MS May 16-18. Winners from district 10 compete in the summer NABC in Las Vegas.

Each unit is required to have a Unit qualification between now and April 10 for flights A, B and C. A goes to 6000 master points, B goes to 2500 master points, and C goes to 500 master points. Please make sure your unit schedules these games, 2 session Swiss teams and it pays partial gold points.

**Championship flight: Conditions of Contest:**

**For District 10 GNT Championship Final**

Registration Due: March 10, 2014

Play Begins: April 5, 2014

Play Continues: April 6, 12, 13 (as needed)

Entry Fee: \$144/team

**I. General Conditions**

- 1) This event will be conducted at a variety of playing sites, and hosted online by Bridge Base.
- 2) Regarding any of the below, the decision of the DIC will be final. The DIC is empowered to remedy any omissions in these Conditions of Contest.
- 3) Unless specifically noted below, the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, the ACBL Convention Charts, the ACBL Alert Chart, the Conditions of Contest for the 2013/2014 GNT, General Conditions of Contest for team play and ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy shall govern this event.
- 4) The DIC must be an ACBL Director and hold the rank of TD or higher.
- 5) The Tournament Organizer will provide a format for the event which includes contingencies for any number of teams in each flight.
- 6) Each Contestant shall have access to these CoC, and the event's format (#5 above). Failure to have reviewed these conditions, or lack of proficiency with computers or the software used by the online host does not excuse any irregularity, or violation of these conditions.
- 7) Each team must pre-register by March 10, 2014. Late entrants may be accepted for the convenience of the movement and only at the discretion of the DIC. At the time of pre-registration, teams are required to submit the entry fee of \$144 for participation and the following information for each team member:

Name

ACBL Number

User ID for online host

Site of participation

Any Special needs addressed by these CoC.

Please see Exhibit "D" attached for complete copy of these CoC. If this on line event works we will continue it again. If it does not work, we will just include it with the other flights next year.

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**Grass Roots:** In Tunica last year we voted to have a Grass Roots week. It has been scheduled for May 12 – 15, 2014. It will be run just like a Black point STAC game for \$6.00 per table. We will Schedule 4 days of district wide Fund Games. This money goes to the District to be used for anything we want. We will use it for GNT and the excess can be used any way we want.

**Facebook Page:** Russ has created a new Facebook page for District 10 to communicate with the District. Look up ACBL District 10 on Facebook and like the page. Russ will post all things that are happening in the district and questions that the board might want some answers for.

**Education Liaison, Dick Heil** was absent and did not send a report. Don Kern discussed things that other districts are doing regarding Education. Some are going into the schools and getting permission to conduct bridge classes during school. 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. There is a lot of teaching being done to novices in the district and this is a very good thing. Another great idea that is being done in Illinois is a summer camp where they have 6<sup>th</sup> grade- high school emphasizing bridge. It also has volley ball, swimming, and other activities. It would have to take someone who has a lot of energy to set up a camp in our District to go for one week. ACBL may partially fund this. We need to make sure how much the ACBL would contribute. This needs to be done if we can get someone willing and knowledgeable enough to do it. This is something to consider and think about. Rose Patout suggested that we get the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to set up a Merit Badge for Bridge. Everyone thought this was a great idea.

**New Business:** Russ Jones announced that Jonesboro, Arkansas will have a Non- Life Master Regional that will pay gold points and red points. It will be the first of its kind and will be 0-750 NLM master points. It is scheduled for June 6-8, 2014. We will experiment with this to see if it increases attendance. The district has 2 of these per year. Jonesboro has it every other year. If your Unit would like to have one, let Russ know.

There are 2 sites being looked at in District 10 for 2018. The sites are Memphis and Nashville, TN.

**Old Business:** Clock Timers for tournaments. Should District 10 provide time clocks for District 10 Tournaments? Directors usually provide the time clocks. Always ask the Director when you have a regional to bring their time clocks.

**Election of Officers:**

Don Kern is not running for President again. He will not accept the nomination. Jane Dickey was nominated for President, but she declined the position. Lynne Logan said she will serve as Treasurer one more time. Chuck Wilkinson was elected as the new president, Coley McGinnis was elected vice president, Lynne Logan was elected treasurer and Judy Knox was elected as secretary.

The next Board Meeting will be on Friday, September 12, 2014 the Tunica Regional Tournament in Tunica, MS at 5 pm. There being no other business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Judy Knox**

Judy Knox,  
District 10 Secretary

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