

DISTRICT 10
MID SOUTH BRIDGE CONFERENCE
BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING
May 17, 2019

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on May 17, 2019 at the Hot Springs Regional Tournament which was held at the Hot Springs National Park Convention Center in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The delegates were treated to Pizza and salad before the meeting was called to order.

District 10 Units were represented by the following Voting Delegates* and First Alternates**

Unit 134 Louisiana	Vicki Willis*
Unit 138 Mississippi	Chuck Wilkinson*
Unit 144 Tennessee	Ed Davis* Judy Knox**
Unit 157 Alabama	Kris Oliver*
Unit 161 Arkansas	Ned Irving*
Unit 170 Shreveport	Pat Berry* Anne Bateman**
Unit 179 Central TN	Tommy Boze*
Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast	Jay Segarra* Jean Galey* Janice Medlin**
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana	Linda Dorries*
Unit 214 Hattiesburg	Sandra Baggett*
Unit 215 S. Alabama	Gary Klussman* Kathy Young*
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana	Louise Trahan**
Unit 232 N. Alabama	Larry Sealy*

Names in BOLD/red were Absent.

The following District 10 officials were in attendance.

District 10 President - Vicki Willis
Vice President - Larry Sealy
Secretary- Judy Knox
Tournament Director – Charlie MacCracken
Education Liaison – Tony Gunn

President's Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Vicki Willis, President of District 10 at 5:45pm. All attendees were asked to go around the room and introduce themselves and state the Unit that they are representing.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed by Judy Knox. The minutes from our last Board meeting in Tunica, MS were distributed to all Unit Representatives. Ed Davis made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Larry Sealy. The motion passed and the minutes were approved

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Treasurer's Report - Pat Williams

Pat Williams, District 10 Treasurer could not attend due to a work commitment. Judy Knox gave his report for 2019. Pat submitted all of his financial reports. (See Exhibit "A" which is attached for a copy of Pat's report.) Pat also gave the status of the non-profit tax situation. We have lost our non-profit status due to not filing the tax returns. There is a procedure he has gone through to get it re-instated. This is a fairly normal task and does happen occasionally. It should be finalized by this fall and retroactively applied and no taxes will be owed by the District.

Credit Card Processing at Regionals

Pat spoke with Nancy Boyed, Director of Field Operations, while in Memphis at the NABC. She told Pat that the league currently makes available to any District credit card processing of entry fees for two regionals. This costs \$200. Nashville would like to have this service and Tunica could also use it. Pat asked that the board consider this. Ned Irving made a motion seconded by Tony Gunn, that we purchase this credit card processing service for Nashville and Tunica. The motion passed.

Russ Jones – ACBL – BOD

Russ was unable to attend due to personal issues. Judy Knox gave Russ's report. Russ requested that each Unit make a nomination for a Goodwill Committee member and a Charity committee member. He also requested that each Unit submit a nomination for a 501c (3) organization to receive a donation from ACBL. Russ also requested that the Board should vote on whether or not to give from \$1200 to \$2000 to a second GNT Qualifying team to the Districts that have 8 or more teams in the flight B/C GNT finals. Ed Davis made a motion that Districts should give the second GNT Qualifying team \$1200. Seconded by Tony Gunn. The motion passed. (See Exhibit B which is attached for Russ's report.)

Tournament Coordinator Report - Charles MacCracken

New Orleans has turned down the 2021 Regional. We need to vote on which Unit should replace New Orleans for 2021. This will be discussed further in the Oversight Committee Report and we can vote on it then.

In Birmingham our Board passed a requirement that all D-10 regionals held between March 1, 2019 and March 1, 2020 have at least one qualifying Swiss for a KO on the first day of a two - day event and a final of four teams that will play two sessions of KO to determine 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. There is no overall award for the Swiss.

Several locations around the ACBL have tried this format. One location got a good turnout for the first one, but the comments were all poor and for the second one ("they hated it; the first day was a waste of their time").

Charlie discussed the results he was having with carrying out this directive at the current Hot Springs Regional. The results were not good. The qualifying Swiss Teams for Knock Outs did not work out well so far. There have been many, many complaints regarding this Qualifying event. Charlie suggested that the board withdraw this requirement to have a qualifying Swiss Team Event for Knock outs next year. There was much discussion regarding negative complaints received from players and our problem with knock out games in general.

