

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Meeting October 12, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Present: L. Joseph, B. Bergman, K. Bergman, M. P. Carns, W. Holt, P. Katz, M. McNeirney, M. Painter, A. Port, I. Port, A. Ulke

Absent: C. Benedict, F. Feldman, R. Franck, J. Gillette, M.J. Johnson, W. Kelsey, V. Simak,

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by President Lou Joseph.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Lou Joseph thanked the retiring members of the Board: Patricia Katz, Charlene Benedict, Mary Jo Johnston, Vince Simak, Ward Kelsey, and Francene Feldman. Mary Jo and Charlene have agreed to continue to run the Awards Party.

The parking lot at Blackridge has been paved. Lou will ask Sue McQuillan about the refrigerator that she may donate.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of August 10, 2007 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

The minutes of the District 5 Board were distributed for perusal by the board members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ivan distributed the report. Investments are up compared to this time last year. 1099 forms will be distributed to all people who receive at least \$600 per year from the PBA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney requested an increase in her budget to \$250 from the previous \$100. A motion, made by Patty Katz and seconded by Asim Ulke, was approved.

Post Mortem—Arlene reported that the distribution system failed this month because the Post Mortems were late. Arrangements were made with various people to distribute the Post Mortems to the geographic areas.

Education—Arlene discussed potential schedules for classes. There are conflicts at various times of the year making it difficult to hold continuous classes. She plans to schedule classes in January.

Business Manager—Mary reported on the following:

1. New cards have been purchased. Some boards have been filled and the remainder will be done at the sectional.
2. If the Friday night game is cancelled for lack of attendance, the people who showed up will receive a free entry.

Operations Manager—Asim reported that the BCC parking lot project is finished. Previously the PBA agreed to consider funding outdoor lighting. The consensus was that a pole light near the dumpster, lighting at the entrance to the driveway, and possibly lights along the driveway would be desirable. Asim will discuss this with representatives of BCC and ask them to obtain an estimate.

Asim requested that we hold a charity game for BCC. The previously planned game was cancelled due to a conflict. However, for there to be a reasonable amount of income the game should be held at a special event. The board agreed that BCC would be the Charity for the game held on Awards Night in 2008.

Novice—Darlene will be rejoining the board and will handle novice duties in the South Hills and will continue to organize Newcomer Events at Sectionals. There is a current class in the East Suburbs consisting of people who work. Because of this Mary will discuss with the ACBL how we can add a novice game to the Friday night game. The current limited game (recently inactive) is a 299er. The possibility of supervised play was discussed.

Membership—Marilyn Painter is keeping up with the new members. She will send postcards reminding snowbirds not to change their permanent addresses.

Webmaster—Bill Holt reported that he is now also the webmaster for District 5. The new website is D5Bridge.com

Unit Improvement/Site Search Team—Discussion was deferred to the planning meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Pro-Am Game—Marilyn Painter reported that there were 38 pairs. The profit of \$681 will go to Arsenal Family Center. Some procedural issues were discussed. It was suggested that the committee should send postcard reminders to all players, both pros and Ams; and next year there will be hand records.

Fall Sectional—Bergmans reported that all is progressing well. Letters (approx. 200) were sent to players in Unit 142 who have between 3 and 300 points.

Election—Ken Bergman reported that the deadline for submitting petitions was October 10. No election will be necessary. Petitions were submitted by returning members Ivan Port, Mary Paulone Carns, Ron Franck, and Asim Ulke, and by incoming members Roni Atkins and Sharon Rohr. Lou plans to reappoint Darlene Mannheimer and new member Sue McQuillan, so the new board will have 16 members.

Fall Sectional—Barb Bergman reported that the flyer is ready to distribute at the Wheeling sectional this weekend. Sunday Brunch has been added.

NEW BUSINESS

STaC week—Mary reported that she is the new coordinator for the District. Upcoming STaC week is December 3 to 9. The unit will sponsor special games Thursday (Rodef Shalom, chair is Sue McQuillan) and Sunday (2-session Swiss at Blackridge, chair is Asim Ulke), and the usual Friday evening game.

Bylaws committee—Mary reported that the ACBL is encouraging Units to review the Bylaws for relevancy and to assure that they comply with state law and ACBL guidelines. The board agreed to ask Steve Nolan to chair the Bylaws Committee.

Form 990—Mary reported that the ACBL is encouraging Units to file IRS form 990. Ivan Port will file and will have a report for the planning meeting.

Winter Sectional Feb. 29 – Mar. 2—Will be held at the Palisades. Vince Simak has retired from the board and withdrew from being the Chair. Patty Katz volunteered to be the chair. A committee of Bill Holt, Ron Franck, and Mary Paulone Carns has been formed as the Sectional Operations committee, and will take care of scheduling dates, sanctioning, corresponding with the ACBL, obtaining and transporting supplies, making the schedule, making the flyer, and helping with plans for transporting equipment. Thus the chairs' duties will consist of planning hospitality, entertainment, and being the on-site coordinator.

NEXT MEETING

Planning Meeting—The Planning Meeting will be November 19 at the Design Center, 5001 Baum Blvd. at 6:30 PM. If adequate business is accomplished at the planning meeting, the regularly scheduled Board meeting in December will not be held.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.