

## Fort Worth Board Meeting, September 2, 2006

Meeting Called to Order:

**Voting Members present:** Unit 172, Ira Hessel; Unit 174, Eric Snow; Unit 176, Gerrie Owen; Unit 183, Tom Hughes; Unit 197, Carol Schoenhals; Unit 207, Larry Davis; Unit 224, Howard Wilkins; Unit 225, Gay Roach; Unit 233, David Pennington.

**Non-Voting Members present:** Donna Compton, Su Doe, Sandy Campbell, John Zilic, Dewitt Hudson, Dan Morse

**There is a Quorum.**

**District President Opening Remarks** Minutes approved. Introductions of people present at the meeting.

**District Representative Report (Dan Morse)** Baron Barclay has bought out the ACBL Product Store and will begin selling products for the ACBL on September 15, 2006.

Membership is gradually increasing overall in the ACBL of about 1,200 members.

**Treasurer's Report (Tom Hughes)** District 16 has a balance of \$13,572.81 as of September 1, 2006. We have collected \$1,291.22 on the 2006 STaC. We made \$297.27 on the 2006 GNT event.

**Secretary's Report (Donna Compton)** I have the ACBL Handbook & Regulations and Code of Disciplinary Hard Copy for anyone who is interested in a copy.

**Committee Reports:**

**Appellate (Jonathan Ernest)** – All is well.

**Awards (Eric Snow)** The Jacoby Award will be presented before the evening session tonight. We need more nominations for next years Jacoby Award.

We also need for the units to send in their Texas Star Awards and the Unit Goodwill Award nominations by the end of the year. Please send all of your nominations to Eric Snow.

The inaugural Unit Goodwill Award were presented at the Dallas NABC. From this year forward, the individual units will present their awards at local events.

**Charity (Carol Schoenhals)** We need suggestions for 2007 District Charity which must be a 501C3 organization. We would like to have a charity that is state-wide if possible.

**GNT (Sandy Campbell)** GNT made enough to pay out the \$3,000 for the teams. We had a nice showing in Chicago. The Superflight team came in 1<sup>st</sup> – The Flight A team came in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I would like to encourage all of the units to have the GNT qualifying sessions. If there is anything that the units need to help promote the game, please contact Sandy Campbell.

We are still working on the Conditions of Contests for 2007. The Committee is made up of Ira Hessel, Shawn Quinn, Sandy Campbell, Tom Whitesides and Jonathan Ernest.

**Membership & Education (Donna Compton)** In 2006, we began an award program for Units in the area of Membership Growth. The awards were presented to five units in Austin and we would like to have all 17 units included next year in San Antonio. I will be sending out emails to the Education Liaisons which will include the base line beginning with the July 2006 reports.

**Intermediate/Newcomer Coordinator (Su Doe)** A mentoring program is the best way to increase your retention rate. The fall is a good time to start these programs. Please contact me if you would like more information on which type of program is best for your unit.

**Internet (Steve Bruce)** All is well.

**NAP (John Zilic)** Around July, I email all the NAP Unit Coordinators and a lot of those emails come back to me. Please make sure that I have the updated emails for your unit coordinator.

I plan on sending out reminders this year so that we can have a complete list for publication in the Scorecard and Regional Bulletins.

Starting in 2006, you may play in any Unit level qualifying event.

**Tournament (Charles Price)** Please remember to send in your sanctions for your unit tournaments and special games.

**Disciplinary (Sandy Campbell)** All is well.

**Scorecard (Donna Compton)** A couple of clubs which hold sanctions for sectional tournaments are not paying for their Scorecard ad. D16 needs some type of enforcement policy in these situations. I suggest holding the individual units responsible for the ad in the case where the club does not submit payment.

**MOTION:** Gerrie Owen: I move that the units and or clubs that do not pay for the ad that they are running for the current tournament will have their sanctions withheld for future Unit tournaments until the bill is paid. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

**Board of Governors (Dewitt Hudson)** Dan Morse lost the ACBL President election 13-12 in Chicago. We would like to encourage Dan to run again in Nashville.

The ACBL offers Insurance for the Board of Directors for the Unit and District. There is no cost for this insurance. Please make sure your unit has insurance coverage for your Board Members.

**Peurto Vallarta Regional (Judy McDonald)** The reservations are looking good for our upcoming regional in October.

Dewitt Hudson: This will be the last year that Judy McDonald will be running the tournament. She has done a wonderful job running the tournaments in the past and we will miss her as our Tournament Coordinator. Unit 205 is willing to host the tournament but they want % of the profit. Gerrie Owen, would you chair the committee to look into the different ideas of how we should run the tournament.

Gerrie Owen: I would be glad to Dewitt.

#### **Unit Reports**

Unit 174 – Houston, Eric Snow. Houston 2009 NABC is being held at the Hilton.

Unit 176 – Dallas, Gerrie Owen. Our Unit Growth Seminar will be held September 8-9.

Unit 197 – Lubbock, Carol Schoenhals. We have started new lessons for the fall and the classes are 10% of our total membership.

Unit 207 – Austin, Larry Davis. We have noticed that our ZIP KO events are huge when you start at 7pm.

Unit 224 – Abilene, Howard Wilkins. The issue of Sweetwater is alive and well.

Unit 233 – Waco, David Pennington. Our games are going very well. My partner and I have been teaching classes to help increase our membership and it is showing.

Unit 225 – East Texas, Gay Roach. All is well.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Thank you Fort Worth for your tournament. Tom Hughes is an incredible Tournament Chair with wonderful hospitality. Meeting Adjourned.