

District 16
Minutes from July 6, 2002
Austin, Texas

Call to Order – Determination of a Quorum:

President Lu Edwards called the meeting to order at 10:00. A quorum was present.

Voting Members present: Tom Hughes (Unit 183), Lu Edwards (Unit 174) Howard Wilkins (Unit 224), Willie Earl Tindell (Unit 225), Preston Morrow (Unit 176), Larry Davis (Unit 207), Everette Lewis (Unit 172) and Tom Corlett (Unit 233)

Guests and Committee Members present: Cindy Snider, DeWitt Hudson, Albert Lochli, Dan Morse, Sandy Campbell, Guillermo Poplawsky, Tom Whitesides, John Zilic, Eric Snow and Donna Compton.

Approval of Minutes from January 12:

The minutes from the January 12, 2002, meeting in Houston were approved as corrected. The corrections include adding Dewitt Hudson to the guest list and changing the date of the September 2001 meeting from September 2 to September 1. In addition it was noted that for the North American Pairs in 2003 and 2004, the District will reimburse Austin 50% of the losses up to a maximum District reimbursement of \$1,000. This change is made in the Approval of Minutes section and in the Tournament Committee Report section.

District Director's Report:

Dan Morse reported that District 16 needs to increase its membership base. District 16 used to be the second largest in the ACBL as Florida has always been the largest. We are currently the third largest District; however, we are in danger of becoming the fourth largest. There used to be over 10,000 members now there are just over 8,000. One method could be to get the ACBL teachers more involved in getting new members through their students. Any ideas for new programs would be appreciated.

Executive Treasurer's Report:

Tom Hughes reported that he will be paying the GNT winners \$750 per team that intends to play in Washington DC. Jack Rollier has the GNT recap.

Committee Reports:

Awards – Eric Snow reported that he would be presenting the Texas Star Awards before the start of the evening session. 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. Eric also noted that all Jacoby Award ballots must be in by August 28, 2002.

Charity- Eric Snow reported that the District charity game will be held on November 11, 2002, and this year's charity is the Orphans of 9/11 Tragedy.

Grand National Team's – Sandy Campbell reported that not as many teams pre-registered and they were slow getting started. She stated that the Super Flight Finals had to be scheduled on a weekend other than Memorial weekend to avoid conflict with other National events. She suggested Temple April 7-13, 2003.

In addition, Sandy made a motion to change the Super Flight criteria for Conditions of Contest. She recommended a change from a starting point of 5,000 Materpoints to 10,000 Masterpoints. The motion was seconded and carried.

Education – Hugh Campbell reported that he finally got the ACBL to change the Education Chairman to his name. There is money available to promote Education and Membership and he will be contacting the Unit Education Chairmen to discuss the programs. He can be contacted at Campbell617@yahoo.com.

Internet- Al Lochli reported that there is a new coordinator in Midland named Bob Stewart and that Harlingen needs assistance in terms of an Internet Coordinator. If we think certain items should be linked, send them to Al. Our District Website is getting approximately 2,500,000 hits per year.

North American Pairs – John Zilic reported that only two Units had turned in the NAP sanction request. The deadline will be extended to August. John also reported that he will have e-mail very soon. Everette Lewis(Unit 172) reported that Unit 172 would be willing to host the 2005 and 2006 NAPs during Martin Luther King week end. The tournament will be held at the Omni hotel and the room prices will be less than \$100. He made a motion; it was seconded and carried unanimously.

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 only four or five Units in the ACBL have contracted for Directors and Officers insurance through the ACBL. Please talk with your Units about considering the ACBL policy. If more Units participate the rates will be lower. The ACBL is experiencing more litigation now than in any prior year. Dewitt was also awarded a grant to teach bridge in a prison in Fort Worth beginning in September 2002.

Old Business:

Review of changes to the District 16 By-Laws – Tabled until next meeting.

Houston NABC -Eric Snow reported that the Houston NABC held March 7-17, 2002 was an overwhelming success. There were 10,656.5 tables, which is 700 more tables than was forecasted. Both Memphis and Houston made money and the sponsor was very happy and would agree to return. The ACBL wants to return to Houston for a National thanks to the Houston and District volunteers who did an outstanding job. Out-of-townners commented on the wonderful hospitality and food service as well as the playing site.

Childcare - Donna Compton expressed her thanks and the thanks of the families that participated in the childcare service provided here in Austin. She noted that seven children participated; and, should the Board decide to continue to offer the service she would expect several more children in the program. She believes that this is a great way to attract more players.

Tom Corlett made a motion that the District support childcare at each of the three major Texas Regionals. Each hosting Unit is encouraged to include the childcare room when negotiating the contract and thus provide the room for the program. The District would pay up to \$1,000 at each Regional for the room of the Childcare Director. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

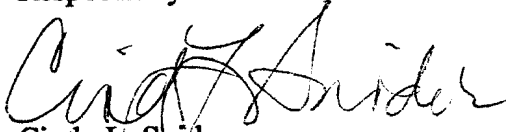
New Business:

The resignation of Cindy Snider was discussed and Al Lochli expressed an interest in the position. Sandy Campbell agreed to take minutes at the September Board meeting. Cindy agreed to write up a Job Description for the Bylaw committee. The By-Law committee will also consider the elimination of the Executive Treasurer's position.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy L. Snider
Executive Secretary
District 16