

**DISTRICT 10
MID SOUTH BRIDGE CONFERENCE**

**BOARD OF DELEGATES Meeting
October 6. 2023**

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on October 6, 2023, in a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by Charles Durrin, District 10 President. There was also a Face-to-Face meeting for those who could attend. District 10 Units were represented by the following Voting Delegates. The meeting was held in Nashville, TN at the Vanderbilt Bridge Club at the Nashville Regional Tournament.

Unit 134 Louisiana	Vicki Willis
Unit 138 Mississippi	Chuck Wilkinson
Unit 144 Tennessee	Judy Knox
Unit 157 Alabama	Robert Whiting, Michael Lawson
Unit 161 Arkansas	Dan Graham
Unit 170 Shreveport	Susan Harlan
Unit 179 Central TN	**Dot Blue
Unit180 MS Gulf Coast	Gary Meece
Unit 182 Baton Rouge	Michael Cresap
Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana	Linda Dorries
Unit 214 Hattiesburg	Joseph White
Unit 215 S. Alabama	Lynn Parker, Sue Wood
Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana	Adrian Hunt
Unit 232 N. Alabama	Kate Fagan

****Did not attend unit 179 was represented by Pat Williams**

District 10 and Unit officials Who Attended

President	Charles Durrin
Pat Williams	Treasurer
Secretary	Judy Knox
Jim Daugherty	D10 Webmaster
Karen Jennings	Education Liaison/Recorder
Melinda Voorhies	Asst. Recorder
Larry Sealy	ACBL BOD, Region 7
Bronia Jenkins	Executive Director ACBL
Sherry Kinkopf	President Unit 214
Scott Humphries	ACBL Area Manager

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President's Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Charles Durrin, President of District 10 at 8:00am CST. All attendees were asked to introduce themselves and state the Unit and/or office that they hold.

Charles stated that the next Board meeting will be January 18, 2024, Thursday night at 6pm Central Time. He is not planning to run for President again. He is telling us early so we can have time to nominate new officers and not be taken by surprise. We will elect new officers at the next meeting. If anyone wants to run for President, Vice-president, Secretary or Treasurer, please let us know.

Approval of The Minutes

A motion was made by Vicki Willis to approve the minutes for the last District 10 meeting. It was seconded by Karen Jennings. The minutes from June 15, 2023, were approved.

Pat Williams - Treasurer

Pat stated that he had not updated the Financials, but the Regular Checking account has about \$20,000. The Money Market account has \$76,000 for a total of \$96,000. We had 3 events that produced income. Royal STAC \$3,000. New Orleans returned \$7,000 that was not used for their NABC, and Grass Roots Fund of \$11,000.

Tournament Coordinator Report - Charles MacCracken

There are five NLM Regionals sanctioned in 2024, so it is full: Gulfport 4/4-7/24, Huntsville 5/9-11, Little Rock 7/12-14, Birmingham (Hoover) 8/16-17 and Baton Rouge 8/22-24.

2025 NLM Regional sanction applications will be approved shortly after the end of this year. If, on December 31, 2023, there are five or fewer NLM Regional applications for 2025 they will be approved for sanctioning. If there are more than five the D-10 Oversight Committee will select the five to be sanctioned according to criteria established by this Board and they will be processed early in 2024.

At this point there are three 2025 NLM Regional Requests. Gulfport and Huntsville have both requested the April 3-6 weekend. They have been asked to work together to avoid having two D-10 NLM Regionals on the same weekend. The third application is from Flowood for January 24-26, 2025.

There are zero sanction applications for Open Regionals in 2024, 25 & 26. Any received will be processed on a first come basis.