Ned Irving made a motion that we accept Charlie's suggestion to withdraw the Swiss Team qualifier for a KO on the first day of a two- day event for all D-10 regionals. Seconded by Ed Davis. The motion passed.

A question regarding the District's policy on a 20 point vs. 30- point victory scale for Swiss teams at regional Tournaments was asked by Ned Irving. There was much discussion regarding this issue. A motion was made by Larry Sealy and Second by Ned Irving that District 10 will allow the Tournament Chair to decide if they want the 20 or 30 point victory scale to be used in their Regionals. Motion approved. (Please see Exhibit C which is attached for Charlie's Report

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Tournament Oversight Committee- Chuck Wilkinson

Chuck was ill and could not come at the last minute. However, he emailed his report to Ned Irving and it was read to the Unit Reps by Ned.

Start Dates	Site	Events	Budget	P&L Report	Notified
01/08/18	Shreveport	Approved	Approved	Approved	Yes
02/26/18	Birmingham	Approved	Approved	Approved	Yes
09/24/18	Tunica	Approved	Approved	Approved	Yes
11/12/18	Foley, Al.	Approved	Approved	Not Received	P&L Report past due
01/07/19	Baton Rouge	Approved	Approved	Approved	Yes
05/13/19	Hot Springs	Approved	Approved		Yes
07/01/19	Nashville	Approved	Approved		Yes
09/16/19	Tunica	Approved	Approved		Yes
01/27/20	Orange Beach	Not Received	Not Received		No - Events & budget past due
03/02/20	Birmingham	Not Received	Not Received		No - Events & budget past due
05/11/20	Jackson	Not Received	Not Received		No - Events & budget past due
10/12/20	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received		No - Events & budget past due
TBA 2021	New Orleans	Not Received	Not Received		No Declined —* Orange Beach
05/10/21	Hot Springs	Not Received	Not Received		No
07/05/21	Nashville	Not Received	Not Received		No
09/20/21	Tunica	Not Received	Not Received		No

New Orleans has declined to have the regional in 2021 due to their NABC being in that year. Orange Beach was the only Unit to volunteer to have the regional to replace New Orleans in 2021. * A motion was made by Ned Irving and seconded by Ed Davis that Orange Beach will have a regional to replace New Orleans in 2021. The motion passed.

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GNT/NAP coordinator – Jerry Burford

Jerry could not attend due to family obligations. He sent an email regarding the fact that we need to determine whether or not to give the Second- place team in the GNT finals \$1200 - \$2000. That vote was already done earlier. He also stated that he is working on the 2010-2020 NAP & GNT Conditions of Contest. Larry Sealy made a motion that we should strive to schedule, if at all possible, the C & A GNT finals at the same time and the Open & B GNT finals at the same to give the players an opportunity to play “up” if they wanted to. Second by Tony Gunn. After much discussion regarding this issue, a vote was taken and the motion passed. Larry stated that these games should also be scheduled at the same times as the regular games. (No motion needed)

Education Liaison – Tony Gunn

Tony stated that we have 2 active reimbursement requests out right now. Both are for advertising for classes. One is in Unit 161 and the other is Buddy Massey’s group. I’ll be sending them out to Pat Williams soon after we get all the documentation.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was poor. We had 9 delegates to attend the D 10 meeting at Hot Springs. However, that is enough for a quorum since there are a total of 14 delegates. We were able to vote on several motions. All delegates who did not attend gave me plenty of notice. So, no one is to be billed for the dinner. We really missed those who were absent. This has been a really great meeting and I want to thank everybody for their attendance. Please join us for the next meeting at Tunica in September. Please let me know if I can be of assistance in helping anyone in any way to come to the next meeting in Tunica. It would be my pleasure.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be in Tunica, MS on Friday night, September 20, 2019 at 5:30pm. Please see flyer which is attached at Exhibit D. Please make your plans to attend as soon as possible and if you cannot attend, please make sure you have someone designated to take your place so your unit will be represented at the next Board Meeting in Tunica, Ms. and notify me regarding your replacement. There being no other business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn at 7:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

