

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting October 13, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Present: S. Schuchert, L. Joseph, I. Port, M. P. Carns, D. Averbach, C. Benedict, F. Feldman, R. Franck, J. Gillette, W. Holt, W. Kelsey, M.J. Johnson, M. McNeirney, M. Painter, A. Port, V. Simak, A. Ulke

Absent: D. Mannheimer

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by President Sandy Schuchert

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Sandy announced that this is her last meeting as President, and as a board member. She thanked the board members for their service during her tenure. She also thanked Fran Feldman and Marilyn Painter for doing a good job running the recent Pro Am Game.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of August 11, 2006 had been previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Was distributed. The investments are up 8% for the year to date. In answer to a question, Ivan reported that we have not had to liquidate any investments to use for expenses. Fran Feldman moved, and John Gillette seconded, that the PBA not charge the Pro-Am Game for rent, thus increasing the donation to Arsenal. The board approved this motion.

There was a discussion about rental of the building for the Unit Game. The previously requested rent increase, made by Bill Miller from Blackridge, never occurred, because a meeting was unable to be arranged with Mr. Miller. Sandy reported that Bill Miller is no longer the contact person.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney sent several condolence cards and 7 get-well cards this month.

Post Mortem—Arlene reported that Unit events are now being announced 3 months in advance. She thanked Mary Jo Johnson for reporting on news from the Greensburg area, and Marilyn Painter for reporting on news from her travels.

Education—Lou Joseph had nothing to report. The education program hasn't been planned yet for this year, in part because Rodef Shalom hasn't been able to commit the space.

Equipment & Business Managers—Asim and Mary reported that all is going well. Mary requested that unit members report problems with bidding boxes and boards to her.

Vince Simak requested that the unit purchase extra tables for the sectionals, because those at the Palisades are in poor condition, and we have been renting 15 tables per sectional from a club. Considering the cost and inconvenience of transporting the remainder of the tables from the site of the unit game to the site of the sectionals, the board agreed to investigate purchasing additional tables. Bill Holt will research the number needed, prices, and sources.

Novice—Darlene Mannheimer was absent but sent her report to Mary. She is organizing the 199er Swiss Team game for the Fall Sectional. There will be 7 rounds of 6 boards. She is matching up players and teams.

Membership—Marilyn Painter has caught up on the backlog. She discussed the inconvenience of having "snowbirds" reported as transfers into and out of the unit in the spring and fall, respectively. There is an easy way to request that the ACBL forward mail, but not change the members unit. Arlene and Fran volunteered to help Marilyn contact these players.

Webmaster—Bill Holt reported that the online survey regarding club games has been posted for several weeks and has only received 22 responses to date. He asked if the board wishes to have a printed survey distributed at clubs. The Board requested this to be done, and Bill will proceed.

OLD BUSINESS

Pro-Am Game—Was held on Sept. 8. The donation to Arsenal will be \$621.

Bridge Survey—See Webmaster report, above.

Elections—Ward Kelsey reported that of 8 board members whose terms are expiring, 7 submitted petitions. Sandy Schuchert is retiring. Since the number of petitions is fewer than the number of open positions, the 7 are elected. These 7 members, with terms expiring in 2008, are: Maryanne McNeirney, Don Averbach, Bill Holt, Lou Joseph, Arlene Port, Marilyn Painter, John Gillette. The incoming president may appoint up to 3 members. Lou reported that Patty Katz will be one appointee.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Sectional—Vince reported that plans are complete. Because of the new starting times, breakfast will be served Saturday and Sunday, and there will be food during the games Friday and Saturday. The bar will be open. On Sunday, there is a dance at 7:30, and bridge players are invited to stay for no charge. Soup and sandwiches will be available during the Sunday Swiss Teams for a \$3.00 charge.

Unit Calendar for 2007—Mary submitted a proposed calendar. According to the previous vote of the board, the worldwide pairs will not be held. The remainder of the calendar is similar to last year. Mary asked board members to consider whether to change the times for New Partner Night or the Pro Am Game. Final approval of the calendar was deferred to the planning meeting.

Sectional Sites—Bill Holt presented a briefing on the 2 possible sites for sectionals in 2007: McKeesport Palisades and Masonic Center. An outline was distributed. The board previously decided to commit to the Palisades at least through Summer 2007. After discussion, it was decided to wait until after the upcoming Fall Sectional to make a final decision about the site for Fall 2007. Mary will phone the Palisades this week. Mary suggested that if we want to move to the Masonic, or another site, that we should choose dates and book far in advance. Arlene reported that the Masonic is unwilling to book far in advance because of the possibility of other more lucrative bookings. Bill requested that all board members consider potential game sites in their areas, and he will develop a database of buildings. The included buildings would not be just for sectionals, but also for club games and special games.

Election of Officers—The executive board met before the meeting and decided that, in view of no election of Board Members being necessary, the Election of Officers would be held tonight. Ward Kelsey thanked Sandy for her years of service, and opened the floor to nominations.

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Second
President	Lou Joseph	Maryanne McNeirney	Arlene Port
Vice President	Bill Holt	Fran Feldman	M. Painter
Treasurer	Ivan Port	Asim Ulke	Bill Holt

There being no other nominations, the nominees were declared elected.

Planning Meeting—The annual Planning meeting will be held on Monday November 13 at 6:00 PM at The Design Center, 5001 Baum Blvd.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be on December 1, 2006 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.