

MINUTES FOR DISTRICT 10
MID-SOUTH BRIDGE CONFERENCE
BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2024 7:00 pm CST

The Mid-South Conference Board of Delegates met on June 15, 2023, in a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by Charles Durrin, District 10 President. District 10 Units were represented by the following Voting Delegates:

- Unit 134 Louisiana Vicki Willis
- Unit 138 Mississippi Jerry Burford
- Unit 144 Tennessee Judy Knox
- Unit 157 Alabama Tom Guffin, Robert Whiting
- Unit 161 Arkansas Dan Graham, Clarene Durand, Elizabeth Farris
- Unit 170 Shreveport Susan Harlan
- Unit 179 Central TN Dot Blue
- Unit 180 MS Gulf Coast Gary Meece
- Unit 182 Baton Rouge * Michael Cresap
- Unit 211 N.E. Louisiana * Linda Dorries
- Unit 214 Hattiesburg Joseph White, Sherry Kinkopf
- Unit 215 S. Alabama Sue Wood
- Unit 221 S.W. Louisiana Melinda Voorhies
- Unit 232 N. Alabama Katie Fagan

*Did not attend and did not send a replacement

District 10 and Unit officials Who Attended

- President- Charles Durrin
- Pat Williams – Treasurer
- Secretary- Judy Knox
- Melinda Voorhies – Asst. Recorder
- Sherry Kinkopf, Newsletter Coordinator/Editor
- Larry Sealy- ACBL BOD, Director Region 7

President's Welcome

Charles started by welcoming several new attendees, including Melinda Voorhies, Clarence Durand, and Elizabeth Farris. He reminded the attendees that it is their responsibility to convey all results of the meeting back to their Unit and Clubs. District 110 will not function well without effective communications.

The minutes of the previous meeting (October 6 2023) were approved unanimously.

Pat Williams, Treasurer, reported on the District cash position. He said that the District's cash position had improved significantly since the end of 2022. There was a return of about \$7,000 of unspent hospitality money for the New Orleans NABC. DISTRICT 10 received an ACBL check for Grass Roots funds in the amount of about \$12,000. DISTRICT 10 also received a \$12,000 check from ACBL for the Memphis fund-raising week conducted in December. Based on the December results, it appears that DISTRICT 10 will raise more money than needed for the Memphis refreshments. All District 10 clubs are now required to run their games in support of the NABC during the designated week.

The <\$ 611.38> on the checking account report is the amount that DISTRICT 10 owes to the clubs of 0-99er game disbursement.

The Little Rock Regional made a profit, but has not yet received its funds from the ACBL for the online game and, when received, will report and share their Open Regional profit in accordance with District 10 rules.

District 10 also received some funding from Mississippi River Bridge Cruises that originate or end within the confines of District 10.

The financial reports are included as Appendix A.

Charlie MacCracken was unable to attend, but the current tournament schedule was presented and reviewed briefly. The list of tournaments approved by ACBL is attached as Appendix B. District 10 will have two open Regionals in 2024. Shreveport will have a three-day Regional June 26-28. Nashville is planning their annual Regional for the week September 23-29. Similar late-September dates have been approved for 2025, and 2026. Nashville reported that a serendipitous event has resolved their parking problem.

The Louisiana Bridge Association is discussing having a Split Regional with Huntsville or Birmingham for early 2025.

Unit 161 is considering rotating their Fall Sectional between Hot Springs, Little Rock, and Hot Springs Village. As a result, the current site on the ACBL tournament list may be changed based on Unit 161 decision making.

Chuck Wilkerson, the incumbent Tournament Oversight Coordinator, has resigned. The new President, elected later in this meeting, will have to find a replacement for Chuck. District 10 sincerely appreciates all the good that Chuck accomplished in serving as the Tournament Oversight Coordinator.

Because of serious health issue in her family, Karen Jennings was unable to attend the meeting, but she provided a written report. Her report reminds people that the ACBL will provide some funds to support Bridge-in-a-Day at Clubs. The ACBL will also pay up to \$350 for classes of at least eight students for school age children. The ACBL will also support lessons at Universities and Colleges. Finally, the ACBL will provide funding to help offer lessons on military bases within 25 miles of your club.

Charles reminded the clubs that funds are available for teaching, but that only one club sought funding support from the District in 2024. Clubs are encouraged to seek funds to help grow their clubs.

Jerry Burford reported on the NAP and upcoming GNT. He reported that the use of Proctors for the NAP finals was a great success. The GNT Conditions of Contest (CoC) have been written, approved by the ACBL, and posted on the District 10 website. Jerry reported, supported by Larry Sealy, that the ACBL has an approach for electronic connectivity for team games. The approach connects North with East and South with West. Jerry will work with the ACBL to publish the process for all District 10 participants.

