

**DISTRICT V BOARD MEETING
Sunday September 4, 2011**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Officers Present: Mary Paulone Carns (President), John Toy (Vice President), Brian Ellis (Treasurer)

Executive Board Members Present: Jan Assini , Sharon Fairchild , Lou Joseph, Marc Sylvester, Jim Zimmerman

Board Members Absent: John Tscholl

Unit Representatives Present: Jim Sullivan, Carolyn Sullivan (107); Lynn Rafferty (111); Christine Urbanek, Margaret Clamp (116); Chuck Ladiha, Hope Ellis, Barbara Bacon, Mary Lou Harmon (125); Shirley Irish (127); Asim Ulke, Barbara Bergman, Jane Marshall, Bill Holt (142); Sally Mallett (148); Bud Kury (185); Terry Kessler (213); Barbara Grzegorzewski (226); George Cross (229)

Units Not Represented: 129, 177

Guests: Gary Mallett (148); Jim Kirkstead (185); Jill Otte (213); Steve Grzegorzewski (226); Jane Crowley (229); Alex Bealles (229, Tournament Coordinator)

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM. President Mary Paulone Carns welcomed everyone to the District V board meeting, and all attendees introduced themselves.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

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

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS/CORRESPONDENCE

President Carns began the meeting by thanking all members for their help during her presidency. She announced that the Executive Board has appointed a committee to review the finances and expenses of the District, said committee to be chaired by Jim Zimmerman. In the direction of eliminating non-performing

expenses, the Executive Board has strongly recommended eliminating the print version of the 5th Column which is costing in excess of \$ 6000.00 per year. The online version will continue to be available.

President Carns also noted the following: Due to the limited number of potential recipients for the Howard Lebow Award, in conjunction with the wishes of Howard's sister Marilyn to remove herself from the administration the fund, District 5 will assume the responsibility of administering the fund in conjunction with the Education Committee of the ACBL. More information will be disseminated as it becomes available. She advised the Full Board that any suggestions concerning the disposition of the funds would be welcomed.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Treasurer's Report— Brian Ellis presented the Treasurer's report. (copy attached). Highlights included:

- Current net worth has decreased a few thousand since May 2011. Our net worth has decreased approximately \$ 16,000.00 for fiscal 2011 (August 1 through July 31)
- GNT in Buffalo lost approximately \$ 6300.00
- Cleveland May 2011 showed a profit of \$ 900.00 and this is expected to increase when the final rebates are received from the hotel

Brian advised that the annual loss for the District should begin to reverse in 2012 with the inauguration of the raised entry fees.

There was some general discussion on District expenses at the Regional tournaments, and some questions regarding what type of investments are legal for the District to hold. These were answered by Brian, President Carns and Jim Zimmerman.

National Board Items—Sharon Fairchild distributed her District Newsletter, (copy attached) apologizing for the delay but explained the hold-up was due to the appointment of the new ACBL CEO, a marketing professional who the ACBL hopes will be well suited for the job. His name is Robert Hartman. Sharon also asked all members for suggestions for appointments to the Goodwill and Charity Committees.

Fifth Column—President Carns reported for Sharon Robertson that there are no problems. She again noted the Executive Board's recommendation to dispense with the print version of the magazine.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Pittsburgh "Roni" Labor Day Regional – (in progress) President Carns advised that the tournament was running smoothly, but the attendance has been

down significantly. Mary Lou Harmon noted that the change of date for the Dayton tournament may have had a negative impact on our attendance. President Carns also advised that she was reviewing the starting times for the afternoon and evening sessions, including changing the pair games starting times to 10:00 AM and 3:30 or 4:00 PM, if approved by the Executive Board. She was also considering the possibility of adding a Gold Rush Pairs game (gold point game for players with 750 MP and less.) There are many things to consider before making such changes.

Buffalo Spooktacular Regional – John Toy announced the availability of flyers for the Buffalo Regional. He noted that this year all boards would be pre-duplicated for pairs games as an experiment, and asked for feedback from all attendees.

Cleveland Rock and Roll Regional – Jan Assini reported that the January 2012 Regional is on track.

Cleveland All American Regional – Sharon Fairchild reported that she was working on the schedule, including the addition of a Gold Rush Pairs game(s).

NAOP and GNT

Barbara Bacon reported that the NAOP are scheduled for October 22-23. There is a special room rate available provided early reservations are made. She asked that all members once again remind players of the qualifying games being held at clubs District wide, and to emphasize that the winning pairs in each flight receive a subsidy from the ACBL towards their expenses at the NABC finals in Memphis.

