

2) The district and unit have no time limit policy on requests for reimbursement after the finish of a class. ACBL has a 6 month limit. Reimbursement is through the clubs – the clubs pay the teachers and then the clubs are reimbursed by the unit & district. Dick will report back at the next meeting with a standing rule change on a time limit.

3) Dick reported that the District is very slow on Educational reimbursements and he is working with David Siebert to get those responsible to improve this.

C) Tournaments

1) Marilyn Biegler reported for Cindy on the **Resort City Regional**. As of Saturday afternoon the table count was up approximately 70 tables over 2006 and approximately 170 over 2008 (smaller attendance in 2008 due to Mother’s Day and the Oklahoma City Regional conflicts).

2) **Dick Heil** reported that the 2010 **LR Open Sectional Tournament** will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday & Saturday, 7/9 & 10 and the Swiss Team will be held on Sunday, 7/11 and the Little Rock Bridge House. The Board suggested to Dick Heil, tournament chair, that the Sunday game offering should be expanded from the “8 is enough” Swiss so that those who do not want to play in this format are able to have a game to play in.

3) **Betty Schultz** is waiting until after the regional tournament to set up the **Hot Springs Village 299er** committees. Please encourage your 299er players to attend.

4) **Teri LaBove** stated that Russ Jones will be the director-in-charge at the **DeGray Sectional**. The 2011 tournament is in direct competition with Dallas. They may change the date of their tournament. If not, it shouldn’t hurt DeGray because few people from the Dallas area attend.

5) The Board thanked **Cindy Devish** for her many years of service as Chair of the **Resort City Regional**. What a great job she has done. The success of the last five regional tournaments is the result of Cindy’s expertise, dedication, leadership and attention to the smallest detail. The Board appreciates all of her efforts. Betty Schultz made a motion that the Board shows its appreciation for all that Cindy has done as chair of the regional tournaments with a \$100 gift certificate to Cindy’s favorite restaurant. Seconded by Bob Case and unanimously approved. Marilyn will send a letter of appreciation along with the gift certificate.

D) Russ Jones, Special Games Coordinator, was out of the country and sent the following report:

North American Pairs (NAP) - [Conditions of Contest](#)

Club level qualifications are held during June, July and August.

After qualifying at the Club level you will be eligible to play in the Qualifying Round at the Unit level. B and C players will compete together in a stratified 2 session Unit Qualifying Round where 60% of all pairs in each strata will qualify to compete in the District Qualifying round. As a special incentive to compete, Unit 161 is awarding a stipend of \$100 to each B and C pair that qualifies in the Unit Round and then also competes in the District Level competition. Overall awards are 10% gold for B and 5% gold for C, with the remainder of the points being red at sectional rating.

1. Unit qualifying sites for flights B and C. Unit qualification is not required for Flight A:
 - o Little Rock Card Club - Saturday October 30 at 9:30 am
 - o Jonesboro Bridge Studio - October 16 at 10:00 am
 - o (All unit members can play at either site but not both)
2. Cost for the 2-session event - \$20 per pair
3. Points: Unit qualification awards Gold and Red points for Flights B & C.

District Qualifying for Flight A - Tunica, MS, September 2010

District Qualifying for Flight B & C - Jackson, MS, Jan 14-16, 2011

At the District level, in [Districts](#) with four qualifiers, the 1st place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. Even if you do not win at the District level you

may still win the stipends to attend the Nationals. In the past few years the top Qualifiers at the District level have not been able to attend the Nationals so the next pair automatically moves up.

Flights for this exciting event are: (Masterpoints as of 2010 June masterpoint cycle).

(The June masterpoint cycle is run by ACBL data processing in May 2010. Any points won but not included in this cycle do not affect masterpoint eligibility.)

C Level 0 - 500 AND must be a Non-Life Master

B Level 0 - 2000

A Level Open to all Levels

National Finals: Spring 2011 NABC Louisville, Kentucky

The NAP information is on the web. Please advise your clubs. The LR club reimburses their pairs \$50 per pair if they attend the Jackson district finals. The unit reimburses each pair \$100 for attending.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A) The president appointed the following nominating committee: Art Pfeifer, Chair, Russ Jones and Becky Rice. A motion was made by Teri LaBove to accept these appointments, seconded by Margaret Kelly and unanimously approved.
- B) The president appointed Dick Chapman to review the treasurer's books and report to the Board. A motion was made by Dick Heil to approve Dick Chapman, seconded by Bob Case and unanimously approved.
- C) Dick Heil made a report on the LR club's membership efforts using the ACBL In-and-Out report. Listed below are the actions he has taken with each section of the In-and-Out report:

Section: **New Members**

- 1) Review for ACBL Numbers to update Club ACBL Score and his personal database.
- 2) Review to determine if any new ACBL members in local area are members of LRDBC, if not members of the LRDBC, contact them (phone & mail) invite to our Club.

Section: **Reinstated Members**

- 1) Update ACBL Score and personal databases.
- 2) Review to determine if any reinstated ACBL members in local area are members of LRDBC, if not members of the LRDBC, contact them (phone & mail) invite them to our Club.

Section: **Transfers Out of Your Unit**

- 1) Update ACBL Score and personal databases.

Section: **Deleted from Membership - Deceased**

- 1) Update ACBL Score and personal databases.

Section: **Name, Address or Phone Changes within Your Unit**

- 1) Update ACBL Score and personal databases.
- 2) Review to determine if any new ACBL members in local area are members of LRDBC, if not members of LRDBC, contact them (phone & mail) invite to our Club.

Section: **Non-Life Masters Changed to Inactive Status**

- 1) Personally contact each person by phone or in person and determine reason for failing to renew.
- 2) As appropriate invite person to Club for a free game.
- 3) Update report and return to Unit Secretary with reason codes.

Section: **Life Masters Sent First Renewal Bill**

No action taken.

Section: **Non-Life Masters Sent First Renewal Bill**

No action taken.

Section: **Life Masters Sent Second Renewal Bill**

Non-Life Masters Sent Second Renewal Bill

- 1) Review lists, if active players with Club take no action.
- 2) If not active in Club, contact to determine their level of interest in continuing to play bridge.

Sections: **New Junior Masters, New Club Masters, New Sectional Masters, New Regional Masters, New NABC Masters, New Life Masters, New Bronze Life Masters**

- 1) Update personal database with new and increased Life Master ratings.
- 2) Insure Newsletter editor has the name and rankings and include in the Newsletter.

Dick said it takes between 30 minutes to 1 hour each month to update.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A)** A discussion was held re the Unit Team Championship being removed from the DeGray Sectional and moved to an earlier date and rotating to different clubs each year. Betty Schultz and Teri LaBove will study the feasibility and report at the next meeting.

- B)** Teri reminded the board that the Unit would reimburse only one Tournament Assistant Director test per club per year as per Standing Rule #26.

There will be no Board meeting in July at the LR Sectional. The next meeting is scheduled for the DeGray Sectional, Saturday, November 6th at 8:00.

The meeting was adjourned.

Some business may be conducted between meetings by email.

Marilyn Biegler, Secretary/Treasurer