

ACBL District 18

Board of Directors

MINUTES

Date: October 23, 2017

Time: 2:00 PM MDT

Location: Conference Call

Board Members Present: Dave Johnson, Jim Lucas, Susan Driggers, Tom Romine, Doug Adair, Ann Vermette

Also in Attendance: Claire Jones

Board Members Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Dave Johnson.

The minutes were approved as sent with one slight correction of a name.

All reported that they would like to receive the QUIP reports that Dave had sent out earlier.

Doug reports that he has a potential candidate to assist Marilyn Swadron as GNT Coordinator. There was discussion regarding receipt and disbursement of funds. The candidate is Aaron Cavendar from Salt Lake City. Doug moved to appoint Aaron as GNT assistant, Jim seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Dave reports that it isn't appropriate for the district President to be Recorder for D18. Doug thought we had a person who was not a Board member in the past. The recorder has a responsibility to be available to decide penalties when there is a situation beyond what a Director can mediate and to report this to ACBL. Claire confirmed that the Recorder does not have to be on the board.

Problems with Directors having access to hand records was discussed. Tom Romine reports that a club in his area has questions of a playing Director possibly looking at hand records and obtaining information about the hands prior to play. There was further discussion about this problem. Claire thinks that we should record this and pass it on to the ACBL Recorder. Dave will contact ACBL regarding this after obtaining more details from Tom.

Ann reports that there were 5 Directors at the Saskatoon Regional. She said that the Directors were taking turns directing due to the low table count. The club had to pay all the expenses for the 5 Directors so it was very expensive and the tournament would have

made more money if not for the additional expenses. Claire talked to the CEO regarding this problem and they are supposedly addressing it. Claire will be discussing this issue more when he attends the national meeting. There was further discussion regarding this, including the use of TD's who reside closer to tournament locations. Doug said he is having a discussion with ACBL right now regarding the Director expenses at the GNT. Claire said he will check into that.

Ann is having difficulty finding tournament chairs for the regional tournaments. She wondered about offering free plays to both chairpersons for the entire tournament. Doug moved that we give free plays to both if there are two chairpersons. Dave seconded. After further discussion the motion passed.

Ann would like to have a 0-750 Regional tournament in Saskatchewan in 2020. Both Regina and Saskatoon are interested in having this. Tom said he's spoken with Doug Rankin about this and having it sooner than 2020. There was further discussion. Claire reports that the district can have one of these once a year so this would not replace a regional already scheduled. (Claire later clarified that he spoke to Doug Rankin and we can have three IN tournaments per year, not just one) Most gold rush regionals run for 4 days. Doug Rankin would assist with scheduling and getting a sanction for it. There was discussion regarding having tournaments over Memorial Day weekend, which is the last weekend in May in the United States.

Ann wondered about a program for newer players to give incentive for them to come play at tournaments. There might be some incentives for those with under 5-20 mps. Doug said he knows there is a reduced fee for juniors.

Jim Lucas has developed an Intermediate/Newcomer Survey. Dave suggests that we each look at it and get any comments or suggestions to Jim by the end of the week. There was a discussion of how to get a survey out to the right people and how to get it back. Jim will resend the proposed survey to board members for us to give comments.

Jim will resend the simplified guide for regionals and members can comment.

Tom Romine had a question regarding scheduling regionals in specific future years. Dave says that Tom probably needs to talk to Doug Rankin as he does the tournament scheduling.

Jim asked a question regarding charity donations from ACBL. Claire reports that ACBL sends the donation directly to the charity.

Doug would like to have more participate in GNT. They have started their pre qualifying. Players can get gold points at this. There was further discussion regarding this.

Adjournment: 3:20 PM

Respectfully submitted

Susan Driggers, Secretary