The GNT will be held in Erie at the Erie Bridge Club site, to be held over two different weekends. May 5-6 2012 for Flights A and C; May 19-20 2012 for Championship Flight and Flight B. The Erie Unit is preparing a list of available hotels and restaurants in the area, which will be posted on the website.

There was some discussion on the large losses generated by the GNT event and subsidies. The consensus was that maintaining the event and subsidies was in accordance with the majority of district members' wishes. It was noted that moving the event to Erie was going to decrease the expenses somewhat. Jim Zimmerman noted that his committee will be reviewing the structure of the event.

STaC

President Carns noted that the STaC's are operating smoothly and profitably.

Website

Bill Holt noted that starting with the current tournament, recaps and hand records are available and can be done for all District regional tournaments if so desired. He asked once again that all Units forward tournament flyers to the webmaster as soon as they are approved so they can be posted in a timely fashion.

Membership

Marc Sylvester reported that our current District membership is 3748 members, up approximately 3 1/3% from last year, with the largest increase coming from the Pittsburgh Unit.

Education and Marketing

Jan Assini reported that the Cleveland inner-city teaching program continues to thrive, commended Pittsburgh and Meadville on their programs, and advised there are funds available for those interested in running a teaching program within the District.

OLD BUSINESS

Possibility of NABC in Buffalo – Sharon Fairchild reported that further meetings have been held with the Buffalo Convention Bureau and the ACBL NABC advisory committee. The submitted proposal will not be voted on until November. There are certain problems with multiple sites and logistics, but Sharon feels that if the hotel rooms and rates can be made significantly more attractive than as proposed, the committee may be willing to overlook the perceived shortcomings.

Resolving Sectional Date Conflict – Sharon Fairchild reported that her committee (consisting of S Fairchild, D Petrov and A Bealles) had assembled a questionnaire which they have distributed to the Unit Tournament Coordinators asking for perceived conflicts and choice of locations as expressed by members when more than one tournament is available at the same time. She had not received responses from certain Units, and asked that attending representatives from those Units do what they can to ensure the responses are submitted.

Possible purchase of Duplicating Machine – President Carns noted that the plans for pre-duplicated board at the current tournament did not come to fruition due to many reasons, mainly excess cost. As noted above, the Executive Board has approved the pre-duplicated hands experiment at the upcoming Buffalo Regional tournament.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections – President Carns opened the floor to nominations for the position of President of District 5. Chris Urbanek (116) nominated John Toy. As there were no other nominations, John Toy was elected by acclamation and assumed control of the meeting. He thanked Mary on behalf of all the District members, and noted that she has agreed to assume the responsibilities of District Secretary.

President Toy opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of District 5. Lou Joseph and Marc Sylvester were both nominated – Marc chose to decline the nomination. In the absence of further nominations, Lou Joseph was elected by acclamation.

President Toy opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer of District 5. Hope Ellis (125) nominated Brian Ellis. As there were no other nominations, Brian Ellis was elected by acclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, at 6:30 PM, the meeting was adjourned.

ACBL--DISTRICT 5
FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF 7-31-11

BALANCE 4-30-11		95,237.46
INCOME		
INTEREST	10.03	
PROFIT--CLEVELAND MAY 2011	925.02	
RONI FUND--INTEREST	0.61	
EXCESS HOSPITALITY--CLEVELAND JANUARY 2011	15.18	
SUMMER STAC 2011--GROSS RECEIPTS	5,541.00	
ADVANCES--GNT 2011	552.54	
ADVANCES--CLEVELAND MAY 2011	663.72	
CLOCK RENTAL	25.00	
VARIANCES	7.72	
TOTAL INCOME	7,740.82	102,978.28
EXPENSES		
EDUCATION PROGRAM	181.35	
DISTRICT 5 EXPENSES	4,686.54	
TAX MATTERS	45.00	
WINTER STAC 2010--EXPENSES	500.00	
GNT 2011--TENTATIVE LOSS	3,692.44	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>9,105.33</u>
NET WORTH		93,872.95
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:		
CHECKING ACCOUNT	10,574.63	
MONEY MARKETS AND CD	80,825.39	
RONI FUND	<u>2,472.93</u>	
TOTAL	93,872.95	

ACBL--DISTRICT 5
 FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF 7-31-11
 OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2011

