

**B's Needs Committee Meeting in Mansfield
November 7th, 2015**

In attendance were Mark Aquino, Bob Bertoni, Lois DeBlois, Ausra Geaski, Wayne Hersey, Ginny Iannini, Helen Pawlowski, Jan Rosow, Joyce Stiefel, Mike Wavada, Carolyn Weiser, and Sarah Widhu. Below is a summary of topics discussed:

- 1) Pro-Am in Cromwell (2/13/16 @ 7:30):
 - Publicize the event at Unit Sectional tournaments and club games.
 - Send out email to all D25 players after the Newton Regional about the event.

- 2) New ACBL Strats:
 - Following the decision made in Denver by the ACBL Board send out email to all players to inform them about the new strats and what it means to the D25 regional events.

- 3) Recognition of Players Moving Up from Gold Rush:
 - Track players who are no longer eligible for Gold Rush events.
 - Send congratulatory email to players when they exceed the 750 MP level to recognize their achievement and re-publish information about the new strats available to them for future events.

- 4) Future Direction of B's Needs Committee:
 - B's Needs initiative has been very successful in implementing the action items identified by this group. Based on feedback from the committee members the overall consensus was that the committee should continue. It has gained a lot of momentum over the years and demonstrates to players that the district is listening to them and working on their behalf to continuously improve their tournaments. It has, also, raised awareness of the beneficial impact of volunteerism and grass roots efforts.
 - Committee is looking for a new chairperson or co-chairpersons who would be willing to lead the group. Volunteers should contact Bob Bertoni, our new D25 president.

- 5) Other:
 - Include a 'Greeter/Ask Me Person' as part of the Hospitality Desk at D25 regionals. This provides a more welcoming atmosphere for players and gets more players involved in volunteer work.
 - Consider having 'Guaranteed Partners' available at regionals to ensure pairing up all players as needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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