

American Cribbage Congress
Board of Director's Meeting
SANDS REGENCY CASINO HOTEL – RENO, NEVADA
FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Valerie Sumner led the **Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll call: Present: Dave Aiken, Henry Bergeron, Dave Campbell, Tom Cookman, Annett Eiffert, Willie Evans, Richard Frost, Roland Hall, Don Hannula, Jeanne Hofbauer, Roy Hofbauer, Ron Logan, Bob Milk, Dave O'Neil, Larry Phifer, Bruce Sattler, Todd Schaefer, Phyllis Schmidt, Peggy Shea, Jeff Shimp, Wayne Steinmetz, Valerie Sumner, Keith Widener. Approved absence for Pat Barrett & Bill Medeiros.

Approved Agenda

Action: Peggy S. made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Valerie S. **Motion Approved.**

Minutes of the September 19, 2014

Action: Jeanne H. made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Roy H. **Motion Approved.** Henry B. opposed the minutes as presented.

Updates for Syl Lulinski TOC & JPW/ACC Open: Don H. said he sent out 1,823 invitations mostly through Grass Roots Directors. He mailed out less than 50 entries which resulted in a savings of over \$400. He currently has 452 entries for the TOC, and will accept entries for the TOC up to the last minute. He said we have 125 helpers on the volunteer list, and Peggy S. and Don H. would like to thank everyone for donating their time to help with both tournaments.

Peggy S. said we have 703 players currently registered for the JPW Open and expects to have an additional 40 to 50 entries. We hope to have 750 players. Last year we had 746 players.

Update Grand National XXXIV: Scott K. reported that he has many sponsors for the tournament. He said that there are 121 rooms available at the host Hotel and he encourages everyone to make their reservation as soon as possible. Don Thienel will be hosting a Weekday tournament prior to GN 34 in Omaha NE at the Comfort Inn. Don T. has secured a rate of \$79 for the rooms, with free parking and a hot breakfast during the tournament.

Update Grand National XXXV: Bruce S. said everything is coming along for the GN in 2016, the organizers are himself, his brother Steve and David C. Paul Barnes will be the director of the Consolation. Bruce S. said there are 3 major International Airports that players can fly into and that the Metro is within walking distance of the host Hotel so this is a great way to see D.C. The Hotel has also agreed to provide complimentary parking for any Hotel Guest, free internet, fitness center and indoor swimming pool, with a guaranteed hotel rate of \$99 per night. Bruce S. also shared that there will be a Mid-week tournament on Wed-Thurs. before the GN. Dates of the tournament will be Oct 4th-9th, 2016. Bruce S. said he would like to express his gratitude to Jill Kraatz for negotiating and getting a great rate and contract. He suggested that other members contact her in the future if the need arises.

Bids for Grand National XXXVI: Todd S. reported that there is only one bid submitted for the 2017 GN, which was Peggy S. and Rick S. to be held at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort on September 9th-10th 2017. Peggy S. reported that Chinook Winds Casino has been very generous with their proposal with no requirements for rooms and meals, and are willing to provide the playing site for no charge including the Mid-Week tournament scheduled for Wed-Thursday prior to the GN. Chinook Winds will also contribute \$2,000 for the tournament payout, \$500 towards the cost of the awards, and also provide complimentary decks of cards, pens, coffee, tea and soda for the entire event. Henry B. reported that he did not think that we should allow the GN to be held that weekend as he has a long running tournament that conflicts with that date and we should not vary from the dates that are set in the Policy manual. Henry B. reported that he was told that he could still have his tournament on the same date as the Grand National as he