Jerry reminded the Board that a couple of sites used playing proctors. There were no complaints about that process.

Charles summarized the October District 10 NAP finals. We had 78 pairs participating in the three flights, bringing in about \$3,400 to the district before the ACBL director charges, which were about \$1,806. The approach of having the Proctors collect the entry fees also saved the District about \$680, which would have been 20% of the \$3,400 entry fees.

Also, the local NAP coordinators praised the use of Proctors.

The Board voted unanimously to continue the District 10 Newsletter. The district's new Editor for the Newsletter is Sherry Kinkopf from Hattiesburg. The Board voted unanimously to purchase a Microsoft Office license for Sherry's use. The estimate provided was \$60.

Charles suggested that the next Board of Delegates Meeting consider making a quarterly stipend for the Newsletter Coordinator/Editor. He recommended that the stipend similar to that provided for the Secretary, Treasurer, and Webmaster.

Jerry Burford suggested that District 10 raise its STaC table fees to \$8, which is already the fee in place in District 7 (our frequent STaC partner) and District 16, immediately to our West. He observed that the \$8 was consistent with a Face-to-face Sectional. He suggested that District 10 leave the table fee at for the STaC scheduled for February at \$6, but increase the table fees for the June and August District 10 STaCs. The Board voted unanimously to go to an \$8 STaC Table fee starting with the June STaC.

The next discussion covered the GNT. The Board had no negative comments about it being online. Since the Conditions of Contest does not require players to be present at a club or other public facility, no Proctors will be used. The Board members commented that the North-East and South-West connections need to be enforced. Melinda Voorhies asked how the District would ensure the connections would be done. She stated that so long as the electronic connections were assured, she would have no problem with the approach. Jerry will work with the ACBL to understand how the connection will be accomplished. He will make sure that the process is distributed in time for everyone to use. Larry Reminded the Board that the ACBL process used something called "breakout rooms".

Jerry summarized the 2024 GNT dates and processes as documented in the CoC.

The Board voted to award \$2,800 to the first-place team in each flight to help offset the cost of participating in the GNT at the Toronto NABC in July.

Melinda Voorhies recommended that the Board provide a stipend to second place teams also. The board voted to give the Second-Place team in each Flight \$1,200.

The Board voted to replace the ZOOM license, which had been borrowed, with a District-owned ZOOM license at the current market rate, which is \$159.99.

The Board proceeded to Officer Election. Vicki Willis was voted unanimously to be District 10 President. Larry Sealy thanked Vicki for volunteering and noted that she would be an excellent choice.

The Board voted Karen Jennings to be Vice President.

Pat Williams was re-elected as Treasurer.

Judy Knox, who has been District 10 Secretary for about 17 years, will take some time off. There were no nominations at the meeting. Vicki, as new President, will work on a Secretary. The Board can handle the election at the next Meeting.

Larry Sealy reported on ACBL BOD Update from the NABC in Atlanta. He reported the names of the new ACBL Officers. The ACBL budget for 2024 projects a \$313,000 loss. The main issue driving the loss is the ACBL old, out-of-date computer system. The Louisville room count is not included in the loss. Signups are currently short of the ACBL commitment. A loss is still possible, but work is underway to avoid or minimize the loss. Further, some special online games are planned for later in 2024 to provide additional funds to the ACBL.

Larry reported that the ACBL continues to have room commitments for Toronto, Las Vegas, Memphis, Philadelphia, and other tournaments. Larry is on a task force to review the NABC model and recommend changes for hotel lodging.

The ACBL changed the rules for reimbursing a portion of Membership dues to the Units. Previously the amount reimbursed was 11%. The new rules will provide up to 15% reimbursement to the Units if they meet incentives for retaining members and reducing the percentage of lapsed members. The ACBL plan is that the 15% will incentivize the Units and Clubs and result in a win-win for the ACBL and the Units/Clubs.

Larry reported that the Goodwill Banquet will be held once per year at the Summer NABCs.

Larry reported that the ACBL is working on documenting rules for the geographical distances between tournaments, including tournament in neighboring districts. A set of rules was written, to be enforced by TourneyTrax, but there were some problems with it and caused a large amount of extra work by ACBL employees. New procedures will be in place by the Louisville NABC. As a result, the rules are currently suspended.

The Hyatt Regency Dallas has been approved for the 2027 Spring NABC. The Board rejected the McCormick Place/Hyatt/Marriott sites for the Summer 2027 NABC. The plan is being reworked.

Larry also reported that NABC fund-raising games had previously been online only but problems resulted in switching them to be open to all clubs in a District. Participation is not optional: all Clubs having a game during the NABC fund-raising games will be required to participate and provide funds to the ACBL.

