

As Unit 194's proxy representative for the District 1 Board Meeting, I'm sending this report of the highlights of the meeting. Official minutes of the meeting will come from the Secretary at a later date.

Here are some of the decisions:

1) Ex-quota regional for Quebec City:

Quebec City has asked for an extra regional for April 10-13, 2008, in celebration of the city's 400th anniversary. The Board voted unanimously to support this request to the ACBL Board, although it's unlikely to be granted. The request first has to go to the Northeast Inter-district Coordinating Committee and then to the Board for their meeting at the summer NABC. There is no precedent for this type of request.

2) Unit levy to raise funds for the District:

By unanimous vote, it was agreed to have a \$0.50 levy per paid table from each of the Regionals starting Jan 2008. This was chosen over a \$0.40 levy per member. It works out better for our Unit because we only have a Regional every 2nd year and we get fewer tables per Regional. The money would go to pay for District projects such as a website. It would be lowered or ended if the extra money was no longer needed.

3) District Language Policy:

It was unanimously agreed to use most of the Montreal Unit's policy (but not their requirement for a bilingual Director). The gist of it is that every player has the right to understand what is going on at his table in either English or French, and can ask for translation into his language. This would be in effect at all our District's Regionals.

4) NAOP 2007-08:

The ACBL prize has been reduced to \$700 US for 1st place in the District and \$300 US for 2nd. This year the East will get 1st. No entry fees at the National level.

East Finals: Oct 28th (A+C) and Nov 3 (B).

West Finals: Oct 21st (A,B,C)

5) GNT 2008:

Final will be held at Kingston site of Split Regional next May. No pre-qualifying or subsidy from ACBL or District. Super-flight and B will be on Sunday, Flight A and C on Monday. National Final is at next summer's NABC.

6) John McAdam:

John, who was a well respected player and administrator, passed away in December. To honour him there was a minute's silence at the tournament on Sunday morning. The Board voted to name the District-wide Charity Game, which he worked on for many years, the John McAdam District 1-wide Charity Game. The first one will be held this Oct or Nov.

7) Charity Chair:

The new Chair will be Jean Latraverse Jr. He will organize the Charity Game.

8) Doug Heron Award:

For the Unit with the highest percentage membership increase is again won by Unit 194! A certificate from ACBL and the Unit will be presented at a Sectional in the fall.

9) District website: Now that funds are available, the District will soon decide on who will create the website and how it will be maintained. It is hope that the website will be up and running in the not too distant future.

10) Sanctions:

A reminder that sanction applications are required by ACBL well in advance. Sectional sanction for 2009 should have been submitted by now, and Regional sanctions should be submitted 3 years in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

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