

Texas Regional Conference  
District 16  
Minutes from September 1, 2001  
Dallas, Texas  
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Call to Order – Determination of a Quorum:

President Tom Hughes called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Voting Members present: Tom Hughes (Unit 183), Eric Snow (Unit 174), Howard Wilkins (Unit 224), Charles Price (Unit 176), Larry Davis (Unit 207), Richard Kiepfer (Unit 172), Tom Corlett (Unit 233) and Carol Schoenhals (Unit 197).

Guests and Committee Members present: Cindy Snider, DeWitt Hudson, Albert Lochli, Dan Morse, Hugh Campbell, Sandy Campbell, Guillermo Poplawsky and Tom Whitesides.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the July 7, 2001, meeting in San Antonio were approved as corrected. The corrections include adding Dan Morse and Jim Kirkham to the guest list, changing the word “that” to “than” in the last sentence of the Committee Reports – Awards section and changing the name of the committee Dewitt Hudson was appointed to as Chairman from “Education and Membership” to “Membership.”

District Director’s Report:

Dan Morse reported that the International Organizing Committee (IOC) of the Olympics would be hosting the Grand Prix events prior to the winter games in Salt Lake City. As bridge has been selected to be one of these events, there will be eight Open Pairs, eight Ladies Pairs and 2-4 junior pairs competing.

He noted that the ACBL will be studying how to encourage internet bridge players to join the ACBL. These are players that have never played duplicate before. In addition, the ACBL has approved a new three (3) session KO event.

Executive Treasurer’s Report:

Tom Hughes reported that there is approximately \$15,000 in the treasury.

Committee Reports:

**Awards** – Howard Wilkins reported that he would be presenting the Jacoby Award at 1:30 on September 1, 2001, in an attempt to include the seniors. There were three

nominations this year. He reminded everyone that any Unit can nominate any District 16 member and he encouraged the Unit Representatives to encourage their Units to prepare nomination. Howard announced that this would be the last year for him to serve in the capacity of the Awards Chairman and that Eric Snow would be taking over for him in 2002.

Howard also noted that all Texas Star nominee ballots must be in by December 1, 2001.

**Charity-** Carol Schoenhals reported that the District charity game will be held on November 5, 2001, and this year's charity is the Alzheimer's Association.

**Grand National Team's** – Sandy Campbell and Lu Edwards reported that the Conditions of Contest had been updated and the entry fees had been changed. The Richardson Civic Center will be the host of the 2002 GNT's and Dallas has 40 new card tables that will be used during the tourney.

**Education** – Hugh Campbell asked that each unit e-mail the names of their education Chairman to him at [Campbell617@yahoo.com](mailto:Campbell617@yahoo.com).

**Internet-** Al Lochli reported that there have been a few changes. Steve Bruce has taken over in Austin and Bob Beck has left Houston. The NABC Spring schedule is "live" and the library pages have been totally revised.

**North American Pairs** – Larry Davis reported that Austin was prepared to host the 2003 NAP's; however, he wanted to discuss the responsibilities of the hosting Unit. He mentioned that the District Board had not addressed the down side (the possibility of the Unit losing money) and wanted to be assured that anything over \$1,000 would be reimbursed to Austin. Tom Corlett raised the question as to whether the Austin Unit would share the profits over \$1,000 with the District, if any were made. Larry agreed to discuss this with this Board and report back in Houston. We all decided that we had to think of ways to help the host unit not lose money. Accordingly, there must be guidelines established related to the Houston Regional. Apparently, the Houston Unit has decide to continue to host the Regional in January as opposed to the February time slot it had previously used. The discussion was tabled until the January 2002 meeting and Houston is to consider various scheduling options.

**Tournaments** – Charlie Price reported that there was not much happening.

**Disciplinary** – No report.

**Scorecard** – Donna Compton discussed the consideration for extra coverage related to the Houston NABC. It was unanimously approved that there would be a special section in the May/ June 2002 issue consisting of 16-20 pages. She will also prepare a financial report on the 2001 activity for the January 2002 meeting. Cindy Snider will help, if necessary.

**Board of Governors** – Dewitt Hudson reported that the nominees for the National Goodwill person of the year are due October 1, 2001.

Old Business:

**Review of changes to the District 16 By-Laws** – Chris Compton distributed a redlined version of the proposed By-Law changes. He suggested that the Board review the proposed changes and e-mail him with any comments. It was decided that the discussion and vote would be tabled until the January meeting in Houston.

**Houston NABC** -Eric Snow reported on the progress of the Houston NABC to be held March 7-17, 2002. All plans are proceeding on schedule. There was discussion relating to ascertaining that there would be transportation available to accommodate people in wheelchairs during the NABC.

**Texas State Championships** - Richard Kieper announced that a professional videographer is available to help Units and Clubs prepare videos to send to the press.

New Business:

Donna Compton discussed the possibility of providing childcare at the District 16 regionals. She explained how the childcare at NABC's works and asked the Board to consider offering this service at our Regionals. The District would be responsible for providing a room. All of the childcare people she recruits are licensed and bonded and the child to caregiver ratio is very low. Donna was asked to prepare a formal proposal for the meeting in Houston in January.

The Dallas Unit was thanked and recognized for the success of the tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindy L. Snider  
Executive Secretary  
District 16