

## **District Director Report September 17, 2016**

In the area of finance and membership, the league has increased membership from June 1, 2015 to June 1, 2016 by 986 members for a total of 168,742. Club attendance has increased by 1.23%, while tournaments have seen a decrease of 1.9% for regionals and 1.1% for sectionals. District 10 membership has stayed relatively flat with a slight increase of 48 to a total of 6,651. We currently rank as the 13<sup>th</sup> largest district.

Financially, the league has realized an increase in revenue over expenses of \$163,000 in the first half of 2016. This was largely due to a recent deal with BBO for \$2M over the next four years for exclusivity of robot-games. This is in addition to the current table fees collected for the over 1,000,000 online tables in play on BBO and other online providers.

The Charity Foundation and Education Foundation continue to process grants and are currently looking into separation from the ACBL to allow for better fund raising capabilities as a separate 501c(3) organization. The Longest Day has already collected over \$300k and expect to exceed \$500k by the end of the year.

In the area of Grass Roots Funds, District 10 exceeded its previous numbers and raised over \$10,100 just this year. After the reallocation formula, District 10 will be receiving \$10,732 to help fund our GNT/NAP endeavors. We raised over \$1.52 per member this year and ranked #3 overall. The only two districts that exceeded us was Texas (16) and Florida (7). We even beat District #9 this year.

Several tournament coordinators in the district have made use of the Pianola System for emailing. I used it for the Jonesboro Sectional/Regional and found it to be quite easy. I would caution you to send out emails only to surrounding areas and not to the membership at large, especially for sectionals.

The Board Composition Committee has been quite active and is still formulating a recommendation to the BOD to change the manner in which BOD members are elected. There is a concerted effort to minimize BOD cost by reducing meeting time, travel, etc.

ACBLScore is still under construction/repair. An update to Windows 10 caused club owners a lot of headaches but a patch has been issued from headquarters. There are several independent IT pros working on a masterpoint engine that will be on a more recent platform. Very little additional funds have been dedicated in the past year for ACBLScore. Several of the IT functions at HQ have been moved into the Amazon Cloud with more transfers upcoming. We expect to have most software functionality out of Horn Lake in the near future.

Motion – The following are the major motions from BOD meetings this year:

- 1) The NM fee for sectionals and regionals is now \$4.00;
- 2) Considerable changes in the Recorder process to allow easier reporting;
- 3) Summer NABC 0-5K events are now 0-6K events;
- 4) The Mini-Spingold and Micro-Spingold start days have been changed;
- 5) Procedures for the use of screens have been changed;
- 6) The \$5 Junior Membership Fee has been reinstated for under 26;

- 7) The GCC has been amended to allow opening 1NT with a singleton A, K, or Q;
- 8) In KOs, all members of a team must play at least half of each match with the exception of the 1<sup>st</sup>;
- 9) The percentage for advertising reimbursement has been reduced from 75% to 50%;
- 10) The rules for teacher stipends has been changed.

Only 2.5 years until the Memphis NABC. Ed Davis has volunteered to be the Chairman. We just recently held a Stac to raise funds for the NABC and will have an additional Stac in both 2017 and 2018 for the same purpose. Please be ready to assist when called upon. This tournament cannot be a success without volunteers from our District.