Judy Knox,

District 10 Secretary

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EXHIBIT A

District 10
Treasurer's Report
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I apologize for not being to attend in person. Responsibilities at work made it impossible to attend this meeting.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The accompanying financial statements are printed from Quickbooks. As I was putting this together, I noted that it says they are on the accrual basis. However, I do record using the cash basis. That means these statements do not include, for example, (a) revenue or receivable from the South Alabama regional as it is not yet been reported or (b) unpaid receivables and associated revenue from STaCs. Normally, I do not provide you with the Quickbooks financial reports. Instead, I convert to the accrual basis in Excel and provide you those printed statements, which include supplemental information. However, I did not have time to go through that process.

The highlights of cash activity so far in 2019 are:

- Provision of \$59,459 to the Memphis NABC Hospitality Fund. Only \$27,800 shows up as expense in the income statement for the period as there were a couple of liabilities relieved from the balance sheet (1) \$22,100 National Hospitality Fund and (2) \$9,459 in NABC fundraiser proceeds over the preceding three years. If Memphis had any funds left over, we should receive a refund.
- Regional revenue sharing of \$10,580 was distributed among the units. This covered the period from Tunica 17 through Birmingham 19, with the exception of South Alabama. One regional during the period incurred a loss.
- Supplemented our representatives in the North American Pairs in the amount of \$4,400. I received the following: Susan McNamera and I wish to thank District 10 for their generous financial support of our NAP tournament entry. The Memphis tournament was well run and a pleasure to play in. Sincerely, Donna Evans
- Our winter STaC has to date netted approximately \$7,600. There remains about \$3,000 due. There is about another \$2,000 due from earlier STaCs, much of which will probably not be realized. Chasing down receivables is the worst part of this job.

TAX STATUS

As reported at the last meeting, we received notice that our non-profit status had been automatically revoked due to failure to file our tax returns. A number of odd occurrences contributed to this lapse occurring, but, ultimately, I should have been on top of it. The good news is that the IRS has a procedure for those of us who are remiss. As long as our reapplication for non-profit status is filed within the allowable period, the expectation is that it will be granted with retroactive application to the revocation date. It has taken much longer to gather the history and forms needed to file with the application than I had expected. However, I do have all that I believe is available now, and I expect to complete the filing next month. (Our allowable period for filing runs into the fall.)

CREDIT CARD PROCESSING AT REGIONALS

I spoke with Nancy Boyd, Director of Field Operations, while in Memphis for the NABC. She told me the league currently makes available to any district credit card processing of entry fees for two regionals. This costs \$200, which is the all-in cost. Nashville would like to have this service. If purchased, then Tunica would be able to use as well. I do believe we have enough available funds to cover this as a district expense. I ask that the board consider this.

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Accrual Basis

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Balance Sheet

As of May 15, 2019

	May 15, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Regions Checking	9,343.12
Regions Money Market	64,133.80
Total Checking/Savings	73,476.92
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	60.00
Total Accounts Receivable	60.00
Total Current Assets	73,536.92
TOTAL ASSETS	73,536.92
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Fund Balance	32,068.54
Retained Earnings	71,853.70
Net Income	-30,385.32
Total Equity	73,536.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	73,536.92

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Profit & Loss

Accrual Basis

January through April 2019

	Jan - Apr 19
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dues	1,288.79
GNT/NAOP	760.00
Interest Income	15.53
Misc.	10.00
Regionals	
Birmingham	5,208.37
Total Regionals	5,208.37
STaCs/Natonals	27,128.00
Total Income	34,410.69
Cost of Goods Sold	
Education	315.00
GNT/NAOP Expense	4,400.00
Hospitality Fund (Nationals)	27,800.23
Regional Revenue Sharing	10,579.94
STaC Expense	19,560.84
Web Site	720.00
Total COGS	63,376.01
Gross Profit	-28,965.32
Expense	
Bank Charges	0.00
Professional Fees	
GNT/NAOP	150.00
Secretary	500.00
Tournament	300.00
Treasurer	250.00
Total Professional Fees	1,200.00
Total Expense	1,200.00
Net Ordinary Income	-30,165.32
Net Income	-30,165.32

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Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis

