

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
April 3, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Present: W. Holt, A. Ulke, I. Port, B. Bergman, K. Bergman, M. P. Carns, R. Franck, L. Joseph, M. McNeirney, S. McQuillan, M. Painter, G. Retos, Steve Schwarzwaelder

Absent: D. Mannheimer, S. Rohr

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by President Bill Holt.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill welcomed the members and welcomed Steve Schwarzwaelder, a newly appointed member of the board. He thanked the Bergmans for doing a fantastic job at the Spring Sectional. There were 302 tables, probably the most in the last 10 years. The sectionals are scheduled to be at the Masonic Center through at least 2010.

Bill said that the board members need to take ownership of getting information to clubs. This is an agenda item for later in the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of February 6 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ivan distributed the Treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney continues to send cards.

Post Mortem—Lou Joseph reported that all is well. Maryanne McNeirney asked for an announcement to be placed in the Post Mortem, encouraging club directors to report special results (3 in a row, big games) to the Post Mortem. Maryanne said that she will distribute Post Mortems if they are put into her car.

Education—Lou Joseph reported that classes start on Monday at Rodef Shalom. Classes include Advancing Beginners, a Special Series on various topics, and an upcoming Supervised Play series.

Business Manager—Mary reported that Unit 229 has decided not to dissolve. However, they intend to move forward with merging their sectional with our Summer Sectional starting in 2010. Mary, Bill, and Ken will negotiate with Alex regarding finances.

Mary is still missing job descriptions and names of backups for various committee chairs. She encouraged chairs to provide a written job description and to obtain a backup who could do the job if necessary. Once we know which positions don't have backups, recruits can be solicited in the Post Mortem.

Operations Manager—Asim reported that things are status quo. Steve asked about the obligations of the building owners to repair problems. Asim reported that they are willing, but owned by a civic group, who are all volunteers with few financial resources, so things are slow. A discussion followed about alternative sites. Steve will investigate and asked members to notify him about possible sites.

Novice—Darlene Mannheimer was absent. Mary reported for her that there was good attendance by Novices at the Spring Sectional. A KO was well received.

Membership—Marilyn Painter reported no news.

Webmaster—Bill Holt reported that all is going well with the website.

District 5 and National News—Mary reported on these events:

- The District Finals of the GNT will be held in Pittsburgh on May 2 - 3.
- The Cleveland Regional will be held May 19 – 25 in Independence, OH
- The Olympiad for players under 750 MPs is August 15 – 16 in Independence
- Plans for the Roni Atkins Labor Day regional are progressing

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Sectional—Ken Bergman reported that attendance was great but profits are down because of increased rent. Mike Roberts does a fantastic job as director. Ken and Barb bought 3 coffee pots.

Publicity at Clubs—Fliers were distributed to those who have adopted clubs. Bill reviewed information about District and Regional events that we're promoting.

Awards Night, May 15—Lou is working with Jean Picone, Barb Bergman and Steve Schwarzwaelder. Mary will collate results and send them to Lou. Maryanne asked for nominations for the various awards. Bill will put information on the website concerning the Awards and soliciting nominations. Bill bought the plaque for the Nimmy award.

Mentoring—“Independence Day” is July 4. Mary will send emails to current participants asking them to sign up again. The program will be promoted in the Post Mortem and on the Website.

Olympiad Contest—Bill and Mary developed a contest similar to that of 2007. The contest dates are May 1 to July 31.

Summer Sectional June 26 - 28—Bill reported that the fliers are out. The tournament will be at the Masonic. Hospitality chairs are Jan Smith and Dot Mehok.

NEW BUSINESS

STaC Week June 15 - 21—Mary reminded members of upcoming STaC week. The unit-sponsored games are Thursday evening and Friday evening (unit game). There will be no Swiss Team on Sunday.

Thursday Evening STaC Game—Lou’s committee is Barb Bergman and Steve Schwarzwaelder. The game will be at the Glenshaw Moose. Bill will make a flier and advertise on the website. The game will be called STaC ‘n’ Snack II.

Representatives to District 5 Meeting—The unit census is down therefore we have only 4 representatives. Mary is District Vice President so she gets a vote by virtue of her office. The board appointed Lou, Maryanne, Sue McQuillan and Asim Ulke. Backups will be Marilyn Painter and Sharon Rohr.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will on June 19, 2009 at 6:00 PM at Blackridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.