

District 17 Board Meeting
Denver, CO, Regional, 24 May 2014

NOTE: This is a partial summary of the D17 Board Meeting. The final minutes are subject to D17 Board approval at the next D17 Board Meeting in Phoenix, AZ, Oct. 2014.

General

1. Opening remarks from President Darwin Afdahl:
Thanks to Unit 361 and Tournament Chair Bill Beard. The hospitality and playing spaces were excellent. The Denver Regional had 2091 tables as compared to 2226 in 2013, down 135 tables. There were 38 tables in the GNT (Grand National Teams), which are not counted in the total tables.
ACBL CEO Robert Hartman and ACBL Human Resources Director Sylvia Hardin were welcomed and will speak later in the meeting.
After a D17 Regional is approved, the final flyer should be submitted to the D17 Regional Tournaments Chair, Jerry Ranney.
2. Las Vegas, January 2014, minutes were approved.
3. The Treasurer as of May 13, 2014, reported a net worth of \$159,555, including restricted cash of \$3,629 being held for the Denver NABC committee. With a projected loss of \$33,947 for the full year, year-end net worth is estimated at about \$114,799. The major portion loss was due to having a Summer NABC in Phoenix in 2014. This caused the normal summer Las Vegas Regional to be moved to January 2014, and the normal Albuquerque Regional in January to be moved to late February 2014. Albuquerque was guaranteed that they would be reimbursed for any loss in revenue if the average of the revenue fell below the last five-year average. Albuquerque had a loss of tables and was down approximately \$9,370 in revenue. Las Vegas was down 573 tables probably due to Bally's not reducing the room rates to a reasonable rate until just before the tournament.
The 2014 Budget estimated a net loss of \$16,000. Among the major budget expenses were, bid box replacement \$9,000, ScoreCard

\$21,600, GNT (Grand National Teams)/NAP (North American Pairs) \$10,500. In addition D17 each year provides: Board Preduplication \$9,000, BridgeMate rental \$3,000, BridgeResults posting \$540, Reception Subsidy \$3,000, Small Unit Grant Program \$3,000 Youth/Junior Discounts \$1,000. The increase in the D17 Regional table fees of \$12.00 will help the district to continue to provide benefits to our players.

4. Robert Hartman, ACBL CEO said the ACBL has \$6.5 million in the bank, ACBL Score+ should start training in 2015, "Learn to play Bridge" should be out in July 2014, A new ACBL web site will be out June 5, 2014 and will have a free Teaching Manual.
5. Sylvia Hardin, ACBL Human resources Director said ACBL is looking for ways to recruit and hire qualified Tournament Director Candidates. They are considering formal and field training to begin careers as Regional and/or Sectional qualified Tournament Directors.
6. The nominations for the D17 2014 Goodwill Committee were approved and will be posted on the D17 website and included in the ScoreCard. Congratulations to Adair Karlin, the nomination from our Unit. Well Done.
7. The following Small Unit grants were approved:
 - Yuma, AZ, 59 members, \$1,000 to start free duplicate bridge lessons with volunteer teachers.
 - Pueblo, CO, 94 members, \$400 for newcomer lessons and Pro-Am special club games.
 - El Paso, TX, 151 members, \$800 to support 11 week modules for bridge lessons.
 - Northern AZ, 371 members, \$500 to purchase two tournament times so that two rooms can be served.
 - Carlsbad, NM, 60 members, \$300 to purchase a new computer and replace bridge tables.
8. The Western Conference will give each of the districts \$1,500.
9. Winners of the GNT were:
 - Open Flight (3 teams)
Sheri Winestock, Fred Gitelman, Joshua Donn, Las Vegas, and Brad Moss, Denver.
 - Flight A (7 teams)

Barbara Dunkley, Keane Graese, George Vasilevsky, Barbara Vasilevsky,
Las Vegas

Flight B (17 tams)

Bill Stoltey, Gregory Herman, Dawn Foltz, Greg Foltz, Fort Collins, CO.

Flight C (11 Teams)

Karen Carlson, James Culhane, Robert Stansbury, Kevin Stansbury,
Denver, CO

New Business

1. Las Vegas Board Member, John Scibelli reported that the Las Vegas Regional in January 2014 had a loss of approximately \$17,000 due to the loss of tables and the high room rates at Bally's. He requested D17 pay one half of the loss due to an unusual loss due to circumstances beyond the control of the host Unit. This was approved.

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Future Tournaments

1. **Las Vegas NABC July 17-27, 2014**
2. Colorado Springs August 11-17, 2014
3. Phoenix October 6-12, 2014
4. Albuquerque January 19-25, 2015
5. Tucson Feb. 23-March 1, 2015
6. Mesa April 6-12, 2015

Next D17 Meeting

Phoenix, AZ, October 11, 2014

Submitted by:

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District 17 Board of Directors