has ran this tournament for over 15 years and has a large attendance. Jeanne H. asked Henry B. to consider making a change for that year in consideration of this GN as she had done this in the years past in Longbeach, WA. There was discussion that many tournaments have to be flexible in the months of Sept. thru October due the GN schedule changing year to year, and there is a two year advance notice for tournament directors to adjust their dates of tournaments. Peggy S. is asking that the BoD allow her an exception to hold this tournament one week earlier than what is stated in the Policy Manual, this would allow anyone traveling to Oregon for the GN, also attend the long running North Bend tournament on Labor Day weekend, just prior to the proposed dates. **Action:** Valerie S. made a motion to make an exception for the 2017 GN XXXVI to be held one week earlier. Dave O. 2nd motion. **Motion approved.** **Action:** Larry P. made a motion to accept the bid for the 2017 GN XXXVI to be held in Lincoln City OR, at the Chinook Winds Resort. Phyllis S. 2nd motion. **Motion approved.**

Membership Secretary's Report: Larry H. distributed the most recent report showing our membership has increased slightly so far this year. Larry H. reported that we have 16 active ACC members with their State ACC number being #1. Dave A. said he would write an article for Crib World sharing this information.

Treasurer's Report: Marlene L. discussed the income statement, comparative balance sheet and cash balance sheet; she reported the ACC investment has grown from \$50,000 to \$53,409. There was \$3,000 transferred out in November which left a balance of \$50,409 in the investment account. She stated that the ACC normally has an average balance in the checking account of \$120,000. At one point the account did go to \$90,000 and that this is a concern for her, with the account currently setting at \$105,000 at the end of February; also taking into consideration the increase in the monthly stipend to the Crib World Editor and the Membership Secretary. There was discussion around our account balance falling lower and that we have a large investment in our new software for the ACC which would reduce the balance even lower. Marlene L. did report that at this time of the year we are usually lower as the all the money from the GRRT & GRNT not yet been deposited, and the expenses paid out. Jeff S. suggested that we could increase the sanctioning fees for tournaments from the current \$2.00 per person. It was also discussed that we could charge a sanctioning fee for consolation tournaments, increase the Grass Roots fees, and or increase the ACC membership fees. Ron L. asked if there was a need to have a reserve account balance. Jeanne H. said that we have the responsibility to monitor the money and the balance that the ACC has in reserve, and we need to keep that in mind and figure out what is a comfortable amount. Jeanne H. asked anyone that might have any ideas or suggestions about this to bring it back to the BoD for further discussion. **Action:** Bob M. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; 2nd by Dave C. **Motion approved.**

Hall Of Fame Voting: Dave C. reported that Pat B. is not able to attend the meeting due to delayed flights. When Pat B. does arrive he will work with Jeff S., Joy S., Lana N., and Dave C. and report the outcome of the HOF voting. Dave C. suggested that Pat B. send out the information a week prior to the tournament so we have the information for the BoD meeting.
(Final count of voting did not result in any candidate in being elected to the HOF for this year.)

Old Business:

Pay Pal Update: Dave C. reported that Larry H., Barbara W. and he are still working on this project, and assures the BoD that they will be ready to bring back to the BoD in September.

Update tournament director's handbook: Roy H. said the handbook is up to 17 pages so far and he is still working with Dave O. and they hope to have it ready to distribute at the next BoD meeting. Dave O. asked the BoD if anyone has a suggestion on where to have the final document printed to contact him.

Technology committee update- New Masterpoint software: Dave C. reported that Paul G. will write the program for the new software program with Denny M. assisting as needed. Previously it was proposed that the program would cost \$25,000. Dave C. proposed to the BoD that we pay \$800 per month for 2 years (\$19,200) to Paul G. and Denny M. would receive approximately \$4,400 for his assistance. The BoD agreed the need for a contract detailing exactly what would be completed in Phase 1 of the project with the date of the program to be up and running to be August 1st, 2015 which would include the additional masterpoints we passed for the lower half of the qualifiers. Dave C. wanted to clarify that masterpoints would be awarded to Double Elimination tournaments along the same format that we passed with 5 points for Main and 3 points for Consolation tournaments. A straw poll was taken, and it was agreed that this would be in effect for Double Elimination tournaments as well: **Action:** Peggy S. made a motion to earmark \$24,000 for the New Masterpoint software project Phase 1, to be paid on a monthly basis as proposed. Bruce S. 2nd motion. **Motion Approved.**