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Sectional applications for 2024 are in reasonable numbers, but any applications for the first nine months are past due and any for the last quarter of next year should be submitted as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles MacCracken
D-10 Tournament Coordinator

DISCUSSION AND VOTE

A motion was made by Vicki Willis to reimburse Unit delegates who attend the face to face District 10 Board of Delegates meetings. The reimbursed amount would include one night lodging, \$25 per day per diem and 2 days of free plays. This is the same amount that the officers now receive. President, Treasurer and Secretary. Pat Williams stated that could be a big expense for the District if all 14 delegates and all 3 officers attend. Judy stated that the District used to provide a meal that costs around \$1000 - \$2000 before Covid. Maybe we could provide at least either a night's lodging or 2 days free plays and not do the meal. There were several comments regarding this issue. Charles suggested that we table the motion to the next Board Meeting in January. Motion was tabled.

October NAP Finals And GNT qualifying games

Thanks to you for supporting the concept of moving the D10 NAP Finals online, we have about 60 pairs registered for our 22 Oct NAP Finals. Jerry still has a number of emails to go through, with a few individuals and clubs still sending in names. The deadline was 8 Oct, but small changes at this point can be handled.

Current numbers are.

- Flight A - 11 pairs (final number was 15 pairs)
- Flight B - 20 pairs (final number was 29 pairs)
- Flight C - 26 pairs (final number was 36 pairs)

(Note: after the meeting, the final count was 80 pairs registered.)

With one club still having about 2-to-4 pair's details to send in and couple of other clubs have some gives and takes.

Is about triple our 2022-2023 numbers of 21 pairs:

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- Flight A – 10 pairs (four or five of which were local to Jackson and had been persuaded by Jerry Burford to play to make the field larger)
- Flight B – 7 pairs •
- Flight C – four pairs, not enough to have a game.

The whole reason for switching to online this year was to make it possible for more to participate.

When the event is complete, Charles will be seeking feedback from players and clubs so we can generate an After-Action Report and lessons learned document.

It will be up to the Unit delegates to decide whether to continue online in 2024 or revert to association with a tournament in 2024.

It will also be up to the Unit delegates to decide whether to conduct the District GNT finals online or F2F and whether to continue use of Proctors.

A Motion was made by Vicki Willis for the district to charge \$1 fee per person for any club (face to face or online) GNT qualifying game. The motion was seconded by Pat Williams. The motion passed. Club qualification is not required but LBA/LBC online club has started having these Swiss team qualifying GNT games on Sundays. The \$1 fee will start after October 14.

Education Liaison Report – Karen Jennings

No requests have been made for funds.

Three inquiries about teaching new students.

The first query, Charles assisted in answering as the question was about the right to charge students. Charles researched their by-laws and provided input. I provided the district's link for the reimbursement policy so their club could make informed decisions if they took a vote.

Another area inquired about how to apply for funds. I spoke with the inquirer and provided the link for District 10.

A third inquiry came initially about the Boost program and other questions were raised about charging students.

All should consider **Nextdoor** as another social media platform to attract potential students. Local radio should not be overlooked as well as large companies, i.e., putting material on their bulletin boards.

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RECORDER REPORT Karen Jennings & Melinda Voorhies

I received Notice of Decisions made by ACBL for completed investigations on four individuals, three from District 10. ACBL posts the information on their website under Menu-then Ethics and Discipline.

Ernest Napier from Tennessee-harass or intimidate another player, rudeness in conversation, gesture, or general behavior. Suspension for four weeks and probation for one year. This incident occurred at a national tournament.

Bobby Henderson and Nell McInnish from Alabama-cheating and other ethical violation. Nell suspended for six months and Bobby for one year. Both are on probation for two years. Both considered member not in good standing. Excluded for partnering with each other (time specified). Both forfeited 10% of total masterpoints. The incident occurred with online play.

The district received a request to assist with a behavior issue at a local club. After consulting with Jeff Edelstein, National Recorder, we were informed the district will refer the case back to the local club.

Region 7 Director, Larry Sealy

Please see Larry's report attached at Exhibit A

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 6pm Central time. It will be a zoom meeting. We will elect new officers. Charles is not running for President. Please let me know if you plan 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. There being no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Vicki Willis to adjourn seconded by Phil Bridges. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox, District 10 Secretary

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EXHIBIT A

REGION 7 Larry Sealy's Report

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