

Minutes of Annual Meeting
ACBL District 1
August 16, 2008

Present:

Dan Morse-ABCL President
 Leo Weniger, District President (leowen@primus.ca)
 George Retek, District Director (bridgeretek@earthlink.net)
 Heather Peckett, District Secretary (bridgecat@rogers.com)
 Gilbert April, Unit 152 (gapril@mediom.com)
 Ed O'Reilly, Unit 192 (bridgekingston@sympatico.ca)
 Martial Chagnon, Unit 151 (martialchagnon@hotmail.com)
 John Morgan, Unit 192 (johnjmorgan@rogers.com)
 Peter Clark, District Treasurer (pcreeve@rogers.com)
 Kevin P. Gregoire, Unit 151 (kevingregoire@videotron.ca)
 Luc Tremblay, Unit 151 (luke_tremblay@yahoo.com)
 Mike Hartop, Unit 230 (mikehartop@rogers.com)
 Louise Greco, Unit 152 (louisegr789@hotmail.com)
 Jean Castonguay, Unit 151 (jean.cas@sympatico.ca)

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<p>1. Call to Order The District President welcomed Dan Morse-ACBL President and Mrs Morse as guests to our meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes Minutes of the 2007 meeting were reviewed. Attendees are to include Ed O'Reilly, Louise Zicat and Mike Hartop. Item 4c should reflect the fact that the 08 sanction had been lost at the ACBL. Moved by Peter Clark and seconded by Mike Hartop that the Minutes be approved as corrected. Carried.</p>	
<p>3. Treasurer's Report Peter Clark provided copies of the the 2007 financial report. It was moved by Peter Clark and seconded by Jean Castonguay that the 2007 financial report be approved. Carried.</p>	
<p>4. Business Arising from the Minutes</p>	
<p>a. District Website Website is running. The District Director's reports are now included in French and English. Leo Weniger has found someone to translate the District By-Laws, and will arrange to have this done. It would be nice to include some pictures on the site similar to Jonathan Steinberg's site. The Treasurer has paid \$884 for to the website administrator. George Retek asked Peter Clark to set up a contract with the administrator. We have had about 1,500 "hits" on the site.</p>	Leo Weniger, Peter Clark
<p>b. Unit Levy Units now are required to submit \$.50 per paid table from each of their Regional tournaments. All Units having tournaments are paid up except for</p>	John Morgan, Peter Clark

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Kingston which is the responsibility of Unit 192. Montreal paid for 2007 when it was not required to do so. This amount will be adjusted based upon the paid table count at this year's CANAM. Unit 192 will also be required to submit a levy on its Ottawa tournament in October.	
<p>c. Sanction Process Montreal has submitted its applications for tournaments up to 2013. The 2009 application for the Ottawa Regional is not there and there is nothing from Ottawa for 2010. Kingston is sanctioned for 2010 and 2012. Sanctions for Regionals should be in 3 years ahead and for sectionals 1 year in advance.</p>	John Morgan
<p>d. Language Policy. The ACBL says that in Canada both languages are acceptable, thus there is no further need for a policy.</p>	
<p>e. Ex-Quota Regional George Retek said that it was a huge success. Dan Morse said that George convinced the Directors of how important it was to Quebec to have this tournament to help celebrate its 400th anniversary.</p>	
<p>f. Alternate Directors George Retek noted that Nick L'Ecuyer is 1st Alternate and that Leo Weniger is 2nd Alternate. District 1 also elects 3 people to the Board of Governors and only 2 individuals have submitted their names. They are: Jean Castonguay and Mari Retek. Peter Clark is willing to stand also and it was moved by Ed O'Reilly and seconded by Heather Peckett that the District accept Peter's offer. Carried.</p>	
<p>5. Comments by Dan Morse Dan Morse emphasized the importance of getting bridge back into our local newspapers. This will enable us to get new members. The Montreal Unit is discussing putting information on the radio. A club in Arizona puts monthly information in one of its newspapers. Ed O'Reilly mentioned that he has had a column for over 21 years and this has resulted in many people calling for lessons. Gilbert April noted that Quebec is trying to reach non-affiliated clubs and for its next sectional, they will give new members a \$20 rebate on their ACBL membership. Dan Morse concluded by saying that he was impressed by the friendliness of the people at this tournament.</p>	
<p>6. District Director's Report George Retek noted the changes in requirements to become a Life Master which will be effective January 1, 2010. The ACBL Board looked at the requirement that a certain % of Gold points should be earned in pair events. This was not approved. Expert players will still deal with Appeals for NABC+ events.</p>	
<p>7. CBF 2011 Regional The CBF wants to hold its 2011 regional in District 1 and has asked Kingston if they could accommodate this request. Ed O'Reilly has confirmed that the Ambassador Hotel is available. John Morgan said that having the tournament in April, May or June would be preferable for</p>	Ed O'Reilly, Gilbert April

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Ottawa, as having a tournament in September would affect attendance at the CANAM and Ottawa Regionals. Gilbert April said that he has already obtained his sanctions for May 2009 and 2011, thus having it in May would affect their plans. It was moved by Peter Clark and seconded by John Morgan that District 1 hold a CBF Regional and its first choice for a date would be the second week of November. If the Hotel is not available, then we would ask Quebec City to switch its Regional from May to November. Carried. Mike Hartop, George Retek and Jean Castonguay abstained.	
8. District Charity Game The District-Wide Charity Game will be held Thursday November 7, 2008.	
9. NAOP For the 2008-09 event, 1 st prize will go to the pairs finishing first in the Western part of our District, and 2 nd prize to the winners in the East, providing that each location meets the attendance quotas established by our District. Dates for the Eastern final are: Flight A on Saturday October 25, Flight C on October 26 th , both in Halifax. Flight B will be held in Moncton on November 15 th . No dates have been set for the Western finals. The Western winner will receive \$700, the Eastern winner (2 nd) \$300. The third place pair eligible to represent our District will come from the the "Area" having the greatest participation in that event.	Jean Castonguay, Yvon Gravel
10. GNTs They will take place at the Quebec Regional in May 2008. Super Flight and B flights will be held on Monday and Flights A and C on Sunday.	
11. President's Travel Subsidy It was moved by Peter Clark and seconded by Jean Castonguay that the subsidy be increased for 2008 to \$300. Carried.	
12. Doug Heron Award Congratulations to Unit 199 for winning the award for largest increase (10%) in membership.	

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13. Election and Appointment of Officers President Leo Weniger Vice-President Gilbert April Secretary Heather Peckett Treasurer Peter Clark Education TBA Charity Jean LaTraverse Discipline Martial Chagnon Appeals Zygmunt Marcinski New Members TBA Special Events/Tournament Coordinator Mike Hartop Goodwill Committee TBA GNT Coordinator TBA- Website Coordinator Bill Halliday Website Content Coordinator Leo Weniger	
14. 2009 Annual Meeting In Quebec May 2009 on Sunday night between sessions	
15. Meeting was adjourned	