Proposal to monitor tournament late fees: Roy H. reported that he does not believe that we should allow tournament directors to charge late fees as they are very hard to track and many directors do not report late fees on the reports. Roy H. said you can reward the people who enter early by entering them in a drawing for those who pre-enter by a certain date. There was discussion against late fees which included: discourage attendance, can't track where money goes, no limits on how much is charged. Discussion in support: need to have the number of entries for lunch, tournaments start late due to walk-ins, directors not always able to accommodate so many walk-ins. Jeanne H. reported that this has been an ongoing problem and this is just one area that a director could be dishonest if they wanted to be. It was said that it should always be included in all postings relating to payouts so the members can see where their money is paid out. **Action:** Roy H. made a motion that there would no longer be any tournaments that could charge a late registration fee. Bruce S. 2nd motion. **Motion Failed.** 10-For 10-Against 2-Abstain 1-missing

Action: Bob M. made a motion to bring this vote back to the BoD next meeting. Roy H. 2nd motion. **Motion Approved.**

Proposal for rules app: Bob M. reported that he does not have an update on this proposal, but will bring it back to the next BoD meeting. Bob M. reported that he will not be running for the BoD next year, so Dave C. will report back to the BoD.

Website Addition Committee: There was discussion asking if this would be a place that we would list the suspended players, and when their suspension would end. There were concerns brought up that posting name of suspended players on our website might cause problems. Valerie S. said that having this posted online would help Grass Roots directors during weekly tournaments. Todd S. said this should not present a problem for Diane W. but asked if this list would include the members that have a life time suspension. Dave A. said that he does not believe that we should post every month the names of the suspended players as we should come off as positive form of communication rather than negative. Jeanne H. asked Ron L. to talk with Diane W. about the security of this with a no crawl rule so it would not present problems for the suspended players if someone were to Google their name online. Henry B. reported that he formed a committee with Phyllis S. and Bob M. and they will bring back suggestions to the BoD in September.

Long Match Masterpoints: Dave A. asked the board to consider awarding some sort of masterpoints to Long Match players. It was reported that we have many long matches being played all over the US and it might be difficult to monitor the participants and the accuracy of the results. Annett E. and Brion N. will be on the committee to come up with a proposal at the next BoD meeting.

Random Order of Names on Ballet in Crib World: Dave A. discussed the order in which the order the BoD candidates would be listed in the Crib World. This could be done by doing a random listing in alpha order, or assign a number to each candidate and do a random draw for the order. A straw poll was taken

and it was agreed that we would assign a number to each candidate and do a random draw. A committee of three BoD members will draw a number to be assigned to each candidate in early March.

Tournament Payouts: Dave C. reported that he has seen the payout structure that Todd M. has created and he believes this to be a good standard. Dave C. said he would like to see if he could create a program that would automate the payouts based upon the number of players and the amount of payouts. There was discussion that many directors have different structures in which they payout, so this will just be a guideline for directors to use if they choose. Roy H. suggested that we have Diane W. upload the program to the website for directors to use if they desire.

