

DISTRICT 14 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, May 24, 2008
Gopher Regional
Doubletree Park Place Hotel
St. Louis Park, MN

- President Rosella Vanek called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
- The following delegates were present:

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Darlene Anderson
Gus Doty
Wayne Gergen
John Koch
Judy Nassar
Elaine Prebonich

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Rosella Vanek
Linda Webb

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Vern Evans

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Jim Carey
Larry Delfs
Bill Kent
Elaine Olson

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Tony Ames
Sharon Anderson
Mike Cassell
Steve Gaynor
Verda Gould
Marv Riedesel

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Steve Burnham
Bruce Burns
Nancy Wittwer

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Helen Gustafson
John Gustafson

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Sarah Imig

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Sue Himel

MEETING MINUTES

- The District 14 Board Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2007 were approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Sharon Anderson reported and distributed the 2007 Financial Report which was accepted as corrected.

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP)

- Darlene Anderson reported and distributed a written report. The District Finals will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 4-5, 2008 at the Ramada Hotel (formerly the Thunderbird), I-494 and 24th Ave., Bloomington, MN, 952-854-3411. The games will be 1:30 and 7:00 on Saturday and 10:00 and TBA on Sunday. The Gold Point Awards for four sessions are: Flight A – 36, Flight B – 24, and Flight C – 15 (25% Gold, 75% Red).

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

- Sharon Anderson reported for Larry Brobst.
- District 14 Tournament Schedule is located at www.geocities.com/x10max10. Click on “District 14 Tournament Schedule.”
- Sharon distributed the proposed regional tournament allocation schedule through 2024. South Dakota has decided to not host additional regional tournaments.
- Gus Doty moved to accept the revised tournament allocation schedule as distributed. Seconded. Carried.
- Larry has recommended that the District reduce his honorarium from \$750 to \$500 per year. The Board declined his kind offer.

DISTRICT 14 STaC REPORT

- Jonathan Cohn sent a written report because he was unable to attend the meeting due to the birth of his boy, Nicholas John, on Sunday, May 18.
- District 14 STaC is scheduled for June 16-22. Clubs have until June 15 to respond with their registration.
- The next STaC is November 10-16, 2008.

WEBMASTER REPORT

- Larry Delfs reported and read a report from Peg Kaplan with her suggestions.
- The District 14 Board expressed how much it appreciates what Larry and Peggy are doing as webmasters.
- Mike Cassell moved to increase Larry Delfs’ honorarium from \$350 to \$500 per year. Seconded. Carried.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT TASK FORCE

- Sue Himel reported that the Task Force has not met.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- Sue Himel distributed a written report and reported on the San Francisco and Detroit ACBL Board meetings.
- The ACBL has a new policy barring electronic devices in the playing area and areas contiguous to the NABC events.

OLD BUSINESS

- **District 14 By-Laws revision**

- Steve Gaynor moved to approve the District 14 By-Laws as distributed.
Seconded. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board considered a funding request from Clarence “Zip” Mettenburg of the Mount Pleasant Bridge Club to send 8 students to the NABC Junior Bridge in Atlanta on July 3-6.
- Bruce Burns moved that District 14 “fork over” \$300 in support of the Mount Pleasant Bridge Club juniors going to Atlanta this year. Seconded. A discussion followed about concerns with setting precedent. Motion carried.

GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS (GNT)

- Bruce Burns distributed a written report and reported. In addition, Sharon distributed a table count from 1992-93 through 2007-08 prepared by Larry Brobst.
- Bruce Burns moved to distribute \$624/team to each of the four winning teams.
Seconded. Carried.
- Gus Doty moved that District 14 hold its 2009 GNT Finals in Minneapolis, set up as a Swiss Team weekend. Saturday would be a Flighted Swiss Team where any team can play including any qualifiers. On Sunday the top four teams in each bracket among the teams that had previously qualified would play in the GNT finals. Seconded.
Carried.
- There was a discussion with creative ideas for making the GNT more successful in our district. Bruce Burns asked Steve Gaynor and Mike Cassell to help him set up the event in Minneapolis in 2009.

NEXT MEETINGS

2008 FALL MEETING
Council Bluffs, IA
Omaha/Council Bluffs Regional
Saturday, August 9, 2008

2009 SPRING MEETING
Gopher Regional
St. Louis Park, MN
Saturday, May 30, 2009

- Motion was made to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Roe Anderson
Secretary-Treasurer