

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
October 10, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: D. Mannheimer, M. McNeirney, S. McQuillan, S. Rohr

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by President Lou Joseph.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Lou Joseph welcomed the members and held a moment of silence in memory of Roni Gitchel Atkins.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of August 1 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved after the correction of a spelling error.

CORRESPONDENCE

Steve Nolan presented a proposed revision of the bylaws to Mary and Lou. Mary has distributed these to the board members. The ACBL presented a document containing Unit Duties and Responsibilities which Mary distributed to the board members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ivan distributed the Treasurer's report. The Ronald McDonald House will receive a donation of \$1026 from the Pro-Am Game. The Instant Matchpoint Game was a bridge and financial success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney was absent. Mary reported for her regarding cards she sent for sympathy and get-well.

Post Mortem—Lou Joseph asked for members to report news.

Education—Lou Joseph reported that the next series of classes will run from Nov. 10 through Dec. 22. Next year's programs will be advertised in the Post Mortem and in the Rodef Shalom bulletin. Plans include a series in May and June followed by supervised play in August (timing in advance of the Regional). Club and Diamond series will be held in October and November. Lou is currently

holding private classes at the Fox Chapel Racquet Club, with beginners and brush-up students.

The board passed a motion that the Free Entries for Education Grads program will be extended to include private classes, by petition of the teacher.

Business Manager—Mary had no news.

Operations Manager—Asim reported that there is a new towel dispenser in the ladies' room at Blackridge.

Novice—Darlene Mannheimer was absent.

Membership—Marilyn Painter reported no news. In response to a question, Mary reported that we have Instant Membership Forms which will be provided on request to bridge teachers.

Webmaster—Bill Holt reported no news.

District 5 and National News—Chairs for the Labor Day Regional will be Mary Paulone Carns, Lou Joseph and Judy Haffner. The tournament will be renamed in memory of Roni Gitchel Atkins. The Expo Mart has closed; the Radisson is reopening as a Doubletree, and a Convention Center will be developed in the old Wickes Building in Monroeville. The latter is the planned site of the Regional. If this site isn't ready for August, the Radisson/Doubletree will accommodate us in Ballrooms for 2008.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Sectional Financial Report—Ivan presented the report for Arlene.

Summer Sectional Financial Report—Sharon Rohr sent the report to Ivan, who presented it.

Pro-Am Game—Lou reported that the game was a great success thanks to Sharon Rohr, Gail Hastings and Sue Mc Quillan. A special thanks from the board goes to Alex Bealles who donated his directors fees, and provided preduplicated boards with hand records.

Instant MP Game—Lou reported that the game was successful beyond expectations: There were 20 tables, divided about evenly among all strats. The Pot Luck Dinner was very well received. Thanks to Barb Bergman, Margie Tiglio, and Carol Bolen for their hard work.

Mary spoke with Sue Golier about holding this game in 2009 since it will be on a Wednesday night. The unit will coordinate with Sue in any way that she wishes. Sue will obtain a sanction and will consider how she wants to proceed.

Fossick-Goodman Game—Lou reported that the game attracted 19 tables and thanked Richard Zack for doing a good job. The caterer was good, and over \$1000 was raised for the Education Fund. Gus Costanzo donated his time for directing and the board thanks him.

Fall Sectional (Oct. 17 - 19)—Asim Ulke reported that plans are in place.

Election—Ron Franck is having discussions with 3 potential candidates for the board. All current members whose terms are expiring have submitted petitions. The election is officially Oct. 18 but no election will be necessary. The board agreed that a potential member can audit a meeting if he desires.

Bylaws—Steve Nolan presented a draft of potential new bylaws to Mary, who worked with him on some changes. The final proposed bylaws were emailed to the members. Mary circulated a petition, to be signed by 10 board members, as a prerequisite for voting on the bylaws. The voting will occur at the Planning meeting.

STaC Week Dec. 8 - 15—Mary discussed the 3 games that will be sponsored by the unit:

Thursday: Lou Joseph is in charge. He is considering moving the game to the Glenshaw Moose in view of the success of this site for the Instant MP game. A possible theme of “STaC ‘n’ Snack” was discussed. Bill Holt will develop and distribute a flyer and Lou plans to advertise heavily at local games.

Friday: Game to be held at the club game, usual time and place

Sunday: Swiss Team at Blackridge; Asim is in charge

NEW BUSINESS

Donation in Memory of Roni Gitchel Atkins—Mary reported that Maryanne McNeirney suggested that a donation of \$150 be given in memory of Roni, in view that she was a current board member. The board agreed; the donation will be made to Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure.

Holiday Party (Dec. 12)—Was originally chaired by Roni. Lou asked Marilyn Painter to assume this responsibility.

Spring Sectional (March 6 to 8)—Bergmans are chairs. The board agreed that they can buy a new coffee pot.

Planning Meeting—Will be held Nov. 24, 2008 at 6:00 PM at The Design Center, 5001 Baum Blvd. at 6:00 PM. If adequate business is accomplished at

the planning meeting, the regularly scheduled Board meeting in December will not be held.

Thanks—Bill Holt gave a brief thanks to Lou for his service as president. Bill mentioned Lou's leadership, knowledge, sense of humor, and appropriateness.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the planning meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.