

Minutes of Annual Meeting  
ACBL District 1  
May 20, 2007

Present:

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 Jacques Fradette, Unit 192 ([fradette01@videotron.ca](mailto:fradette01@videotron.ca))

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<p><b>1. Call to Order</b>            The District President welcomed everyone to the meeting. An item to discuss the District language policy was added to the agenda.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes</b>            Moved by Peter Clark and seconded by Jacques Fradette that the Minutes be approved as written. Carried.</p>	
<p><b>3. Treasurer's Report</b>            Peter Clark provided copies of the the 2006 financial report. He noted that our expenditures approximate \$300-\$400 a year, but with additional anticipated expenditures approximating \$1,500 for a District website, we will have to levy a fee to the Units within a couple of years. It was moved by Peter Clark and seconded by K-P Gregoire that the 2006 financial report be approved. Carried.</p>	
<p><b>4. Business Arising from the Minutes</b></p>	
<p><b>a. District Website</b>            Peter Clark asked for the authority to discuss the setup of a District website with Mike Hartop. It was moved by Peter Clark and seconded by Jacques Fradette that he and Mike Hartop be given the authority to establish a website which would cost \$200-\$500 to set up and which would have annual costs approximating \$1,200. Carried            Peter and Mike will send emails to members to ensure information needs are covered. Gilbert April will send an email to Peter Clark outlining some information.</p>	Peter Clark, Mike Hartop, Gilbert April
<p><b>b. Unit Levy</b>            Two options were discussed on ways to raise funds for the District. The first was a per capita levy on each Unit and the second was to place a levy on the District regionals. It</p>	Leo Weniger

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was moved by George Retek and seconded by Martial Chagnon that an annual levy of \$.50 be assessed on the number of PAID tables at District regionals beginning in 2008. Carried with two people opposed..	
<b>c. Sanction Process</b> Leo Weniger reported on behalf of Mike Hartop on the ongoing difficulties getting sanctions to the ACBL on time. He noted that some 09 sanctions are late and that the 08 Sanction for the Montreal Regional is not at ACBL yet.	
<b>d. District Insurance</b> George Retek reported that all Units are now taking advantage of the free liability insurance coverage offered by the ACBL which covers Unit and District Directors and officers.	
<b>e. NAOP 2006</b> Qualifications were a horror story. The ACBL notified two incorrect pairs that they were eligible. After two months, the right pair was notified. The ACBL had to partially cover the expenses for the two pairs who had been incorrectly notified. To make matters worse, the ACBL had now made it a policy that the Distinct Directors not be allowed to call Memphis with problems.	
<b>5. District Director's Report</b> Our District Director's report is available on the Montreal website. George Retek provides reports after each ACBL and WBF meeting. George noted that he had not received any response to his question on whether clubs should be allowed to hold an unlimited number of special games giving double and triple points. Should clubs be limited to having only 25% of their games designated as special games? George wanted to know the opinion of those present. By a show of hands it was clear that most people present felt that clubs should be able to hold any number of special games they wanted.	
<b>6. Ex-Quota Regional</b> Quebec City wants to hold a special regional in 2008 as it is their city's 400th anniversary. George Retek stated that the ACBL does not like to grant approvals for these special regionals. It was unanimously agreed that our District would submit a request to hold an ex-quota regional to commemorate the 400 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Quebec City between April 10-13, 2008, to the Northeast Tournament Coordinating Committee. Should that Committee have no objection to our request, it will be forwarded to the ACBL Board of Directors for approval at the July 2007 meeting. The Quebec unit will supply information of expected attendance, available hotel space and government subsidy.	Leo Weniger, George Retek, Michel Montplaisir
<b>7. District Language Policy</b> There have been situations where people at the table do not understand the other Official Language. As a result, the Montreal Unit has a policy that states that both languages are acceptable at the table. If a person does not understand, then a Director is called to obtain a translation. It was moved by Gilbert April and seconded by Luc Tremblay that the District use the Montreal Language Policy as a model, with the exception of requiring that all Directors be bilingual. Carried. K-P Gregoire will send the Montreal Policy to the Secretary.	K-P Gregoire
<b>8. District Charity Game</b> It was Moved by Jacques Fradette and seconded by Martial Chagnon that the District	Jean LaTraverse

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Charity game be named the John McAdam District 1 Wide Charity Game. Jean LaTraverse is the new Charity coordinator. Jean will contact ACBL to arrange for this Charity game for November 2007.	
<b>9. NAOP Changes</b> The ACBL has made changes to the subsidies offered to the NAOP District qualifiers. The ACBL provides \$700 for 1 <sup>st</sup> place finishers, and \$300 to second place finishers. For the 2007-08 event, 1 <sup>st</sup> prize will go to the pairs finishing first in the Eastern part of our District, and 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize to the winners in the West, providing that each location meets the attendance quotas established by our District. Dates for the Eastern final are: A&C Saturday October 28 <sup>th</sup> ; B on Saturday November 3 <sup>rd</sup> . For the West, all flights will played on Saturday October 21 <sup>st</sup> at Gaetan Thibault's club. These dates are still subject to ACBL approval. Montreal Unit representatives are to ask their Special Events Coordinator to coordinate the Western Split District NAOP Final.	K-P Gregoire
<b>10. GNT Qualifiers</b> We need a coordinator for the event which will take place during the Kingston Regional in May 2008. Leo Weniger will contact Ed O'Reilly to ask him if he would be willing to be the coordinator.	Leo Weniger
<b>11. Committee Reports</b> There was nothing to report from the Judiciary or Education Chairs.	
<b>12. Doug Heron Award</b> Congratulations to Unit 194 for winning the award for largest increase in membership. Leo Weniger will present a certificate at one of their upcoming sectionals	Leo Weniger
<b>13. Split-regional 2008</b> Sanction approval has been obtained for the Miramachi-Kingston 2008 split-regional	
<b>14. Election and Appointment of Officers</b> President           Leo Weniger Vice-President   Gilbert April Secretary        Heather Peckett Treasurer        Peter Clark Education        John Gillespie Charity           Jean LaTraverse Discipline       Martial Chagnon Appeals          Zygmunt Marcinski New Members   Joanne Lynds Special Events/Tournament Coordinator     Mike Hartop Goodwill Committee Chairs            Louise Zicat and Rollande Makarewicz GNT Coordinator TBA Website Coordinator Peter Clark and Mike Hartop Candidates for 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Directors are to provide their names to the ACBL before May 31, 2007.	
<b>15. 2008 Annual Meeting</b> August 2008 on Saturday night in Montreal at Can-Am	
<b>16. Meeting was adjourned</b>	