

**ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
SAN DIEGO, CA
NOVEMBER 22-24, 2009**

I was unable to attend the Fall ACBL Board Meeting in San Diego because of my scheduled surgery in Houston for the removal of a melanoma and also because of the approaching death of my wife (she passed away on December 9, 2010).

David Siebert, 1st Alternate District 10 Director represented District 10 at the Board Meeting. He reports on the following actions of the Board as well as items from the CEO & league Counsel reports.

**REPORT FROM BILL COOK, JR.
DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR**

- Adopted new Disciplinary Sanction guidelines for conduct and ethics violations of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR).
- Approved Watkins Uiberall certified public accountants as the audit firm of the ACBL for 2010.
- Change the time for election of the ACBL president from the summer meeting to the Fall meeting of the Board of Directors.
- A motion to reduce the masterpoint award at the Special Games at Clubs, i.e. Club Charity, Club Junior Fund, Club International Fund, Club Educational Foundation and Club GNT Fund Raiser games from 100% sectionally rated black points to 90% was deferred to the spring 2010 meeting.
- Defeated a motion that would make the Mini Spingold events into a "bracketed KO" of 32 team brackets playing fall day matches.
- Defeated a motion that at sponsor option in club games or tournaments to increase the number of strats from three to five in a stratified event and the number of flights in a flighted event from three to four (or five).
- Defeated in a 13-12 vote a motion that would remove the limitation that only 1/3 of the masterpoints needed to establish ACBL status level can be from online play.
- Defeated a motion to change the conditions of contest for the North American Pairs Flight B to 0-2500 masterpoints.
- Approved a motion that for purposes of handicapping, no team whose average masterpoints holding is greater than 5000 per member will receive any handicap.
- Approved a preliminary 2010 budget with a projected loss of \$65,310 with finalization by the Finance Committee no later than February 15th and ratification of the fall board at the spring meeting.
- Approved an increase in short game table fees from \$0.40 to \$0.46/per table effective 4/1/10.

- Approved membership dues increases as follows:
 - Membership Dues from \$35 to \$37
 - Life Master Service Fees from \$32 to \$34
 - Household Membership Dues from \$64 to \$68
 - Junior Membership dues from \$14 to \$15
 - New member Membership Dues from \$26 to \$28
 Effective April 1, 2010
- Approved an 8% increase in TD Session Fees:
 - NaT TD \$155 to \$167.40
 - Assoc TD \$155 to \$167.40
 - TD \$145 to \$153.80
 - ATD \$115 to \$124.20
 - Local \$92.35 to \$99.70
- Defeated a motion that would form a management/Board committee to examine and suggest changes to the relationship of clubs and management.
- Amend definition of “a member in good standing” and list restrictions imposed on a member who is not in good standing.
- Approved Amending the Administrative Guidelines in the ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations for ACBL Club Games and ACBL Club Director Accreditations regarding cancellation of sanctions and cancellation of accreditation.
- Approved granting members of the National Appeals Committee on Honorarium of a one session entry per each appeal heard.
- Approved that the minimum number of Boards required for a newcomer games be reduced from ten to six.
- Defeated a motion to add a Flight A to the North American Pairs with a masterpoint range of 0-5000 and to change the name of the flight for players over 5000 masterpoints to Championship Flight.
- Approved changing the Mini Blue Ribbon pair event from a four to six session event with two qualifying sessions, two semifinal sessions and two final sessions.
- Amended the Electronic Device Policy to include events at an NABC other than NABC plus rated events.
- Approved the following future NABC sites:
 - 2014 Spring - Dallas, TX
 - 2014 Fall - Providence, RI
 - 2015 Summer - Minneapolis, MN or Chicago, IL
 - 2015 Fall - Denver, CO
 - 2016 Fall - Orlando, FL
 - 2018 Spring - Philadelphia, PA

JAY BAUM, ACBL CEO REPORTED THE FOLLOWING:

- Membership growth for 2009 is up 11% with more than 10,954 new members through October.

- The finances of ACBL continue to be in excellent condition in spite of the miserable return on CD's. After the completion of the new headquarters and all expenses are paid, ACBL will be well within the mandated reserve guidelines.
- Regional Tables are averaging 1454 tables per tournament. He expects us to finish with more than 177,000 tables – a very good year.
- Sectional Tables are much higher than 2008. Average tables per tournament, though are flat with 2008.
- STaCs continue to grow and are on a record breaking pace for average tables per tournament as well as total tables.
- Face to Face club games are slightly ahead of 2008.
- Internet games continue to show impressive growth with over 400,000 total tables an increase of over 16% from 2008.
- The Club Director's Handbook has been updated and is available on our website as well as from Baron's.

Construction on the new headquarters is well under way and we have a target move in date of March 8, 2010.

PETER RANK, LEAGUE COUNSEL REPORTED:

The lawsuit filed against ACBL by tournament directors Peter Marcus and Susan Petricelli regarding payment for overtime work has been settled after months of legal maneuvers and the Federal Court has approved the settlement. The matter is now closed.

There is no other litigation pending against ACBL.