Larry reported on the change to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations, which will allow use of EDGAR in finding and investigating suspected cheating. He summarized the rule changes. He pointed out that EDGAR has been tested during most of 2024 and the results have been promising.

Karen Jennings had communicated to Charles that some clubs raised behavior issues immediately to the District or even ACBL level without making a serious attempt to handle the matter at the local level. The clubs should try to resolve issues at the club level before elevating an issue. Further, the ACBL has eliminated District responsibilities in disciplinary actions and has elevated resolution that require higher level attention to the ACBL level. As a result, Districts no longer need to have an Appellate Chair.

With the new election of officers, no date was immediately set for the next District 10 BOD meeting,

The meeting adjourned until the next meeting.

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Accrual Basis

Mid South Bridge Conference - District 10 Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
GNT/NAOP	13,705.88	8,076.26	5,629.62	69.7%
Interest Income	7.93	11.91	-3.98	-33.4%
Misc.	0.00	1,260.00	-1,260.00	-100.0%
Regionals	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	100.0%
STaCs/Nationals	20,957.80	26,552.20	-5,594.40	-21.1%
Total Income	<u>35,971.61</u>	<u>35,900.37</u>	<u>71.24</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Cost of Goods Sold				
Education	466.00	0.00	466.00	100.0%
GNT/NAOP Expense	5,400.00	13,100.00	-7,700.00	-58.8%
Hospitality Fund (Nationals)	-13,160.34	18,959.00	-32,119.34	-169.4%
STaC Expense	20,653.07	15,233.01	5,420.06	35.6%
Web Site	1,542.29	1,180.58	361.71	30.6%
Total COGS	<u>14,901.02</u>	<u>48,472.59</u>	<u>-33,571.57</u>	<u>-69.3%</u>
Gross Profit	<u>21,070.59</u>	<u>-12,572.22</u>	<u>33,642.81</u>	<u>267.6%</u>
Expense				
Bank Charges	10.00	0.00	10.00	100.0%
Miscellaneous	754.45	-118.36	872.81	737.4%
Per Diem/Meals	334.84	0.00	334.84	100.0%
Professional Fees				
GNT/NAOP	600.00	450.00	150.00	33.3%
Secretary	750.00	750.00	0.00	0.0%
Tournament	600.00	450.00	150.00	33.3%
Treasurer	750.00	1,000.00	-250.00	-25.0%
Total Professional Fees	<u>2,700.00</u>	<u>2,650.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>1.9%</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,799.29</u>	<u>2,531.64</u>	<u>1,267.65</u>	<u>50.1%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>17,271.30</u>	<u>-15,103.86</u>	<u>32,375.16</u>	<u>214.4%</u>
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APPENDX A FINANCIALS

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Accrual Basis

Mid South Bridge Conference - District 10 Profit & Loss by Class January through December 2023

	Education	General	GNT/NAOP	Regionals	STaC/Nationals	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
GNT/NAOP	0.00	0.00	13,705.88	0.00	0.00	13,705.88
Interest Income	0.00	7.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.93
Regionals	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00
STaCs/Nationals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,957.80	20,957.80
Total Income	0.00	7.93	13,705.88	1,300.00	20,957.80	35,971.61
Cost of Goods Sold						
Education	466.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	466.00
GNT/NAOP Expense	0.00	0.00	5,400.00	0.00	0.00	5,400.00
Hospitality Fund (Nationals)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-13,160.34	-13,160.34
STaC Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,653.07	20,653.07
Web Site	0.00	1,542.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,542.29
Total COGS	466.00	1,542.29	5,400.00	0.00	7,492.73	14,901.02
Gross Profit	-466.00	-1,534.36	8,305.88	1,300.00	13,465.07	21,070.59
Expense						
Bank Charges	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	754.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	754.45
Per Diem/Meals	0.00	334.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	334.84
Professional Fees						
GNT/NAOP	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Secretary	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Tournament	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Treasurer	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Total Professional Fees	0.00	2,100.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00
Total Expense	0.00	3,199.29	600.00	0.00	0.00	3,799.29
Net Ordinary Income	-466.00	-4,733.65	7,705.88	1,300.00	13,465.07	17,271.30
Net Income	-466.00	-4,733.65	7,705.88	1,300.00	13,465.07	17,271.30

