

**DISTRICT V BOARD MEETING  
Sunday May 24, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Officers Present: Jim Zimmerman, Mary Paulone Carns, Brian Ellis

Executive Board Members Present: Jan Assini , Sharon Fairchild, Lou Joseph (142), Mike Ryan, John Tscholl, John Toy

Executive Board Members Absent: none

Unit Representatives Present: Jon Wendelken, Dick Early (107); Bill Shaffer (111); Jay Costello, Donna Steffan (116); Ginny Young, Bev Carter, Barbara Bacon, Susan Stark, Sue Pisanelli (125); Judie Lambertson (127); Asim Ulke, Sue McQuillan, Maryanne McNeirney (142); Vicki Goodykoontz (148); Bud Kury (185); Jim Overcashier (213); Barb Grzegorzewski (226); Henry Nelson (229)

Units Not Represented: 129, 177

Guests: Monica Early (chair of All-American Regional); Shirley Irish (127); Jack Goodykoontz (148); Lana Creal (129); Don Little (213); Steve Grzegorzewski (226); Alex Bealles (229); Dick Rasmus (Tourn. Coordinator); Sharon Robertson (5<sup>th</sup> Column Editor)

**WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. The President, Jim Zimmerman, welcomed everyone to the District V board meeting, and all attendees introduced themselves.

**MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes were previously emailed to the members, and were approved.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Jim Zimmerman reported that the Executive Committee requested input from the Full Board on 2 issues:

- Starting time at Regionals: a nonbinding vote resulted in the most votes for 1:00 and 7:00; there were approximately 4 votes each for 1:30 and 7:00, and 1:30 and 7:30. Jim asked the members to also request feedback from the units
- Using average Masterpoints to determine strats in pair games: Members were asked to obtain feedback from their units.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Treasurer's Report**—Brian Ellis presented financial results. The Regionals are making money. The GNT and GNP are losing money, and in addition the District subsidizes team expenses and pays entries. There was a change in accounting method as of January 2009 whereby administrative expenses are separated from Regional Accounting. There has been no audit recently. Brian will ask Jim Breckel to do an audit.

**National Board Items**--Sharon Fairchild distributed a written report, which had been previously emailed to unit presidents. Sharon pointed out that it is important for non-LM's to keep membership current to avoid having to follow the new rules for becoming a LM (more points are required). The ACBL has a new home in Lake Horn, MS (a suburb of Memphis).

**Fifth Column**--Sharon Robertson reported that there are some new correspondents and everyone is getting reports in on time.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **REGIONAL TOURNAMENT REPORTS**

**Cleveland All American Regional** (in progress) – Monica reported that the table count is up over 100 tables to date. Sharon Fairchild, the chair for 2010, plans more KOs and plans to schedule morning pairs games.

**Pittsburgh Labor Day Regional** – Mary Paulone Carns reported that the tournament will be held at the Hyatt Regency at Pittsburgh International Airport. The site is large, bright, and closer to most of the members of District 5 than Monroeville is. There will be more KOs. Mary encouraged attendance and distributed fliers for the members to take to their units.

**Buffalo Regional** – John Toy reported that the tournament will be held from October 20 – 25 on Grand Island.

**Rock & Roll Regional** – Jan Assini reported that Susan Stark is the co-chair. Committees have been chosen. Playing times will be 1:00 and 7:00; KOs will start daily. Those who play in morning games will have approximately 1 hour for lunch. Jan will try to make sure that there is a place to purchase food.

### **NAOP and GNT**

Steve Grzegorzewski reported that the GNT held in Pittsburgh in early May was a minor success. There were 9 tables more than last year and 4 tables more than the 7-year average. There were 10 teams in flight A. The event will be held in Cleveland next year. Jan Assini is working on obtaining a site. The NAP will be held Oct. 10 – 11 in Meadville.

### **STaC**

Mary Paulone Carns reported that plans for the Summer STaC are proceeding well. The ACBL is implementing a change in the method for registration. Mary will notify club directors about what they need to do for the Winter STaC.

### **Website**

Mary Paulone Carns reported that things are going well with the website. She said that there are still some problems with chairs of Sectionals sending their ads to the Webmaster; and not all directors/chairs are sending results in a timely fashion. Members were asked to encourage their Sectional chairs to notify Bill Holt in a timely fashion about their events so that their information can be posted.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Bylaws** – Jim Zimmerman reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws. He pointed out that one change is that members of the Executive Board will have a vote on the Full Board by virtue of their position. These votes, however, will not substitute for votes by the unit. After Jim asked for comments and objections, the proposed bylaws were passed by acclamation.

**Fund for Renaming Labor Day Regional** – Mary reported that the fund totals approximately \$2500, from about 50 contributors. The fund remains open for contributions.

**Education and Marketing** – Jan reported that she is having trouble getting access to schools, and would welcome any help. Barb Grzegorzewski said that she and Steve are teaching in their schools, through the gifted program. Barb will write a letter to Jan outlining what she does. Jan also mentioned the possibility of going to colleges and said that she needs volunteers.

**Youth Bridge** – No report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Olympiad** – Dick Early reported that plans are in place (August 15 – 16). There are 2 sessions Saturday and one on Sunday. He reviewed that this event takes place every 2 years and is for players with under 750 masterpoints, who compete among units. The event is sectionally rated, and held for educational purposes. There is a registration form on the website. Ginny Young mentioned that here is a 299er Sectional on October 17 – 18 in Cleveland.

**Date Conflicts/Sectionals** – John Tscholl discussed the fact that Canton has had a sectional on the same weekend in June for many years, and in recent years Pittsburgh has had a sectional on the same weekend. There was a discussion concerning how difficult it is to schedule sectionals. Dick Rasmus is the District Tournament Coordinator. Pittsburgh's Summer Sectional is later in the summer next year.

**Handicapping KOs** – Dick Early suggested that the district consider changing the method of handicapping KOs. If a team has greater than a certain number of masterpoints (for example, 10,000), then it would get no handicap. Another suggestion made was that handicapping be done in the smaller KOs.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business, at 6:20 PM, the meeting was adjourned.