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Fall NABC report from Boston

The down turn in the economy, along with other factors, resulted in the Boston NABC attendance being about 2,000 tables less than projected.

I. Appeals & Charges

- a) A motion to specify a time frame in which decisions from hearings must be reported passed unanimously. In the future a report must be submitted to Memphis within 30 days from the conclusion of the presentation of evidence.
- b) A motion submitted by the Board of Governors to allow lawyers in hearing rooms was defeated by a narrow margin.
- c) A review of the hearing held re: CDR (Code of Disciplinary Regulations) sections 7.2.6 by the Ethical Oversight Committee was held with the following result. (Note: I recused myself from this review)
 - i) The finding that Mr. Gee violated sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7 of the CDR was affirmed.
 - ii) The discipline was changed as follows:
 - Mr. Gee is suspended from the ACBL for the period of Nov. 27, 2007 through to May 31, 2009.
 - Mr. Gee will serve a lifetime probation under the ACBL rules commencing June 1, 2009
 - All master points earned by Mr. Gee from July 31, 2006 through Dec. 31, 2007 will be removed from his master point record.

II. Board Actions

- a) New Headquarters Building: - Management is authorized to purchase a parcel of land and proceed with construction of a new building in Germantown, TN. (This is in the Memphis area)
- b) When a Sectional Tournament (excluding StaCs) or higher-rated event is being held within 25 miles of a club, that club is permitted to hold only regularly scheduled club games and these games can not be "special" games. This means that the club may only hold regular club games that do not award extra points.

c) On Line Bridge clubs are permitted to run Club Championships. Master points are unpigmented. A minimum of 18 boards must be played and a maximum first place award will be 3.90 Mpts.

d) ACBL Management is authorized to sanction silver point Sectionals on cruise ships at 65% of open Sectional rating for games run by a cruise director. 80% rating will be given if an ACBL Tournament Director runs the tournament.

e) Strats for a BAM (Board-a-Match) Team event may be determined by average masterpoint holding of all team members.

No other significant news. The complete minutes of the Board meetings will soon be posted on the ACBL website: www.acbl.org

I'll close by wishing you all the best of the holiday season. I look forward to seeing all of you at the District 18 Regionals and Sectionals in 2009.

Dick