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Accrual Basis

Mid South Bridge Conference - District 10 Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23	Dec 31, 22	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
General Checking	-611.38	502.40	-1,113.78	-221.7%
Regions Checking	3,511.48	6,634.33	-3,122.85	-47.1%
Regions Money Market	95,217.57	73,709.64	21,507.93	29.2%
Total Checking/Savings	98,117.67	80,846.37	17,271.30	21.4%
Total Current Assets	98,117.67	80,846.37	17,271.30	21.4%
TOTAL ASSETS	98,117.67	80,846.37	17,271.30	21.4%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Retained Earnings	80,846.37	95,950.23	-15,103.86	-15.7%
Net Income	17,271.30	-15,103.86	32,375.16	214.4%
Total Equity	98,117.67	80,846.37	17,271.30	21.4%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	98,117.67	80,846.37	17,271.30	21.4%

APPENDIX B

D10 2024 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

From the ACBL website (January 2, 2024), here are the forty-one (41) D10 Tournaments scheduled for 2024:

- Open Sectionals: 22
Baton Rouge [2], Birmingham [3], Flowood/Jackson [4; all "local"], Gulfport [2], Hattiesburg, Hoover, Hot Springs Village [2], Huntsville [2], Little Rock, Memphis [2], Metairie/New Orleans [3], Montgomery
- I/N Sectionals: 9
Birmingham [2], Hot Springs Village, Little Rock, Memphis, Metairie [New Orleans; 2], Montgomery [2]
- Open Regionals: 1 (Shreveport June 26-28 (minimum allowed number of days)
In work: possible Split Regional New Orleans with another city, possibly Huntsville or Birmingham
- I/N Regionals: 5
Gulfport, Hoover, Baton Rouge, Little Rock, Huntsville)
- STaC: 4
D10 alone =2, D10 lead, D7 partner = 1; D7 Lead, D10 partner = 1

Complete schedule from ACBL website

Dates	City	State	Unit	Category	Type
Jan 4-6	Metairie [New Orleans]	LA	134	Sectional	Open
Jan 11-13	Memphis	TN	144	Sectional	Open
Jan 19-20	Montgomery	AL	157	Sectional	I/N
Jan 19-21	Gulfport	MS	180	Sectional	Open
Jan 26-28	Flowood [Jackson]	MS	138	Sectional	Local
Jan 26-28	Little Rock	AR	161	Sectional	I/N
Feb 2-4	Hattiesburg	MS	214	Sectional	Open
Feb 5-11	STaC D10; D10		138	Sectional	STaC
Feb 22-24	Birmingham	AL	157	Sectional	Open

Dates	City	State	Unit	Category	Type
Mar 21-24	Metairie [New Orleans]	LA	134	Sectional	I/N
Apr 4-7	Gulfport	MS	180	Regional	I/N
Apr 18-20	Baton Rouge	LA	182	Sectional	Open
Apr 19-21	Hot Springs Village	AR	161	Sectional	Open
Apr 26-28	Flowood [Jackson]	MS	138	Sectional	Local
May 2-5	Metairie [New Orleans]	LA	134	Sectional	Open
May 3-4	Birmingham	AL	157	Sectional	I/N
May 9-11	huntsville	AL	232	Regional	I/N
May 9-11	Huntsville	AL	232	Sectional	With Restricted...
May 16-19	Montgomery	AL	157	Sectional	Open
May 31-Jun 2	Gulfport	MS	180	Sectional	Open
Jun 3-9	STaC D10		138	Sectional	STaC
Jun 13-15	Birmingham	AL	157	Sectional	Open
Jun 21-23	Flowood	MS	138	Sectional	Open
Jun 26-28	Shreveport	LA	0	Regional	Open
Jul 12-14	Little Rock, AR	AR	161	Regional	I/N
Jul 12-13	Montgomery	AL	157	Sectional	I/N
Jul 12-14	Little Rock	AR	161	Sectional	With Restricted...
Jul 25-27	Memphis	TN	144	Sectional	Open
Aug 9-11	Hot Springs Village	AR	161	Sectional	I/N
Aug 16-17	Hoover	AL	157	Regional	I/N
Aug 16-17	Birmingham	AL	157	Sectional	I/N

Dates	City	State	Unit	Category	Type
Aug 16-17	Hoover	AL	157	Sectional	With Restricted...
Aug 22-24	Baton Rouge	LA	182	Regional	I/N
Sep 6-8	Gulfport	MS	180	Sectional	Open
Oct 3-5	Huntsville	AL	232	Sectional	Open
Oct 17-19	Metairie [New Orleans]	LA	134	Sectional	I/N
Oct 25-27	Flowood	MS	138	Sectional	Local
Nov 1-3	Hot Springs Village	AR	161	Sectional	Open
Nov 7-10	Metairie [New Orleans]	LA	134	Sectional	Open
Nov 8-9	Memphis	TN	144	Sectional	I/N
Nov 14-16	Birmingham	AL	157	Sectional	Open
Nov 21-23	Baton Rouge	LA	182	Sectional	Open
Dec 2-8	STaC D7; U219 (D9); D1...		153	Sectional	STaC