Privacy Issues: Dave A. asks the BoD to consider that adopting a policy that would protect members from several situations that could cause them harm. Some of the areas that Dave A. brought up were members that took time off from work, Marital/relationship issues, and or Disability payments based on a person not being able to perform their normal work duties. Dave A. believes that these members should be protected by the ACC and that we should note that on our ACC applications, and also make the ACC website password protected so outside individuals could not access in order to protect the ACC from any legal action. Dave A. reported that in some cases members that have their name listed as winning a tournament which would infer that there is a cash prize being paid. Keith W. stated that any money earned from cribbage winnings is supposed to be listed as Hobby winnings on their tax forms and then you can also list your expenses as well. There was great discussion around this topic and most everyone felt that members should be proud of any accomplishments that they achieve and it should be reported in crib world and on our website. Many felt that we should not assist anyone in being deceitful with regard to their employment, relationships or disability claims, and the tournaments are public events and therefor the expectation of privacy is not there. Jeanne H. reported that she contacted an attorney and she was told that as long as we are being truthful and not deceitful we do not bare any legal responsibility. Jeanne H. reported that it has already been added to the membership application that says *"Your name and City/State may occasionally appear in the CW and/or on the ACC web site"*. Jeanne H. read from the Policy manual which covers our legal position and states that member's names could be posted. Jeanne H. said that we also have a policy that addresses sexual harassment where it states "anything detrimental to the ACC" and that it is not tolerated and it was put in several years ago. A straw poll was taken to see if there is any interest in following through with a Privacy Issue: the majority of BoD members did not support this idea.

Elimination of Life Memberships: Dave C. reported that in 1999, 11% of our memberships were Lifetime members, and we are now setting at 25% in 2014. There was discussion around increasing the age of becoming a life member this would help with our reduced balance in our checking account, or offering a discount if members paid for multiple years at one time. It was said that we would not take away anyone who has already reached that level. Jeanne H. asked that a committee be formed to look at the financial implications of the membership fees and bring back a proposal to the next BoD meeting: Committee is Keith W., Jeff S., Larry H., Marlene L., Dave O., Terry W. and Dave C. as the chair.

ACC email address for BoD Members: Annett E. said she believes that every BoD member should be given a Cribbage.org email address. We currently have 2,500 email addresses available for use and each person would have a Cribbage.org email with their name and then they could choose to have an alias so their email would be forwarded to their own personal. This would allow consistency and a simple contact for any ACC member to contact a BoD member. It was said that if someone was no longer on the BoD their email address would become deactivated. This item was decided to be tabled until our new website is up and running.

Proposal to have a dedicated email address as a suggestion box for membership: Tom C. would like to see a dedicated email address that would serve as a suggestion box for our membership. This email address would be in Crib World and advertised that BoD members want to hear any and all

ideas. Every email should be answered by a BoD member and analyzed for possible inclusion as a proposal to the BoD for a vote at a future meeting. Tom C. said he would also need to have someone take over the current email address (Beyond Board Position) that he is monitoring as he is no longer going to be on the BoD. Roland H. and Ron L. agreed to take over the current email that Tom C. was answering and Tom C. will work with both members.

Tom C. said that he sent out several agenda items that Wayne Momsen would like to address. Jeanne H. advised Wayne M. that several of his items are relating to Grass Roots, and that he needs to attend the Grass Roots meeting to discuss any of these items relating to Grass Roots. Wayne M. discussed his concerns about the declining membership. Wayne M. said he wonders why we have two separate websites and point systems between the ACC and the Grass Roots organizations and he feels that we should merge the two systems. He believes this would create excitement for any member that scores points to go to one site and see their achievements. Jeanne H. said that have two separate sites for reporting points based upon how or where they earn the points. Jeanne H. suggested that we add the standings of the Grass Roots to the main ACC webpage to give more recognition to the Grass Roots players that are setting high in the standings. There was discussion that if we were to add all points earned from Grass Roots, Weekend Tournaments, and the Internet, this would cause problems and would not be a fair comparison. Wayne M. also said that he believes that making Doubles Tournaments a Sanctioned event would increase membership as many members play in the doubles tournaments with their spouse and this will increase membership and keep the members we currently have. Jeanne H. said that if we did consider doing something like this, it would have to be on a separate point structure similar to Grass Roots and the Internet and if we did, someone would have to monitor this. Dave A. will head a committee with Willie E. and Ron L. Keith W. and Wayne M. to bring back a proposal with regard to sanctioning Doubles Tournaments. Jeanne H. asked Joan R. and Diane W. to work together to get the Grass Roots top players listed on the main ACC website. Wayne M. brought up concerns regarding the Code of Ethics and rude players and what direction tournament directors are given in order to handle the rude member. Jeanne H. said that this is going to be covered in the Tournament Directors Handbook coming out soon that say's Directors have the right to suspend any player at that time if they deem it necessary or appropriate. Ron L. said that he will provide an article to be put in Crib World which addresses Rude Behavior, and believes the idea of having the tournament director contact the Ethics Committee when there is a problem with rude players is a good one. Wayne M. said he also believes that the ACC should consider awarding a scholarship for children of ACC members. Jeanne H. asked Wayne M. to work with Norm N. and see if there is something else that we can do to promote the ACC.

