

Unit164Minutes -1/17/15 - Attachment 1

DISTRICT 11 BOARD MEETING of 11/8/2014 REPORT

at Louisville/Lexington Regional Tournament

- We were honored by the presence of ACBL Outgoing **President, Phyllis Harlan**, who stressed the importance of the great volunteers across the country which make the duplicate bridge world so successful.
- The District 11 **Treasurer** reported a bank balance of \$29,033.30.
- The Board approved the use of 2013 and 2014 Grassroots money to cover the increased awards for the **NAP winners**. In addition, a new bracket 4 winner has been added. The first place pair will get \$100 more, the second place pair \$200 more and the 3rd place pair \$300 more. These funds are in addition to the funds coming directly from ACBL in the amount of \$700 per person for first place and \$300 per person for second place in any of the Flights.
- District 11 subsidizes expenses for the District 11 **GNT winners** in each flight for the National Competition \$500, plus \$500 to each team provided the Team's home Unit matches that amount. When the home Unit commits to matching this amount, the qualifying Team(s) are thus guaranteed \$1,500 per team for expenses to the GNT National Finals, which in 2015 will be in Chicago in August.
- Beth Reid reported that the ACBL GNT Committee has finally decided to award a second place finisher in the A bracket a total of 8 mp's vs 0 in previous years. This was an ongoing debate over the last 3 or so years.
- Larry Jones reported that Cincinnati will host the NAP event until further notice and Dayton will host the 2015 GNT event and further events until another Unit comes forward with an acceptable proposal to host the event.
 - *The 2015 NAP will be held in Cincinnati November 14 and 15.
 - * The 2015 GNT will be held in Dayton January 24 and 25.
- The Board also approved a motion to have Larry Jones, the GNT Coordinator, update the Conditions of Contest and send out to the District 11 voting members for approval.
- Midwest Monitor is online and can be easily accessed from the District website.
- LBIAD stipends of up to \$500 for those clubs offering classes within a week or two of LBIAD. Also ACBL now has an interactive software program, **Learn to Play Bridge**, online and ready to use. This program is designed for young players.

Sondra Holt
1/13/2015