

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.

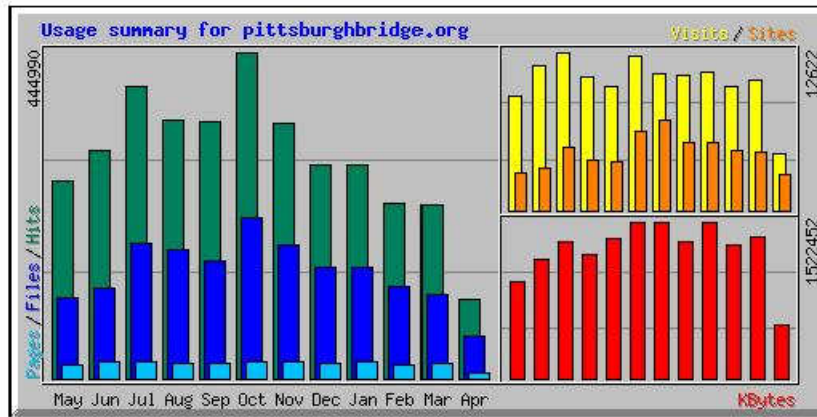
Representatives to District 5 Meeting—Roni Atkins reported that the Unit will have 5 representatives at the meeting over Memorial Day weekend. Since Roni is the Vice President of the District, she has a vote and does not need to be one of the 5. The board appointed Lou Joseph, Bill Holt, Mary Paulone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