

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2015

Highlights from the Providence Board of Directors

To review some of the happenings in Providence, please note the following:

- Suzi Subeck from Chicago was elected ACBL President for 2015. It was a very close race with our District 22 Representative, Ken Monzingo.
- Masterpoints: On all printed lifetime Masterpoint lists issued after December 31, 2014, online Masterpoints will be included next to the total.
- First time new members can have credit for up to 20 masterpoints won prior to becoming ACBL members. This motion eliminated a cut off time of 12 months.
- Regionals now can be a full seven days instead of 6 ½ days provided certain parameters are met.
- Regarding the 2015 budget, membership dues did not increase. Tournament sanction fees will be increased approximately 2% and TD session fees will increase approximately 5% beginning in April 2015. Also, club short games (12-17 boards) table fees will increase from \$0.46 to \$0.52 per table.

ACBL Technology Committee

Robert Hartman, CEO, with the full support of the Board, has established a technology committee to advise management and the Board. The committee consists of management, board members, and outside experts. They held their first meeting the first week of January and established many subcommittees. These committees include: ACBLscore, Players paying for Club entries, Players paying for tournament entries, Clubs paying the ACBL, open data access through the web services, Data center, Budget 600K items, Results, and Online partnership desk(s).

It was agreed that all subcommittees will have open access to any information they need from the ACBL and that Face to Face Technology

Committee meetings will be held at each NABC on the last day of the ACBL board meeting. These meetings will be open to the public.

MY ACBL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT FOR 2015

For 2015 I have been appointed chair of the Clubs/ Membership Committee and also chair of the Credential Committee. I will also sit on the Finance Committee as I am still ACBL treasurer. Finally, I will be on the Appeals and Charges Committee, Board Operations Committee, Communications/Document Review Committee and Governance. It is a good thing I am planning on retiring this year.

WOODLAND HILLS REGIONAL

As a reminder, our first regional of the year will take place beginning on February 16th at the Warner Center Marriott Hotel. Hope to see you there.

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