Proposal to change BoD attendance policy: Keith W. made a proposal to change our BOD attendance policy. Currently if a member misses "more than 50%" of the BoD meetings in a given 2 year term and it is UNEXCUSED the member is removed from the BoD. A member can miss every meeting if excused by the Executive Committee. Since we only meet 4 times in an elected term, Keith W. feels this is unacceptable. Keith W. said that when we submit our name as a candidate for the BoD, we are committing ourselves to attending the meetings, and if we cannot attend those meeting - for whatever reason - then we are not doing our duty and not serving the ACC or the members that elected us, and should step aside and let someone else serve. This applies even in the case of illness, travel problems, family emergencies, etc. Jeanne H. said that this is a very difficult situation and she is the one that has to make the call when a BoD member has to be removed. This has happened once in the past where Sharon H. was removed due to her health not allowing her to attend the BoD meetings. Jeanne H. said that people do get sick and have issues that do not allow them to be in attendance and she feels that this new rule that is being proposed is much too harsh. Don H. said that this is a totally cruel way to handle this situation as one year a person might be sick and then what happens if they have a death in the family and they miss one more meeting, they would be removed. It was brought up that some of our BoD members have travel challenges and have not been in attendance twice in the current term and with this new policy they would no longer be on the BoD. There was discussion regarding BoD member attending via Skype, but it was also said that this could create a problem if the BoD members chooses to attend via Skype verses attending in person along with adding time to the meeting. Peggy S. said that

she believes each BoD member should commit to the 4 meetings during their term barring any unforeseen emergency that comes up, but maybe a solution could be that the BoD member missing, could appoint someone to listen in to the meeting and take notes and report back so they can stay informed of actions taken or things that will be brought back to the next BoD meeting. Jeanne H. asked if there was any way that we could make the meeting available to the missing BoD member via conference call. Keith W. brought up his concern that we really do need to have every member in attendance so we do not have ties during the voting session. Larry P. said that most organizations have the President not vote during the meetings and they then become the tie breaking vote if needed. Jeanne H. said that she was elected by the membership and she believes she is entitled to vote on all items before the board. **Action** Keith W. proposed that we change the policy to allow for only 1 excused absence in a 2 year term and no unexcused absences. Peggy S. 2nd Motion. **Motion Failed.**

Committee Reports:

Executive –Jeanne H reported that Ron L. is stepping down from the Head of the Ethics Committee and that Valerie S. will be his replacement. The BoD thanked Ron L. for serving as the Head of the Ethics Committee. Tammy G. is the new Internet Commissioner with John S. serving as the back-up. Flowers were sent for Donna Hassett’s funeral services.

Ethics- Ron L. said he enjoyed his time as Chairmen of the Ethics Committee and wishes Valerie S. good luck. Ron L. reported he received 24 situations which resulted in 14 actions taken. There were 4 suspensions (2 for 6 months and 2 for 12 months), and 10 warning letters relating to rude behavior and language with the large majority at the Grass Roots level. Ron L. said he will write a letter for Crib World announcing the process of how a member can report an incident relating to bad behavior.