As of December 31, 2018

	Dec 31, 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Checking	-9,548.75
Regions Checking	6,492.49
Regions Money Market	129,118.27
Total Checking/Savings	126,062.01
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	60.00
Total Accounts Receivable	60.00
Total Current Assets	126,122.01
TOTAL ASSETS	126,122.01
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Nat'l Hospitality Fund	22,199.77
Total Accounts Payable	22,199.77
Total Current Liabilities	22,199.77
Total Liabilities	22,199.77
Equity	
Fund Balance	32,068.54
Retained Earnings	51,622.25
Net Income	20,231.45
Total Equity	103,922.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	126,122.01

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Profit & Loss

Accrual Basis

January through December 2018

	Jan - Dec 18
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dues	1,600.00
GNT/NAOP	15,231.28
Interest Income	57.59
Regionals	
Birmingham	12,821.00
Nashville	2,663.74
Tunica	3,125.00
Regionals - Other	1,534.00
Total Regionals	20,143.74
STaCs/Natonals	45,830.25
Total Income	82,862.86
Cost of Goods Sold	
Education	1,583.52
GNT/NAOP Expense	15,200.00
Regional Revenue Sharing	5,788.61
STaC Expense	32,062.22
Web Site	1,800.00
Total COGS	56,434.35
Gross Profit	26,428.51
Expense	
Lodging	961.56
Meeting	1,185.50
Per Diem/Meals	350.00
Professional Fees	
GNT/NAOP	600.00
Secretary	1,000.00
Tournament	600.00
Treasurer	1,500.00
Total Professional Fees	3,700.00
Total Expense	6,197.06
Net Ordinary Income	20,231.45
Net Income	20,231.45

Regional Profit Sharing		Sessions										Population				Less 2018		Net Check	
Summary		Tunica 17	Shreveport	Birmingham	Tunica 18	Tunica 17	Shreveport	Birmingham	Tunica 18	Total Alloc	Dues								
134	Louisiana	\$ 99.66	\$ -	\$ 581.04	\$ 67.23	\$ 161.20	\$ -	\$ 587.72	\$ 132.52	\$ 1,629.37	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,529.37							
138	Mississippi	\$ 198.53	\$ -	\$ 534.02	\$ 105.60	\$ 110.99	\$ -	\$ 382.52	\$ 87.41	\$ 1,419.07	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,319.07							
144	Tennessee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
157	Alabama	\$ 151.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326.06	\$ 200.00	\$ 126.06							
161	Central Arkansas	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 141.06	\$ 269.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 678.52	\$ 157.14	\$ 1,246.48	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,146.48							
170	Shreveport	\$ 8.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45.36	\$ 45.36	\$ -							
179	Mid-Tennessee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,007.60	\$ 145.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 710.70	\$ 161.92	\$ 2,025.63	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,925.63							
180	Miss Gulf Coast	\$ 33.63	\$ -	\$ 117.55	\$ 15.87	\$ 40.05	\$ -	\$ 144.43	\$ 33.71	\$ 385.24	\$ 100.00	\$ 285.24							
182	Baton Rouge	\$ 67.66	\$ -	\$ 127.63	\$ 35.78	\$ 64.36	\$ -	\$ 235.23	\$ 52.88	\$ 583.54	\$ 100.00	\$ 483.54							
211	NE Louisiana	\$ 80.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37.51	\$ 29.69	\$ -	\$ 102.24	\$ 23.63	\$ 273.69	\$ 100.00	\$ 173.69							
214	Hub	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.15	\$ 3.46	\$ 17.34	\$ -	\$ 57.20	\$ 12.89	\$ 111.04	\$ 88.79	\$ 22.25							
215	South Alabama	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -							
221	SW Louisiana	\$ 42.13	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29.14	\$ 69.74	\$ -	\$ 230.23	\$ 55.19	\$ 426.43	\$ 100.00	\$ 326.43							
232	North Alabama	\$ 73.33	\$ -	\$ 779.20	\$ 50.49	\$ 50.01	\$ -	\$ 179.46	\$ 42.96	\$ 1,175.45	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,075.45							
Totals		\$ 755.18	\$ -	\$ 3,308.25	\$ 760.25	\$ 755.18	\$ -	\$ 3,308.25	\$ 760.25	\$ 9,647.36	\$ 1,234.15	\$ 8,413.21							
													Shreveport incurred a loss.						

