

**American Contract Bridge League District 16
Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors Held August 30, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of District 16 of the American Contract Bridge League was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson, Texas at 10 a.m. on August 30, 2008.

Board members present (Units represented in parentheses): Guillermo Poplawsky (173), (Eric Snow (174), Bob Butterfield (176), Carol Schoenhals (197), [others?]

Committee Chairmen and others present: Dan Morse, Charlie Price, Toni Snow, Sandi Campbell, Ellen Hessel, Tom Whitesides, John Zilic (?), [others?] [Do we want to indicate the Units they are from or the Committees they chair, etc. ?]

The meeting was called to order by Eric Snow, who presided at the request of President Larry Davis.

The minutes of the meeting held July 5, 2008 were approved as presented to the meeting.

District Director: Dan Morse reported that membership has increased, and that the ACBL is in good financial condition. The ACBL Board has decided to keep the ACBL headquarters in the Memphis area and is looking at locations in Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. The ACBL is creating a newspaper column on bridge intended primarily for community newspapers and Board members were encouraged to contact such newspapers in their areas to try to get them to carry the columns. Dan also reminded everyone that the ACBL will pay 75% of certain bridge advertising pursuant to its cooperative advertising policy.

Awards: Eric Snow reported that the District 16 Jacoby Award for 2008 would be presented that evening to [?????]. He encouraged each Unit to consider and make new nominations for upcoming awards, including the Texas Star and the Goodwill awards.

Charity: Carol Schoenhals reported that District 16 will receive \$20,000 from the ACBL in 2009 to distribute to charities we select. Nominations for charities to be considered for such donations can be made to Carol through September.

Education and Membership: _____ reported that current ACBL membership is 171,033 and District 16 membership is 8,418. A chart showing detailed District 16 membership broken down by Unit and by masterpoint totals was presented.

Grand National Teams: Sandi Campbell tendered her resignation as Grand National Teams Coordinator.

North American Pairs: [John Zilic?] reported that the table count was up this year.

Publicity: _____ reported on the mentoring programs being conducted in Houston and Beaumont. Efforts are being made to bring in social players and free food is being provided. The Houston program is being patterned, in part, after a program in Detroit.

Scorecard: Ellen Hessel presented a financial report showing anticipated revenues and expenses for the first four issues of the Scorecard in 2008. The report indicated that total expense would exceed total revenues for those issues by \$4,283. She also reported that, for now, a proposal to mail the Scorecard to less than all members is being tabled.

Tournaments: Charlie Price reported that East Texas is interested in having a split Regional in Tyler and wants to be put in the rotation for such future tournaments.

Mexico: [Guillermo Poplawsky?] reported that they were expecting a good tournament in Puerto Vallarta this year and reminded everyone that the lock on room rates was about to expire.

Board of Govenors: [Dewitt Hudson?] reported that, beginning in 2010, 500 masterpoints will be required to become a Life Master. This new requirement will only apply to those who join the ACBL after January 1, 2010 and to those whose membership lapses after that date and then rejoin. A proposal to require that some percentage of the required Gold points must be earned in pairs games is being considered. These matters were discussed by the Board.

Old Business: Whether we should continue, after the upcoming Houston NABC, to charge an extra \$1 on Saturdays at District 16 Regional tournaments to help fund future NABCs to be held in our District was discussed, but no decision was reached.

Treasurer: The August 30, 2008 Treasurer's Report was presented, with District 16 financial statements attached. It stated that (i) year to date revenues exceeded expenses by \$6,594, (ii) the Regional in Puerto Vallarta had a profit of \$4,535 (a significant improvement over the prior year), (iii) the District-wide STAC games earned \$2,019, (iv) GNT subsidies exceeded net revenue from the GNT games by \$1,065 and (v) NAP revenues exceeded expenses by \$737. The total assets of the District exceed its total liabilities by \$24,334.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.