

District 18 Newsletter
Dallas NABC – March 20-30, 2014

After going through one of the coldest Februarys on record it's hard to believe that this is the shortest month of the year. I have been doing work on a Masterpoint committee which is looking at the entire MP structure with an eye to trying to correcting some of the inequities. Some of the areas being looked at are the overly high awards in A/X games, the low awards for pairs games when compared to team games, and the small awards for the lower small brackets in KO team games. We hope to have proposals for Board discussion and approval in Las Vegas this summer. If you come across any awards that you believe are out of line please let me know.

The agenda for the Dallas meeting is posted on the ACBL web site, feel free to check them out.

<http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/about/Dallas2014Motions.pdf>

Here are a few of the motion I believe are of particular interest to District 18. I appreciate any and all comments you may have on these motions.

Item 141-27: Roles and Responsibilities of Tournament Sponsors and DIC's.

There has always been uncertainty about who is responsible for which decisions at tournaments. This motion is aimed at making life easier for our tournament chairs. They will now have a resource to find who has what responsibilities.

Item 141-35: Pairing of Swiss Team Events

Forbid the pairing in a Swiss team event of the second round (and/or any other round) before knowing prior round results in order to save time.

This motion addresses the issue that it is more important to run a proper event than it is to conduct a race for time.

Items 141-F1, 141-F2, and 141-I1 are of particular interest to the Canadian members of our District.

141-F1 asks that Canadian Clubs be assessed an additional sanction fee that would be used to pay all their member's CBF dues.

141-F2 asks the Canadian Junior teams be funded to similar levels that the USBF Junior teams are funded. This is meant to streamline the system and reduce red tape.

141-I1 asks that CBF be allocated one of the current WBF positions which are appointed by the ACBL Board. This is intended to assure representation for Canadian players at the WBF.

I am very interested in your thoughts on these motions.

Item 141-143: Special Games at Clubs

The Special Games at Clubs be modified as follows:

- A. Eliminate the ACBL-Wide Charity Games
- B. Eliminate the ACBL-Wide International Fund Games
- C. Eliminate the GNT Fund Raiser Games
- D. Eliminate the Unit Fund Games
- E. Eliminate the District Fund Games
- F. Eliminate the Canada-Wide Olympiad Fund
- G. Eliminate the Unit-Wide Championship
- H. Eliminate Progressive Sectionals – 2014-2016 Progressive Sectionals currently sanctioned would be honored.

The number of special games at the club has become unmanageable. This is an attempt to eliminate some of the lesser used games. I am interested in whether removing any of these games would adversely affect your club.

Please send me your thoughts on these or any the motions being presented in Dallas.

Be sure to check the District 18 web site (www.wasumi.org) for a follow-up on the Dallas meeting. This should appear before the end of March.

As always, may all your finesses be successful,

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