

DISTRICT V EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING
Saturday, September 1, 2007

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Mike Ryan, Jim Zimmerman

Officer Absent: Dick Early

Representatives

Present: Roni Atkins, Mary Paulone Carns, Arlene Port, John Toy

Representative Sharon Fairchild

Absent:

Guest: Dick Rasmus, District Coordinator

Guest Absent: Sharon Robertson, Fifth Column Editor

WELCOME

At 10:45 a.m., Mike Ryan called the meeting to order.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

The minutes had previously been emailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Treasurer's Report – Dick Early was absent. He provided a brief report previously by phone: The Akron tournament held over Memorial Day realized a profit of approximately \$6000. The audit has been completed by Brian Ellis and all was in order. Dick will not be standing for re-election.

Report of the District Director – Sharon Fairchild was absent. She had previously emailed her report to the members. Of note, STaC Conditions of contest were changed so that if it is a district-wide STaC, all clubs in that district must be offered the opportunity to participate. The change is effective Jan. 1, 2008. Also, Units will be receiving a communication from the ACBL detailing new government regulations affecting non-profit organizations, incorporated or not. Reporting income will be required for all non-profits. Gross receipts will be reported. Units are encouraged to consult a professional if in doubt about how to proceed.

Fifth Column – Sharon Robertson was absent. She had emailed information that there are no problems. Jim reported that the weekly bridge column in the Cleveland newspaper has been discontinued.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

All American Regional – Jim Zimmerman reported that the tournament is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend 2008 and will be chaired by Sharon Fairchild and Barbara Bacon.

Buffalo Regional – John Toy reported that the tournament is scheduled for Oct. 16-21, downtown.

Cleveland Rock and Roll Regional – Jim Zimmerman reported for that the tournament is in January, same place. Chairs are Roni Atkins, Jim Zimmerman, and Barbara Bacon. The tournament has been successful in the past because rents are low at this time of the year.

Pittsburgh Labor Day Regional – (In progress). Attendance is currently down by a few tables. Henry Cuckoff is doing the bulletin in the absence of Sharon Fairchild.

NAOP and GNT – Roni Atkins reported for Sharon Fairchild. The NAOP Qualifier is scheduled for October 13-14 at the Days Inn in Meadville.

STaC – Dick Rasmus reported that the Summer STaC had a profit of \$821, with 759 tables. Attendance was down because unit 116 didn't participate, reflecting a decrease of approximately 150 tables.

OLD BUSINESS

Education and Marketing Committee – Arlene reported that units have not been applying for the funds made available for this purpose. Only 2 units have participated so far. Pittsburgh had a successful program offering supervised play to new students.

GNT Funding – In view of the fact that District 5 no longer funds the GNTs with proceeds from the summer STaC, Mary Paulone Carns reported that, with the help of Sharon Fairchild, she attempted to determine how other districts fund their Grand National Teams. She was able to learn this information from about 1/3 of the districts. Most have situations that don't apply to us, in that they have relatively high entry fees at the club and unit level for these events, and use those proceeds. District 5 doesn't have club or unit levels, however. Two districts impose surcharges on team games at Regionals for this purpose. The possibility of doing something similar was discussed. In the end, the board decided to fund the teams from general district funds. The following motion was passed: **District 5 will provide funding to the players who represent the District in the NABC, at the level of \$250 per team, plus entries. Additionally, units will be**

encouraged to support their local players, and units will be encouraged to run special ACBL-sanctioned games for the purpose of supporting district teams.

Naming Rights – Roni Atkins distributed a proposed schedule for naming rights for District 5 Regionals. The board accepted this schedule:

Naming of Entire Tournament	\$10,000
Name the Entire Day	1,000
4 Session KO Event	500
2 Session Regional Event	300
Side Game Series	200
Single Session Novice Event	100

Distribution of Minutes – Mary Paulone Carns, as acting secretary, asked for clarification regarding distribution of minutes. At the previous full board meeting, the board voted that minutes would be distributed by email to each individual unit representative who would be attending the upcoming meeting. Mary pointed out that she has no way to know who the representatives will be until there is an RSVP, and even then she doesn't have email addresses for each representative. She stated that for this meeting, she emailed the minutes to the unit presidents and asked them to distribute them to the representatives. The board agreed that this procedure could continue.

NEW BUSINESS

Election – The election of officers will occur at the meeting of the full board, to take place Sept. 2. The calendar year for the District starts Oct. 1 so officially the new positions will be assumed then.

STAC Coordinator – Dick and Patty Rasmus will no longer be providing directing/coordination of the STAC. Mary Paulone Carns was appointed as STAC coordinator. Mary has recruited Bill Holt to help with the webpage, and Dick Rasmus will be available to answer questions. Mary will not be in town during STAC week in December and cannot assume this position until Jan. 1, unless she finds help for that week. She will attempt to find someone to do the duties (most of the work is done beforehand, and afterwards. The main work to be done during the event is posting the results on the webpage).

Possibility of Regional Tournament in Erie – Mike presented a letter that he received from Judie Lamberton of Erie, requesting the board to consider holding a Regional Tournament in Erie, at the new convention center. Summer is preferred. A committee was appointed to investigate: John Toy, Jim Zimmerman, Roni Atkins.

Tables for Buffalo Regional – John Toy reported that it will cost \$700 to rent tables for the Regional. The board agreed that purchasing tables would be a good idea, and authorized him to spend up to \$2500 for the purchase of tables. Mary purchased tables for Pittsburgh last year and will provide information to John and Patty Rasmus.

Information for Volunteers – Dick Rasmus reported that a player asked how he could become a board member. A discussion was held including the idea that there could be an announcement in the 5th Column to recruit volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.