Shreveport incurred a loss.

Methodology

- 1 One half of regional profit goes to district
- 2 One half of the amount received by the district is shared with the units who did not host a regional in the calendar year from which the profit arose
- 3 One half of the amount shared is allocated based on unit population
- 4 The other half is shared based on unit participation in the regional from which the profit arose.
- 5 For convenience, the unit dues is deducted from the profit sharing as available

Unit dues are \$100 per year or, if hosting a regional, \$200 in that year

\$	11.21	Additional Hub
\$	154.64	Additional Shreveport
\$	200.00	South Alabama
\$	200.00	Tennessee
\$	1,800.00	Accrued in F/S

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EXHIBIT B



Judy Knox <unit144.d10@gmail.com>

District 10 Meeting in Hot Springs

Russell Jones <arkdrj@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 26, 2019 at 8:41 PM

To: Judy Knox <unit144.d10@gmail.com>

Judy,

I will not be able to attend the meeting, but I will be sending a report to be distributed. There are a couple of major items that I recently send to all unit presidents, but wanted it to be announced in the HS meeting:

1) This is D10's year to grant charity requests. I would like to have one request from each unit in the district. I will rank these and submit them to the Charity Foundation for approval. The recipient must be a 501c(3) and we will need their IRS letter before being considered.

2) I need recommendations for the Goodwill Committee members and Charity Foundation members. I am allowed to pick two for each this year. I have only received one nominations thus far.

Please make sure these two items are conveyed to the members at the meeting. In addition, I will have a BOD report for you to distribute at the meeting also.

Thanks for all the hard work you do,

Russ

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Judy Knox <unit144.d10@gmail.com>

District 10 Meeting in Hot Springs

Russell Jones <arkdrj@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 27, 2019 at 8:41 PM

To: Judy Knox <unit144.d10@gmail.com>

The Goodwill Committee nominees should be those that display goodwill at the table to opponents, partners, and directors. Also, those that treat new members and prospective members in a manner in which will encourage them to return.

The Charity Committee nominees would be those that give of their time, talent, and resources to assist the club, unit, and district without the thought of reward.

Charity Grants can be made to any 501c(3) organization that the unit/district feel are deserving. These can range from \$1000 - \$5000 each.

Russ

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District Director Report

May 5, 2019

FINANCE:

In the area of finance, 2018 was the worse year for the league in quite some time. However, if it were not for the Hawaii NABC, we would have experienced operating revenues in excess of expenses. The net loss from operations for 2018 was \$687,000. The loss from Hawaii NABC was \$772,000. This occurred mostly due to room attrition charges for not meeting our room block requirements. Other than Hawaii, we experience operating revenues which were \$35,000 in excess of expenses.

While the operating budget for 2018 is not good, non-operating expenses took an even larger toll on our resources. There were three major non-operating expenses experienced in 2018. The largest were two legal settlements which totaled \$971,000. These came from a wrongful dismissal suit and a breach of contract suit. In addition, there was a \$327,000 loss on a CRM (Customer Relationship Management) implementation spearheaded by our former CEO. Finally, the market was not kind to our investments, causing another \$230,000 loss. All totaled, the league suffered a \$1.9 million loss of assets in 2018.

Looking forward, the league has adopted a 2019 budget that anticipates a \$620,000 revenue positive position for the current year. This is due to very favorable NABC locations in 2019, along with several cost cutting procedures put into action. As of today, we are currently on track to realize the expected gain on assets for this year.

MEMBERSHIP AND CLUBS:

As we all know, the league is not growing or even staying steady in terms of membership. Membership currently stands at 164,514, which is a 1.1% drop since January of 2018. We have also had a 1% drop in club table count and a 5% drop in online table count. The current club table count is approximately three million and the online table count is approximately one million. The positive note in club games is an 84% increase in special games held at clubs. We are also experiencing a decrease in regionals and sectionals. Most tournaments are now from 5% - 8%. Most recently, Gatlinburg was down over 10% with their lowest table count in years.

