

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
April 9, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: R. Franck, D. Mannheimer, S. McQuillan, G. Retos, S. Rohr

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by President Bill Holt.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill welcomed the members.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of February 19 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved with the exception of a typo in the date of the Spring Sectional 2011. The correct date is April 1 – 3, 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report. The unit's financial state is improving. Jane's agreement with Blackridge is that we only play rent for the nights that we play; the director gets ½ pay if the game is cancelled after the director is already there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney reported that she sent 2 notes of condolence.

Post Mortem—NR.

Education—Lou reported that the next series of classes starts on April 19.

Business Manager—NR.

Operations Manager—Asim discussed free entries for publicity. See under "Old Business"

Novice—Darlene Mannheimer was absent. Maryanne reported that Darlene is working on newcomer teams for the sectional and is encouraging her students to attend the Unit game.

Membership—Marilyn Painter reported that she previously had a backlog due to being out of directories. She is sending out directories and free entries to new members.

Webmaster—NR.

District 5 and National News—The following people were appointed as representatives to the District 5 Board Meeting to be held during the Regional in Cleveland: Asim, Jane, Steve, and Marilyn. Mary and Lou have *ex officio* membership on the board and will also attend.

Bridge Teacher Liaison— Darlene Mannheimer was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Free Entries for Publicity—Asim suggested giving out free entries to the Unit Game to encourage attendance. The following plans were adopted:

- Mentoring Program
 - Each mentor will receive 2 free entries, to be used in partnership with the mentee
 - Each mentor will receive 1 free entry to use for himself
 - Steve will discuss the implementation of this with Bill Seran, the mentoring coordinator

- Free entries to be distributed by club directors
 - Possibilities discussed included section tops, raffles, and section tops for winners of evening games
 - Bill Holt will present a proposal at the next meeting
 - The program may kick off on a rolling schedule

Insurance—Jane reported that the unit will self-insure for the assets; she contacted the ACBL about insurance for incidents at the unit game and off-site at sectionals (the ACBL provides free insurance for incidents at the site of sectionals).

Newcomer Swiss Teams—Bill reported that attendance was 13 teams. This was less than originally expected but was good considering the weather. Those who attended loved the event.

Spring Sectional (April 23 – 25)—NR.

Awards Night (May 14)—Lou reported that plans are going well. There was a discussion about the low numbers of nominees for the various awards. Bill will put information on the webpage whereby people may submit nominations.

Over/Under 500 Contest—Mary described the previous contest. The purpose is to increase attendance at the unit game; in the past the attendance increased modestly. After discussion it was decided to hold the contest this year but change to Over/Under 1000. Mary and Bill will work on the particulars and Bill will make a flyer.

Summer Sectional (July 9 - 11) —Steve reported that Alex Bealles will be added to the committee. Schedule won't be finalized until after the Spring Sectional since new times are being tried.

Greensburg Sectional (June 11 - 13) —Bill reported that flyers are out. The new site is the Greensburg Civic Garden Center. The unit game won't be held that Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

STaC Week (June 14 – 20) — Mary urged club managers to register. The board agreed to continue past practice of holding a special Thursday evening game but not to hold a Sunday Swiss.

Thursday STaC Game—Lou and Barb are in charge. The game is at 7 PM at the Glenshaw Moose, directed by Gus. The theme will be STaC 'n' Snack. Bill will make flyers.

Representatives to District 5 meeting—Discussed above under District News.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday June 18 at 6:00 PM at Blackridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.