

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting December 1, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Present: L. Joseph, I. Port, M. P. Carns, D. Averbach, B. Bergman, K. Bergman, F. Feldman, R. Franck, J. Gillette, W. Holt, P. Katz, D. Mannheimer, M. McNeirney, A. Port, A. Ulke,

Absent: C. Benedict, M.J. Johnson, W. Kelsey, M. Painter, V. Simak

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by President Lou Joseph.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Lou thanked the Board members for attending, and announced that Arlene Port had declined the honorarium for chairing the Education Committee. Lou also reported that Arlene Port and Joe Brady had a 79.8% game during the recent STAC week.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the planning meeting of November 13, 2006 had been previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved. Mary thanked Roni Atkins for taking and preparing the minutes in her absence, and the Board expressed condolences to Roni for the recent loss of her husband.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Was distributed. Investment accounts are up 13% for the year to date. The balance in the checking account has decreased, due in part to the purchase of new tables.

In comparing the current year with last year, the income is up this year. Sources of income in 2006 that did not exist in 2005 are: Spring Sectional, Instant MP game, Education program, and Novice Swiss Team.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney sent get well cards to Bruce Keidan, Edie Weiser, Janet Typanski, and Louise Rippee. Maryanne asked for a budget increase of \$100. It was moved by Bill Holt and seconded by Patty Katz that this increase be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

Maryanne also discussed the annual Milt Frazier and Jane McIntyre Awards. She asked board members to submit nominations for these awards. Award descriptions follow:

--Milt Frazier Award—Is a service award. It is presented to an ACBL member who demonstrates good ACBL citizenship in the form of service, increasing others' enjoyment of bridge, courtesy, and recognition of other players.

--Jane McIntyre Award—Is not a service award. It recognizes a bridge person who helps other people enjoy the game of bridge.

Maryanne will write an article for the Post Mortem explaining these awards, and a list of previous winners will be published.

Post Mortem—Arlene reported that Maryanne McNeirney will provide an obituary for Betty Clay. Lou asked board members to write obituaries if they are able. Asim requested that articles appearing in the Post Mortem be signed.

Education—Arlene asked board members to help locate sites for the education program. She asked Darlene about possibilities in the South Hills. Darlene confirmed that she runs classes in the South Hills under CCAC. Bill Holt reported that Dick Neely runs beginning bridge classes at the Sewickley YMCA. Bill contacted the YMCA about the possibility of using this site for our education program.

Arlene said that we are hoping to advertise outside the organization for new people to take lessons. She is hoping to have an educational program on a continuing basis. The primary goal should be to recruit new players. Income is only a secondary goal. It is possible that our program should be coordinated with those who are already teaching. Darlene, who currently teaches through CCAC and the JCC said she would be willing to coordinate with the PBA program.

Bill Holt contacted the ACBL regarding the Bridge in Schools program. He envisions focusing on private schools in a 6-county area. The ACBL recommends marketing an after-school program to middle school students. Bill has contacted Sewickley and Shadyside Academies and plans to contact middle schools in major public school systems. Bill asked for volunteers to teach for 12 weeks in these schools. This is also a marketing program. Bill pointed out that if 8 people graduate from a 16-hour course, the program will have paid for itself.

Business Manager—Mary thanked Bill Holt and the Bergmans for purchasing the new tables. Bill, Mary, and Gail Carns inventoried the old tables at Blackridge and the Palisades, left 25 functional tables at Blackridge, and took the remaining tables to the Palisades. There are enough tables at the Palisades so tables will not have to be moved for every sectional.

Mary plans to refurbish the bidding boxes gradually. Patty Katz and Barb Bergman volunteered to help.

Food Manager—Asim had nothing to report

Novice—Ward Kelsey was not present

Membership—Marilyn Painter was not present

Webmaster—Bill Holt reported that the links have been updated

Site Search Team—

North—Bergmans have nothing to report

South—Maryanne has nothing to report

East---Asim reported that Roni Atkins is going to talk to the Radisson

West—Bill Holt investigated the Sewickley YMCA and Mt. Nebo Grange;
the latter is too expensive

City—Arlene is talking to a church

OLD BUSINESS

STAC—Is this week. There were 9.5 tables Thursday evening. The upcoming Sunday STAC will be hosted by Asim Ulke and Ron Franck, and will be held at 11AM at Blackridge; lunch will be provided. Asim will bring donuts, Ken Bergman will bring bagels

Bridge Survey—Bill Holt has 300 surveys to be passed out at clubs.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Party—The holiday party is scheduled for Dec. 15, chaired by Darlene Mannheimer and Marilyn Painter.

Spring Sectional—Bill Holt is the chair; committee includes Ron Franck and Patty Katz. The advantages and disadvantages of stratified vs. stratiflighted pairs were discussed. Starting times were discussed. Board policy is that the committee may decide times and events therefore board approval isn't necessary

for these items. Bill also reported that the schedule change has been approved for the Fall Sectional. It will be held Nov. 9 to 11 at the Masonic Temple.

Electronic Records—Mary requested board approval to start keeping unit records electronically. She will be responsible for maintaining the records and making sure that there is adequate backup. She requested electronic copies of the treasurer's reports. Arlene and Ivan will provide. Treasurer's reports have been kept by hand until now. We recommended to Ivan that he start using Quicken or another electronic program.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be on February 9, 2007 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.