

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: D. Mannheimer, S. McQuillan, A. Port, S. Rohr

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Lou Joseph.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Lou Joseph thanked the members for attending.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the Planning Meeting of November 19, 2007 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ivan presented the Treasurer's report for 2007, and a separate report for January 2008. A discussion occurred regarding the cost of phone service. Maryanne McNeirney will check with Verizon to see if a better rate can be obtained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney is keeping current.

Post Mortem—Lou (reporting for Arlene) asked for members to contribute articles. Maryanne McNeirney requested an announcement seeking nominations for the various awards. Criteria for the various awards will be published.

Education— Lou (reporting for Arlene) said that there is a big class this term-- Sixteen members (including 4 under age 30) in the novice class and 8 in the intermediate class. There was a discussion about how to continue contact with these students. Four of the students have begun playing at Rodef on Mondays; a suggestion was made to have continuous novice classes; an ad in the Post-Gazette was suggested.

There will be a class held at Penn-Trafford in the spring. Lou will find someone to teach this class.

Business Manager—Mary reported that the old-style bid box inserts have been replaced with newer style inserts.

Operations Manager—Asim discussed possibilities for outdoor lighting at Blackridge. Issues were discussed including the desirability of improving a building we don't own, versus improving safety and possibly attendance. The board voted to allow Asim to spend a maximum of \$1300 to obtain outdoor lighting. Lou moved that we run a 50-50 at sectionals to go into a fund for capital improvements. The motion passed and this will start at the Summer Sectional.

Novice—Darlene sent her report to Mary, who reported that she has 12 teams so far for the sectional and has obtained 4 new ACBL members since January.

A discussion was held about how to improve attendance at the Friday night novice game. The board agreed to develop a program similar to the Olympiad Contest from summer 2008 with prizes including entries to the Summer Sectional. Mary Paulone Carns and Bill Holt will develop a contest to run March through May.

Membership—Marilyn Painter had nothing new to report.

Webmaster—Bill Holt distributed usage statistics for pittsburghbridge.org over the past 12 months.

OLD BUSINESS

Mentoring—Lou Joseph showed a flyer from a mentoring program being advertised in Unit 125. He asked members to think about this and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Winter Sectional Feb. 29 – Mar. 2—Lou reported for Arlene Port, Sharon Rohr and Sue McQuillan. Plans are in place for the upcoming sectional.

Summer Sectional June 20 -- 22—Lou reported that the schedule will be changed to add a Novice KO. Bill Holt will develop the flyer.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee for Fall Sectional—Chairs will be Asim Ulke and Roni Atkins.

Procedures for Sectionals—Mary Paulone Carns presented a number of items for clarification:

Zero Tolerance—The board voted against this originally and it was affirmed that sectionals sponsored by the PBA will not have Zero Tolerance.

Student Discounts—Full time students under age 25 with student ID get 50% off entry fees.

Memorial Games—Roni distributed prices that are used by District 5 for Regionals. The board voted to use these numbers, cut in half. The resulting rates are:

Naming of entire tournament	\$5,000
Name the entire day	\$500
4-session KO event	\$250
2-session sectional event	\$150
Single session open event	\$100
Single session novice event	\$50

Acceptance of Checks—Checks will be accepted for the amount of the entry; no temporary checks are accepted and checks must have an address. Specific individuals may be barred from presenting checks.

Awards Night (May 16)—Charlene Benedict and Mary Jo Johnston area chairs; Mary will contact them; Mary has obtained medallions. Lou will do the certificates.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be April 11, 2008 at 6:00 PM at Blackridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.