BALANCE 7-31-10		109,680.56
 INCOME		
CLEVELAND MAY 2010--EXCESS HOSPITALITY	158.86	
INTEREST	215.60	
INTEREST--RONI FUND	2.98	
CLOCK RENTAL	100.00	
PROFIT--PITTSBURGH 2010	2,011.91	
PROFIT--BUFFALO 2010	6,787.35	
ADVANCES--BUFFALO 2010	4,400.00	
PROFIT--WINTER STAC 2010	1,210.40	
PROFIT--CLEVELAND JAN 2011	970.12	
GNT FUND GAMES--PITTSBURGH	220.00	
GNT FUND GAMES--BUFFALO	71.50	
PROFIT--CLEVELAND MAY 2011	925.02	
SUMMER STAC 2011--GROSS RECEIPTS	5,541.00	
VARIANCES	<u>6.48</u>	
 TOTAL INCOME	 22,621.22	 132,301.78
 EXPENSES		
BOARD OF GOVERNORS	500.00	
LOSS--NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS 2010	809.97	
ADVANCES--BUFFALO 2011	2,000.00	
EDUCATION PROGRAM	645.66	
ADVANCES--OLYMPIAD 2011	222.48	
BID BOX STORAGE	200.00	
SUMMER STAC 2010--SANCTION FEES	4,420.00	
ADVANCES--NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS 2011	121.27	
DISTRICT 5 EXPENSES	19,973.34	
ADVANCES--PITTSBURGH 2011	5,368.67	
INCOME TAX PREPARATION	300.00	
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2011--TENTATIVE LOSS	3,692.44	
FIDELITY COVERAGE	175.00	
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 	 <u>38,428.83</u>
 NET WORTH	 	 93,872.95
 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS		
CHECKING ACCOUNT	10,574.63	
MONEY MARKETS AND CD	80,825.39	
RONI FUND	<u>2,472.93</u>	
 TOTAL	 93,872.95	

ACBL--DISTRICT 5
 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS--BUFFALO
 MAY 2011

	ENTRIES	ENTRY FEE	TOTAL
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT	2	80.00	160.00
FLIGHT A	10	80.00	800.00
FLIGHT B	11	80.00	880.00
FLIGHT C	7	80.00	560.00
SUNDAY SWISS	4	40.00	<u>160.00</u>
 GROSS INCOME			 2,560.00
 EXPENSES			
DIRECTOR FEES		1,272.80	
DIRECTOR EXPENSES		476.18	
SANCTION FEE		80.00	
CADDIES		158.00	
SUPPLIES		70.40	
ROOM RENT		500.00	
PUBLICITY--FLYERS		86.78	
TABLES		125.00	
HOSPITALITY		500.75	
CO-ORDINATOR--STIPEND		250.00	
CO-ORDINATOR--EXPENSES		<u>436.53</u>	<u>3,956.44</u>
 NET OPERATING (LOSS)			 (1,396.44)
 OTHER EXPENSES			
SUBSIDIES		2,000.00	
ENTRY FEES		<u>296.00</u>	<u>2,296.00</u>
 NET (LOSS)--THIS REPORTING PERIOD			 (3,692.44)
 OTHER EXPENSES--SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED			
SUBSIDIES		2,000.00	
ENTRY FEES		<u>680.00</u>	<u>2,680.00</u>
 NET (LOSS)--ALL REPORTING PERIODS			 (6,372.44)

ACBL--DISTRICT 5
TOURNAMENT REPORT--CLEVELAND
MAY 2011

	ENTRIES	ENTRY FEE	TOTAL
TUESDAY CHARITY PAIRS	35	20.00	700.00
BRACKETED KO--1	70	40.00	2,800.00
SIDE GAMES	353	20.00	7,060.00
WEDNESDAY OPEN PAIRS	44	40.00	1,760.00
WEDNESDAY OPEN PAIRS--1 SESSION	2	20.00	40.00
NLM PAIRS	52	20.00	1,040.00
COMPACT KO--1	46	40.00	1,840.00
SIDE SWISS TEAMS	95	40.00	3,800.00
MORNING COMPACT KO--1	18	40.00	720.00
THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS	57	40.00	2,280.00
THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS--1 SESSION	4	20.00	80.00
BRACKETED KO--2	89	40.00	3,560.00
FRIDAY OPEN SWISS	44	80.00	3,520.00
FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS	55	40.00	2,200.00
FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS--1 SESSION	1	20.00	20.00
MORNING COMPACT KO--2	17	40.00	680.00
SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS	70	40.00	2,800.00
SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS--1 SESSION	1	20.00	20.00
BRACKETED KO--3	71	40.00	2,840.00
SUNDAY A/X PAIRS	20	40.00	800.00
SUNDAY B/C/D PAIRS	22	40.00	880.00
SUNDAY B/C/D PAIRS--FILL-IN PAIR	1	20.00	20.00
COMPACT KO--2	33	40.00	1,320.00
MONDAY A/X SWISS	25	80.00	2,000.00
MONDAY B/C/D SWISS	36	80.00	2,880.00
NON-MEMBER FEES			<u>34.00</u>
GROSS INCOME			45,694.00
LESS FILL-IN ENTRIES			<u>80.00</u>
GROSS INCOME			45,614.00
LESS EXPENSES			<u>44,688.98</u>
NET INCOME			925.02

