

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Present: W. Holt, A. Ulke, B. Bergman, K. Bergman, M. P. Carns, R. Franck, L. Joseph, J. Marshall, M. Painter, S. Schwarzwaelder

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by President Bill Holt.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill welcomed the members and thanked them for being on time. Since the Unit Game now begins at 7 PM there is ½ hour less for the meeting. Bill suggested that routine reports can be skipped and if we need to schedule a longer meeting periodically, we can do so. [Skipped reports will be noted as NR, for "no report", in the minutes]. Bill also thanked Jane and Alice Williams for their hard work which has resulted in an increase in attendance for the unit game.

Bill mentioned that the Sewickley YMCA novice game is at risk since the Neeleys, who run 2 games, are moving away. He asked the board to think of people who might take over the game.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of August 14 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved with the exception that Lou declined the honorarium for education.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report which included a complete summary for 2009. She is changing the format so that information will appear for the calendar year. The PBA broke even on operations; is up about \$1000 in investments, and the unit game lost about \$2000. Mary suggested that the cost of supplies be prorated over all of the sectionals rather than being charged when the supplies are purchased. Jane agreed to make this change.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney was absent. Mary reported that Maryanne hasn't been playing much bridge lately so it is especially important to notify her of news.

Post Mortem—NR.

Education—NR

Business Manager—Mary reported on the research she did concerning insurance. The ACBL-provided insurance for Sectionals covers incidents which occur at the site only. Other apparently non-covered items are liability for the Unit game, liability off-site for sectional business, and insurance in PBA assets. Mary's opinion is that there are too few assets to worry about insurance. Jane will look into the situation regarding the other issues.

Operations Manager—NR

Novice—Darlene Mannheimer was absent.

Membership—NR.

Webmaster—NR.

District 5 and National News—NR.

Bridge Teacher Liaison— Darlene Mannheimer was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

STaC Week Dec. 8 – 15—NR

Newcomer Swiss Teams (Feb. 27)—Bill reported that there are 13 teams registered and he expects up to 20 teams. Bergmans are helping with hospitality.

Spring Sectional (April 23 – 25)—Bergmans reported that flyers are out.

Greensburg Sectional Update—Bill and Mary reported that the sectional is moving to the Greensburg Civic Garden Center; there will be no overnight accommodations.

NEW BUSINESS

Free Entries for Publicity— Asim suggested that free entries to the unit game be made available to distribute as a sort of advertising. He is aware of some

people who don't attend who might do so if they were enticed by a free entry. After some discussion, the issue was tabled until the next meeting so the board members can give it more thought.

Sectionals 2011—Ken Bergman is in negotiations with the Masonic to hold the sectionals April 7 – 9 (after the meeting this date was changed to March 31 – April 2), July 8 – 10, and Nov. 11 – 13. After arrangements are firm, Mary will get sanctions.

Awards Night (May 14)—Lou is in charge. Mary will order medallions.

Summer Sectional—Steve Schwarzwaelder, Sue McQuillan, and Sharon Rohr are in charge.

Over/Under 500 Contest—Mary reported that the previous contest was a minor success. Altogether there were about 1.5 tables per session comprised of people who probably wouldn't have otherwise attended. Mary and Bill will make arrangements to hold the contest this year for about 10 weeks in May through August.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday April 9 at 6:00 PM at Blackridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.