

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
August 1, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

Present: L. Joseph, B. Bergman, K. Bergman, M. P. Carns, R. Franck, M. McNeirney, S. McQuillan, M. Painter, I. Port, S. Rohr, A. Ulke

Absent: R. Atkins, W. Holt, D. Mannheimer

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by President Lou Joseph.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Lou Joseph thanked the members for attending.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of June 13 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary received notice from the ACBL that the Mt. Lebanon Friday evening game is now being run by Darlene Mannheimer. Lou mentioned that Caye Havrilla retired from the novice game at Rodef Shalom which is now being run by Lois Kort.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ivan distributed the Treasurer's report. No report from the Spring Sectional has been given. Lou asked Ivan to obtain a report from Arlene and present it at the next meeting. Mary will add information to the Guide for Planning Tournaments indicating that the chair must present a financial report to the board, following a sectional.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney continues to send cards for sympathy and get-well.

Post Mortem—Lou Joseph presented for Arlene.

Education—Lou Joseph presented for Arlene. There are currently 2 classes for beginners and one for intermediate. Lou will also have a class in the fall in Fox Chapel which is already at maximum registration with more than 30 participants. An ad was run in the Post-Gazette at the cost of \$500 and only 1 response was received. There are usually many responses from ads in the Jewish Chronicle.

Bill Holt and Mary Paulone Carns developed procedure whereby graduates from educational programs in the unit will receive a free entry to a game.

Business Manager—Mary reported that the mentoring program still has an excess of potential mentees and requested volunteers. The Canton Sectional is scheduled for the 4th weekend in June in 2009 and for several years in the future, conflicting with potential dates for the Summer Sectional. This issue will be discussed in more detail at the planning meeting.

Operations Manager—Asim reported no news.

Novice—Darlene Mannheimer was absent. Maryanne McNeirney reported that Darlene has recruited 18 new members to the ACBL.

Membership—Marilyn Painter reported no news.

Webmaster—Bill Holt was absent.

District 5 and National News—Roni Atkins was absent. Lou extended congratulations to Reanutte Frobouck who won a national event at the Summer NABC. The board appointed the following representatives to the District 5 Board Meeting to be held on August 31: Lou Joseph, Mary Paulone Carns, Roni Atkins, Arlene Port, Bill Holt. Maryanne McNeirney will be an alternate.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Sectional June 20 - 22—Sharon Rohr will present the financial report at the next meeting.

Pro-Am Game (Sept. 19)—Sharon Rohr reported that registration is progressing well; there are over 20 tables to date. Alex Bealles is directing.

Fall Sectional (Oct. 17 - 19)—Asim reported that plans are progressing; there is a meeting planned with the Palisades after the regional.

Free entries for education graduates—Discussed above under “education”.

Election—Ron Frank reported no response to his requests from individuals to run for the board. A notice is running in the Post Mortem. Lou will see if he has a copy of the election procedures.

Instant Matchpoint Game (Sept. 11)—Lou Joseph reported that the game will be at the Glenshaw Moose at 7 P.M. The game will be heavily promoted. Lou

suggested having a covered dish. Barbara Bergman will be out of town but will find someone to organize the food portion.

NEW BUSINESS

Fossick-Goodman Swiss Teams—Lou Joseph reported that Richard Zack is organizing this game; Blackridge has been rented on Oct. 5. Mary obtained a sanction; Bill made flyers; the proceeds of the game will go toward the Fossick-Goodman Educational Fund for educational activities in the unit.

Election procedures—Discussed above

Unit STaC Games (December)—STaC Swiss (Sunday Dec. 14): Asim will be in charge. Blackridge has been reserved. The pair game usually held on Thursday of STaC week will only be run if the upcoming Instant Matchpoint game is successful, in view of the fact that Thursday evening games have had poor attendance in the past. This will be discussed at the next meeting. The Friday night game that week will be a STaC game, as usual.

Table Storage—When the Sectionals move to the Masonic Center for 2009, the tables will need to be stored elsewhere. Ron Franck volunteered to store the tables in his basement.

Transportation Facilitator—Ron Franck agreed to formally assume this position, the work of which he has been doing informally for sectionals. The position includes moving equipment to and from storage for the sectionals and other unit-sponsored events.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be October 10 at 6:00 PM at Blackridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.