EXPENSES--CLEVELAND MAY 2011

EXPENSE	CKCB	TOURN SHEET	PERS ACCT	HOTEL	FREE ENTRIES	TOTAL
DIRECTOR FEES		11,163.80				11,163.80
DIRECTOR EXPENSES		2,999.28		1,969.44		4,968.72
SANCTION FEES		4,714.39				4,714.39
DUPLICATED HANDS		120.00				120.00
PRINTOUTS		500.07				500.07
HOSPITALITY	2,400.00			984.72	380.00	3,764.72
BULLETINS				537.12	200.00	737.12
PRIZES	570.00			537.12	120.00	1,227.12
TOURNAMENT CHR MN	965.21	720.00		1,074.24	250.00	3,009.45
CADDIES		1,920.00		537.12	10.00	2,467.12
PARTNERSHIP				549.90	250.00	799.90
TABLES	840.00				80.00	920.00
NON LM	122.86	115.00		447.60	220.00	905.46
ROOM RENT				6,300.00		6,300.00
SUPPLIES		1,255.65				1,255.65
PUBLICITY	663.72			270.00		933.72
WORKERS SUITE	192.12			537.12	20.00	749.24
REGISTRATION					10.00	10.00
BID BOXES					20.00	20.00
ACBL EDUCATION FUND		122.50				122.50
TOTALS	5,753.91	23,630.69	-	13,744.38	1,560.00	44,688.98

DISTRICT 5 EXPENSES
CLEVELAND MAY 2011

EXECUTIVE BOARD--HOTEL	1,342.80
EXECUTIVE BOARD--FREE ENTRIES	530.00
FIFTH COLUMN--FREE ENTRIES	330.00
EDUCATION PROGRAM--FREE ENTRIES	40.00
EDUCATION PROGRAM--DIRECTOR FOR STUDENT GAME	170.00
DISTRICT MEETINGS	915.60
FREE ENTRIES--DISTRICT COUPONS	30.00
DISTRICT SUITE EXPENSES	85.77
TOTAL	3,444.17

ACBL DISTRICT 5
DISTRICT EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2010 THROUGH JULY 31, 2011

	EXEC BD FREE ENTRIES	EXEC BD HOTEL	EXEC BD OTHER	D5 MEETINGS	5TH COL FREE ENTRIES	OTHER FREE ENTRIES	FIFTH COLUMN	EDUCATION PROGRAM OTHER	TOTAL
PITTSBURGH 10	450.00	2,435.04		1,197.70	190.00				4,272.74
BUFFALO 10	300.00	1,565.00			20.00				1,885.00
CLEVE JAN 11	400.00	1,224.21			110.00	50.00			1,784.21
CLEVE MAY 11	530.00	1,342.80	85.77	915.60	330.00	30.00			3,234.17
EDUCATION PROGRAM						40.00		170.00	210.00
FIFTH COLUMN							7,799.22		7,799.22
SECRETARY STIPEND			300.00						300.00
TOURN CO-ORDINATOR			400.00						400.00
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES			88.00						88.00
TOTALS	1,680.00	6,567.05	873.77	2,113.30	650.00	120.00	7,799.22	170.00	19,973.34

ADVANCES OUTSTANDING
JULY 31, 2011

PITTSBURGH--SEPTEMBER 2011

Mary Paulone Carns	5,368.67	Balance
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BUFFALO--OCTOBER 2011

Pat Rasmus	500.00	6-10-10
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Pat Rasmus	<u>1,500.00</u>	3-2-11
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BUFFALO--OCTOBER 2012	500.00	6-10-10
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BUFFALO--OCTOBER 2013	500.00	6-10-10
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NAP 2011	121.27	11-12-10
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OLYMPIAD 2011

K of C Hall	100.00	12-28
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Monica Early	<u>122.48</u>	1-14-11
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222.48

TOTAL	8,712.42	
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