Grass Roots- Joan R. reported that we have the Grass Roots meeting set for 8:00 p.m. on Friday and everyone is encouraged to attend. Joan R. wanted to thank Ron L. for his assistance in addressing the ethical issues that came up in the Grass Roots Clubs. Joan R. also reported there are 8 clubs in Division 4 which is the Lite Club (6 games), one club which has no members as it is a youth club. We currently have 194 Grass Roots Clubs. Jeanne H. asked if there was any information about a Grass Roots Club in the prison system. Joan R. did not have any information on that.

Internet- Tammy G. began by thanking the BoD for selecting her as the Internet Commissioner and John S. as the back-up. Tammy G. reported that we had over 800 ACC members signed up for internet tournaments, but only 200 actually play each week, so she is working with Paul G. to send out a questionnaire in March asking why they do not want to return to playing internet cribbage. There have been 150 tournaments so far as of the end of January with the goal of having 300 Internet Tournaments this season. There is a listing the top 10 Internet players posted on the website. Tammy G. reported that Game Colony is not very user friendly and many people complain about the site. Tammy G. asked if she could get more information about what the financial relationship is with Game Colony so we could contact them and provide some feedback that some of the players have. All duties have been divided between Tammy G. and John S. and they talk weekly and Tammy G. has taken the lead with regard to communication.

Judges: Jeff S. announced that he still needs nominations for Senior Judges and if anyone has any suggestions for candidates, to please send them to him for consideration for current and or future vacancies. Jeff S. said that any person recommended by one of the BoD members or tournament directors would be considered with a goal to have representation from each region. There was discussion around some members that are judges, but never get up at tournaments to make judging calls.

PR/Publicity- Norm N. reported that he submitted an advertisement for the Square Dance programs last week and is not sure when it will appear in their program. Norm N. said the PR committee is still working on ways to get the ACC out there for others to hear about us.

Rules: Wayne S.-*Several rule changes were presented at the meeting by the Rules Committee and were acted upon by the Board. However, all actions regarding these changes have been set aside by agreement of the Executive Committee and the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee has proposed wording changes to these rules that will need to be presented to the entire BOD, so they will be revisited at the September Board Meeting. The approved action to print a new rule book will therefore also be altered.*

Tournament Commissioners: Roy H. reported that he had 50 new bracket boards printed, both 32 and 128 boards. Roy H. also said that there have been some problems getting the awards distributed to the members that do not attend the awards banquet at the GN each year, and we need to find out who is going to be responsibility to get them to the members. Roy H. is asking that Joan R. be responsible for the GR awards and maybe the GN tournament director responsible for the other awards. Henry B. said that FedEx can supply a box for a flat rate and send out the awards for anyone not in attendance. Jeanne H. said that we could add this as a duty for the GN tournament director to assign someone to make sure all awards are distributed to the recipients.

