

DISTRICT DIRECTOR 'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER

I have reviewed all of the motions that will be before the Board in Denver. Following are some of the ones I think are interesting.

The first one is a cost savings proposal regarding the board and the Fall NABC. This motion would reduce the reimbursement policy in that expenses would be covered by the ACBL through the day before Thanksgiving instead of through the Sunday after Thanksgiving. There are some exceptions provided.

A second motion is a deferral from Chicago regarding Allowable Strats at Regionals. The concept is to give the 2500+ish player a comfortable place to play and not get beat up by the 5,000+ players. I will follow the discussion during the board meeting but I do think it is a good concept to consider.

Finance is always a major matter during the Fall. Preliminary discussions with management indicate that some fees will need to be raised in 2016. Sanction fees, tournament director fees and membership dues are all areas that are being reviewed.

There is also a finance motion that for team games, entry fees for events more than two sessions, that entry fees be based upon per person basis instead of per team basis.

The next motion of interest is one which a committee be formed of the Board, Management, Board of Governors and at large members to review the current size of the Board, areas from which they are selected, and the method by which they are selected. Currently the membership by district varies greatly from approximately a high of 19,000 to a low of approximately 3500. The underlying concept is to reduce the number of districts, thus fewer board members, creating a "more efficient" board.

Finally, the Club committee that I chair has a motion regarding STaCs and limited and invitational clubs. The motion states that a club which has a masterpoint limit regularly may not declare such games as open when there is a STaC which they are eligible to play in their unit.

Best wishes to all for a happy holiday season.

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