DISTRICT 10 NUMBERS:

Our district is currently the 12 largest district with 6,434 members. However, this is a loss of about 2% over the last year from our 2018 starting total of 6548. This is a 9% loss over our January 2017 number of 6,665. We have 14 units within our district that range from 76 members to 984 members. We have three units that have shown an increase in membership since 2017. These are Unit 134 (4% increase), Unit 179 (5% increase) and Unit 211 (23% increase). Each of these, however, have shown a decrease in the last 12 months. The only units that have shown an increase in the last 12 months is Unit 144 and Unit 180. The current membership in each of the unit is as shown below:

144 Tennessee	576
157 Alabama	874
161 Cent Arkansas	945
170 Shreveport	191
179 Central Tenn.	984
180 Miss Gulf Coast	200
182 Baton Rouge	320
211 NE Louisiana	138
214 Hub	76
215 South Alabama	247
221 SW Louisiana	323
232 North Alabama	250
District Totals	6,434

TECHNOLOGY:

The most significant item to report on in the new masterpoint engine that is being created at HQ. This software will allow clubs to use whatever scoring programs they wish and will simply upload the game file to HQ for recording, invoicing, and masterpointing. If a club wishes to continue to use ACBLScore or change to a program such as EBUScore, they will be able to select which program works best for them. This will hopefully be in place by January 2020. Clubs will start receiving more information following the Las Vegas NABC.

MOTIONS THAT PASSED: (either at Hawaii or Memphis)

- 1) Bracket Changes – This will allow tournaments to schedule 2-session Swiss qualifying for a 2-session KO without the former reduction in awards due to small brackets. This allows the groups in a bracket to be more homogenous and competitive.
(I voted FOR)
- 2) Club masterpoints in special games will no longer use the general formula for awards and will now be capped at 8.00 for any games held at clubs (except for STACs). Some special games will award 150% of a normal club games and others will award 200% of a regular club game. This will go into effect 1/1/2020.
(I voted FOR)

- 3) Districts that have 8 or more teams in Flights B/C GNT Finals can send the 2nd place team to the nationals.
(I voted FOR. Our district needs to decide if we will provide the 2nd place team an equal stipend for travel or a reduced amount)
- 4) If a player has won an NABC+ event, that player will no longer be allowed to play in any flight/strata of a pair game, other than the top flight/strata, regardless of MP holdings. In a bracketed event, that person will be assigned either 10,000 MPs or their current holding, whichever is more, for the purpose of determining the correct bracket. This takes effect on 1/1/2020.
(I voted FOR because I believe a person who has won an unlimited NABC+ event should not be allowed to compete in limited events simply because they have not accumulated enough MPs to no longer be eligible)
- 5) NABC fees were raised by a range of \$2 - \$5 per session. In addition, when playing behind screens, another fee will be assessed due to the added expense of screens.
(I voted FOR the increase in fees but AGAINST the screen fee. I felt one increase was sufficient at this time)
- 6) A non-BOD masterpoint committee was created to oversee changes in award structure.
(I voted FOR because I believe too much time at BOD meetings are spent debating MP awards and not enough on strategic issues)
- 7) A new zonal authority has been created to partner with the WBF. This means that the new entity (NABF) will be responsible for selecting teams to play in WBF events, sending representatives to the WBF, and PAYING WBF dues.
(I voted FOR this motion because I believe the USBF, CBF, and MBF are the proper organizations to handle WBF business. This also improves the ACBL bottom line as we have previously been paying about \$165,000 a year to the WBF)
- 8) From Memphis NABC forward, if you are expelled for collusive cheating at an NABC or similar event, you are expelled forever with no opportunity to be readmitted. In addition, we now provide a mechanism for a person to admit to former cheating and to vacate previous titles they have won.
(I voted FOR this motion because if a person collusively cheats at a major event, I don't believe they should be able to compete in the future. This sends a clear message to cheaters that they are not welcome.

OTHER ISSUES:

- 1) As President, I have instituted several cost cutting measures. We have shortened the board meetings at NABCs, reduced the entertainment expenses at NABCs, and moved more committee meetings to electronic means.

