

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: R. Franck, D. Mannheimer, M. McNeirney, S. McQuillan, A. Port, S. Rohr

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM by President Lou Joseph.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Lou Joseph thanked the members for attending.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of February 8 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

The unit received official notification from the ACBL that the Thursday Blackridge game, previously owned by Dorothy Murray and Gus Costanzo, is now solely owned by Gus.

Lou reported that he received a letter of resignation from Arlene Port. Arlene will continue in her roles as Education Chair and Co-Editor of the Post Mortem. Lou expressed the thanks of the board to Arlene for her years of service.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ivan distributed the Treasurer's report. Sectional income decreased mostly due to an increase in director expenses. The ACBL dictates how many directors there will be.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney was absent.

Post Mortem—Arlene submitted a written report.

Education—Arlene submitted a written report. She is teaching a class at Penn-Trafford. Roni suggested advertising in more places and taking advantage of the ACBL program for co-op advertising. Bill Holt will help. Lou is teaching classes

at the Fox Chapel Yacht club (23 people). Bill requested people to let him know when there are bridge classes so he can put the information online.

Business Manager—Mary presented a newspaper article indicating that members of the College Club have a weekly bridge game. Also, the Thursday Greensburg club is evaluating electronic scorepads. Eventually money could be saved on caddies and directors for sectionals. This issue will be tabled until the Planning Meeting.

Operations Manager—Asim obtained a floodlight at the corner of the building for \$970. He is still working on better communications with Blackridge.

Novice—Darlene Mannheimer was absent. Mary reported that there were 2 tables for a novice game last Friday, and a game was held. There have been about 2 pairs coming weekly and playing in the open game.

Membership—Marilyn Painter reported that she will have new directories soon.

Webmaster—Bill Holt asked if we should continue to advertise a novice game which gets little attendance. We will continue to do so for now.

District 5 and National News—Roni Atkins reported that there will be an e-ban enforced at all Nationally Rated events starting with the summer NABC. No electronic devices will be permitted in or near the playing area. This will be publicized on the website and in the Post Mortem.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Sectional Feb. 29 – Mar. 2—The financial information was presented in the treasurer's report.

Awards Night (May 16)—Mary Jo Johnston will send the letters but has withdrawn from running the party. Roni Atkins will run the party. Mary Paulone Carns has obtained medals and will collate the information about the club games. Bill Holt ordered the trophy for the Nimmy award.

Mentoring—A flyer adapted from Unit 125's program was distributed with the agendas. The board agreed to try a mentoring program. Information will be posted on the website and in the Post Mortem. Mary Paulone Carns will maintain the database

Over/Under 500 Contest—Mary Paulone Carns and Bill Holt developed the contest which runs for 10 weeks from early March through mid-May. There are

prizes for the top 3 players in each category (over and under 500 MP's). Mary reported that total attendance has increased only slightly, and there is one pair attending specifically because of the contest. It is unclear whether another similar contest should be run in the future.

Summer Sectional June 20 -- 22—Lou reported for Sharon Rohr and Sue McQuillan. Arrangements are coming along. Board members were asked to distribute flyers when they attend club games.

NEW BUSINESS

STaC Week (June 9 – 15)—The unit is sponsoring games Thursday evening (Sue McQuillan in charge) and Friday evening. The board decided to cancel the planned Swiss Team on Sunday because of the close proximity to the Summer Sectional, the Greensburg Sectional, and the usual lesser attendance in the summer. The Swiss Team will still be run in association with the Winter STaC.

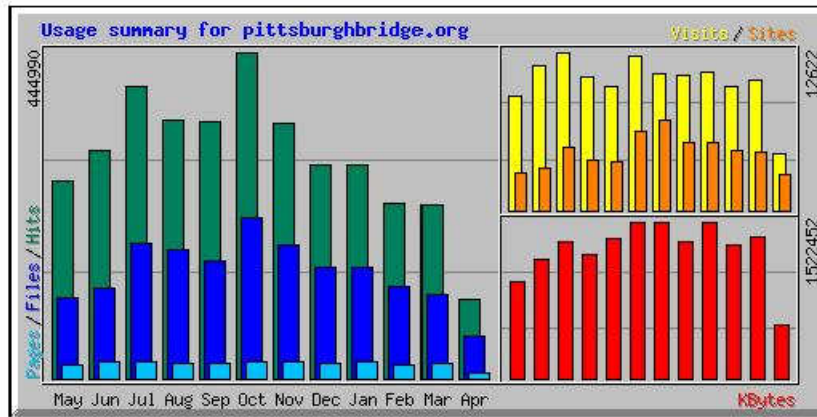
Representatives to District 5 Meeting—Roni Atkins reported that the Unit will have 5 representatives at the meeting over Memorial Day weekend. Since Roni is the Vice President of the District, she has a vote and does not need to be one of the 5. The board appointed Lou Joseph, Bill Holt, Mary Paulone Carns, Arlene Port, and Maryanne McNeirney. Asim Ulke will be an alternate.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be June 13 at 6:00 PM at Blackridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.



Summary by Month

Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Apr 2008	10757	5841	873	463	2909	523510	4630	8739	58418	107575
Mar 2008	7701	3684	672	332	4704	1368203	10305	20856	114219	238740
Feb 2008	8255	4380	667	338	4833	1299478	9805	19367	127021	239400
Jan 2008	9428	4941	767	356	5288	1522452	11045	23801	153171	292298
Dec 2007	9422	4900	682	345	5336	1324038	10721	21159	151908	292099
Nov 2007	11557	6096	763	361	7185	1514331	10854	22919	182909	346720
Oct 2007	14354	7111	768	394	6288	1519923	12244	23822	220469	444990
Sep 2007	11678	5396	659	327	3918	1359451	9821	19791	161900	350350
Aug 2007	11359	5673	672	341	4099	1199294	10587	20858	175865	352147
Jul 2007	12866	5991	745	407	5034	1335209	12622	23101	185741	398850
Jun 2007	10406	4164	792	386	3435	1160134	11585	23781	124929	312195
May 2007	8741	3580	600	291	3045	939382	9025	18604	110990	270976
Totals						15065405	123244	246798	1767540	3646340