Youth Program: Dan Z. reported that he sends out Youth Teaching Manuals every month, with a list of most of them in crib world each month. Dan Z. said he has given grants consisting of 10 cribbage boards and he sent out 15 sets of boards in 2014. Dan Z. reported that with the donations he received he has been able to have more money coming in than going out. Dan Z. said he received an email from Tom Lewis asking about 30 questions about youth cribbage and the program that is run by the ACC. Based upon the answers that Dan Z. provided; Tom Lewis donated \$5,000 to the Youth Cribbage. It was reported that Dan Z. sends a letter to every person that donates a minimum of \$25 to the youth cribbage as it is a taxable deduction for each person. Dan Z. reported that Tom L. was concerned that we need a back-up for the Youth Program Director. Dan Z. asked if there is anyone on the BoD interested in being the Youth Program back-up and if not, he will put an article in Crib World to see if there is any interest with-in the membership. This year Joseph Christiansen received the Youth award for 2014. Joseph C. tracks and sends out all the cribbage boards for the grants, and goes above and beyond to help Youth Cribbage. Dan Z. reported that Don (Grumpy) H. and Jay Schafer made a table that is also a cribbage board and they will be selling 100 raffle tickets for a chance at winning the table along with several other prizes that were donated to youth cribbage. There was another table made that is being used for the Sierra Youth Tournament. The championship game of this Tournament will be played on the table, and will have a perpetual plaque with the names of the winners of this tournament each year. Dan Z. reported that he is the "Dear Abby" of cribbage in the Crib World and he gets about 15 questions each month and he enjoys educating people about the game. Dan Z. said that by far the most frequent question new players ask is, "Do you get 2 points or 3 points when the count is 31". Dan Z. said it is not found anywhere in writing and he asks if this could be clarified in the new rule book. Dan Z. said that the question has also come up asking if it was possible to award master points to Youth Cribbage players. There was a Draft Proposal handed out regarding Youth Master Points and how this could be done. Dan Z. believes this is a great way to grow our membership by having the youth members continue their membership once they reach the age of 18 with the incentive of earning master points. Dan Z. said that we would need to identify someone who would be the youth statistician. Jeanne H. brought up the question regarding this point system being compatible with the new software program going into effect. Dave C. said that at this point, is not known. Dave A. asked if it would it be possible for a youth player to earn master points in a regular tournament and a youth tournament. Dan Z. said that if a youth member plays in a sanctioned event he is eligible to earn master points as anyone else can, so yes. Dan Z. reported that as far as he knows, there are only 3 tournaments each year that would qualify for youth master points. Peggy S. asked if we were to pass this proposal now without a statistician in place, would Dan Z. track the points so they could be entered. Dan Z. said he would be willing to do on a temporary

base, but would want someone else to take it over as he needs to draw the line somewhere. Peggy S. asked Dan Z. to identify a person to be the statistician and Dave C. would confirm that this would work with the new software, then we could then bring this back to the BoD in Sept. for a vote. Jeanne H. thanked Dan Z. for his hard work and dedication to the youth program, and we look forward to his proposal at the next meeting.

Officer Reports:

President – Jeanne H. reported that each year she asks Delynn C. to bring the awards to the GN for any member that is attending the tournament.

Executive VP Report – Todd S. reported that he is still looking for anyone that has interest in hosting the GN in 2018 in the Central region.

VP of Policy Report – Keith W. reported that previous BoD elections had 55% voting online and 45% paper and was ran by Megan Player and her husband. Megan P. said that she recreates the actual ballot that is in crib world online so if a member wants to mark their paper ballot and enter it online in the same order. Megan P. and her husband create a random 4 digit numeric code which is sent to Larry H. to be put on each crib world which is used when casting their ballot. Larry H. reported that no additional Crib Worlds are printed with the code number, and each member receives their own unique ballot with their own number. Megan P. reported that totals are not able to be seen by anyone other than her husband until the end of the voting. There is detailed information that explains how each member can find their unique code for voting and a step by step process, with a line for the member to write in how many people they voted for. Megan P. reported there cannot be more than two ballots mailed in together or they will be thrown out. If a person tries to vote more than once, their vote is also thrown out. Jeanne H. asked how she is notified once the election is completed. Megan P. said that once the election is closed, the results would be given to Jeanne H. to contact the candidates. Jeanne H. asked if there were questions regarding the counts and we wanted to do a re-count would that be possible. Megan P. said that the paper ballots can be re-counted, but the on-line votes could only be identified by the random number. Dave A. said that he believes that we should not show the results from the previous election online, and it was agreed that it will not be available on the voting site. This is the 3rd year that Megan P. and her husband will be doing the election results. **Action:** Keith W. made a motion that the ACC pays \$500 for the 2015 Election. Jeff S. 2nd the motion. **Motion approved.**

VP of Operations Report – Dave C. – reported that we will not have a crib world in March as there will be a combined issue in April including the information for the two months that will be about 60 pages.

Member at Large Report – Jeff S - nothing new to report.

Jeanne H. announced the next BoD meeting will be September 18, 2015 in Yankton, South Dakota @ 9:00 a.m.

Action: Don H. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Peggy S. **Motion Approved.** Meeting Adjourned 4:14 p.m.