- 2) Working with our Executive Director, we have implemented a new incentive program for teachers/club owners. They will receive an increased rebate for recruiting members. For 2019, we have allocated \$100,000 for this program. In addition, we are working on incentives for clubs that will include more special games (silver/gold) at no additional costs to the clubs. Some of these will be earned by the clubs by increasing membership by a certain percentage, running teaching programs, etc. More details after Las Vegas.
- 3) I have not received any requests for charity donations to 501c3 organizations within our district. This is the year that District 10 receives an allocation from the ACBL Charity Foundation to help charitable organizations within our area. Please get these to me by July 15.
- 4) I have only received one nomination for Goodwill Committee membership. I am allowed to appoint up to 4 this year and would like to honor those deserving the recognition. These are people that exemplify goodwill towards others at the bridge table and other unit/club functions.
- 5) I have not received any nominations for the Charity Committee. I am allowed to appoint up to 2 members this year. These are people that give of their time and resources to further bridge at the club, unit, or district level.
- 6) I am currently working with our governance committee on a plan to reduce the BOD to approximately 9 members and the BOG to 50 members. This would make the governing structure more efficient in cost and decision making. We will hopefully have a proposal in place this year. This would probably mean that our district would be joined with another district ONLY for the purpose of electing a BOD/BOG member. All other aspects of the district would be unaffected.

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EXHIBIT C

Tournament Coordinator Report May 17, 2019

We have long had problems with bracketed KO events because we do not get enough top teams to make a reasonable Bracket I. To solve this problem the D-10 Board required that each D-10 Regional hold at least one four-session KO with two Swiss qualifying (qualifying four teams from each bracket) and two final sessions. [Note: this requirement was rescinded at the meeting on May 17.]

Hot Springs scheduled three of these (one each on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday they scheduled a two-session A/X and a bracketed B (no player over 2500 MPs) Swiss.

This solution did not work. On Monday we had four teams with over 20K points. We had to go down to 8K to get a fifth. After the brackets were posted the team with 20K said they wanted to withdraw, which would have been a disaster, so I gave them a free entry. That group played all day to eliminate one (the one with 20K) and another full day to rank the teams 1, 2, 3 & 4. The A/X Swiss on Tuesday did not make, nor did it make on Thursday or Saturday.

On Wednesday we had seven teams with 15K or more points, so that was a good event, but it left only three teams for the A/X Swiss on Thursday (they played pairs).

On Friday we had to put two teams with about 8K points in the top group to make five teams. One pulled out (before game time) and we would have to put teams with 5K points in Bracket I. I thought it likely that they would decline, so brought the 8K point team back in and told the top three teams I would run a one day KO for them so they could play in the A/X Swiss on Saturday. They went to the pair games instead.

The Bracketed B Swiss events had good turnout (the two-session night game did not make) as did the lower KO brackets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. However, a team that won the two day KO later played in a one day Swiss of similar strength which paid about the same MP award as the KO (for half the time and money expended).

Facts: Texas has virtually eliminated KO team events. Their bracketed Swiss events have been enormously popular and more than make up for the KOs. I looked at the histories of KO events in three upcoming D-7 Regionals. Two have seen drops in attendance due almost completely to the drop in KO attendance. One had similar overall attendance, but their KO events were down 10-15%. Top players prefer four-session KOs because the MP awards are greater, but the less experienced prefer three-sessions because the range between the MP holdings of the top and bottom teams is smaller.

Recommendation: 1) Have more bracketed Swiss teams. The MP awards are similar to four-session KOs, but the MP difference between the top and bottom teams is smaller. Also, less experienced teams can sometimes beat top teams on seven or eight board matches. 2) Keep KOs to three-sessions.

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EXHIBIT D

Delta Dealin' Regional September 16 - 22, 2019

Gold Strike Casino, 1010 Casino Center Dr., Robinsonville, MS 38664



Reservations (888) 245-7829
Reservation Code: 1909DELTAD

Room Rates \$47 Sunday – Thursday
\$89 Friday- Saturday (Plus \$9 Resort Fee)
Reserve by August 16 for Bridge Rate
GOLD RUSH

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Monday, Sept. 16

Mon-Tue KO 2:00 & 7:30
* 2 Session Bracketed Swiss
(4 teams play both sessions on Tues.)
Gold Rush Pairs 2:00 & 7:30
Open Pairs A/B/C (1&2 of 2) 2:00 & 7:30
Side Series Pairs I 2:00 & 7:30
(1&2 of 5)
0-199ers Pairs 2:00 & 7:30

Tuesday, Sept. 17

Tuesday KO 9:30 & 2:00
*(Continued from Monday – 2 session Final)
A/X Swiss 9:30 & 2:00
Bracketed B Swiss 9:30 & 2:00
(No one over 2500)
Strat. Open A, B, C 9:30 & 2:00
(Sess. 1 & 2 of 2)
Gold Rush Pairs (1&2 of 2) 9:30 & 2:00
199er Pairs (Single Sess.) 9:30, 2 & 7:30
Side Series I Pairs 9:30, 2 & 7:30
(Sess. 3, 4 & 5 of 5)
Single Session Side Swiss 7:30

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Wed.- Thur. KO 9:30 & 2:00
(Sessions 1 & 2 of 3)
Stratified Open A, B, C 9:30 & 2:00
Gold Rush Pairs 9:30 & 2:00
Side Series II 9:30, 2 & 7:30
(Sess. 1, 2, 3 of 6)
199er Pairs (Single Sess.) 9:30, 2 & 7:30
Single Sess. Side Swiss 2 & 7:30

Thursday, Sept. 19

Wed-Thurs KO 9:30
(Session 3 of 3)
Stratified Open A, B, C 9:30 & 2:00
Gold Rush Pairs 9:30 & 2:00
Thurs – Fri KO (Sess. 1 of 3) 2:00
Side Series II 9:30, 2:00 & 7:30
(4, 5 & 6 of 6)
199er pairs 9:30, 2:00 & 7:30
Thurs-Fri Stratified Swiss 7:30
(Session 1 of 2)

Friday, Sept. 20

Thurs-Fri KO 9:30 & 2:00
(Sessions 2&3 of 3)
Stratified Open 9:30 & 2:00
Gold Rush Pairs 9:30 & 2:00
(session 1 & 2 of 2)
Single Sess. Swiss 2:00
199ers 9:30, 2:00 & 7:30
Side Series III 9:30, 2, 7:30
(1, 2 & 3 of 6)
Thurs-Fri Stratified Swiss
Session (2 of 2) 7:30

Saturday, Sept. 21

Bracketed Swiss (No Team Plays A Higher
Bracketed Team) 9:30 & 2:00
Gold Rush Pairs 9:30 & 2:00
Open Pairs A, B, C 9:30 & 2:00
Side Series III 9:30, 2:00 & 7:30
(4, 5 & 6 of 6)
0-199er Pairs 9:30, 2:00 & 7:30
Stratified Swiss Teams 7:30

Sunday, Sept. 22

Open A/X Swiss Teams 10:00 & TBA
Bracketed B Swiss 10:00 & TBA
(No one over 2500)
District 10 NAP finals (sess. 1&2 of 2) 10:00 & TBA
Prequalification required

STRATS & FLIGHTING

- Strats. determined by MP averages, but no player may exceed event's limit
- **Gold Rush** strats: 0-299 C, 300-450 B, 450-750 A
- 199er strats: 0-49 C, 50-99 B, 100-199 A
- Open Pairs:
A= 4000 +
B=2000-4000
C=0-2000
- AX Swiss:
A = Unlimited
X = 0-4000

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Six **GOLD RUSH** events
for 0-750 MP players

**Section Top Awards
Registration Gifts**

**Food can be purchased in
Atrium next to playing
area. Sandwiches,
Hotdogs, drinks & chips.**

**Playing fees \$13 per session
\$4 additional for unpaid
ACBL members**

**\$128 per team for Swiss Teams
on Sunday (includes lunch)**

**Lectures Tues, Wed., Thurs,
Friday and Saturday 1:30
(Topics & speakers TBA)**

***New KO Format – Bracketed Swiss Qualifying Knock Out:** District 10 is introducing a new 2 session bracketed swiss qualifying Knock Out to the lineup of games. The new 4 session KO event will consist of a 2- session bracketed swiss qualifier that will qualify 4 teams in each bracket for a 2- session knockout. There are many advantages to this format including teams play a minimum of 2 sessions that will start on time along with increased flexibility of bracket size and placement.