

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
June 18, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Present: W. Holt, A. Ulke, B. Bergman, K. Bergman, M. P. Carns, L. Joseph, J. Marshall, S. McQuillan, S. Rohr

Absent: R. Franck, D. Mannheimer, M. McNeirney, M. Painter, G. Retos, S. Schwarzwaelder

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Bill Holt.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill thanked the members for attending.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of April 9 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bill reported that the Sewickley Newcomers Bridge game has closed. However, many people who attended this game are playing in open games.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney was absent.

Post Mortem—Lou reported that he discussed the possibility of cutting down to quarterly; his co-editor Arlene Port is opposed. It was discussed whether there is a need for a printed publication since increasing numbers of members are accessing the internet. These issues will be revisited in a few months.

Education—Lou reported that the spring classes went well; Arlene's intermediate class had good attendance and there were 5 members in his beginners' class. It is expected that beginner attendance will be low since we are offering beginner classes in every session. Jane mentioned that she looked into the program whereby the ACBL reimburses up to 75% of the cost of educational advertising, but the ACBL logo needs to be on the flyer and there are time limits for submitting receipts. We need to pay attention to these requirements.

Business Manager—Mary reported on the following items

- Mentoring program--Bill Seran said there are at least 25 active mentor-mentee pairs.
- The insurance provided by the ACBL has limited coverage for alcohol-related incidents. The board voted not to serve alcohol at any PBA-sponsored events.
- The Greensburg Sectional hasn't been contributing to the GNT subsidy fund. This will be remedied starting with their next sectional.
- The results of the Novice Swiss Team held in February had inadvertently not been reported to the ACBL. This has been corrected.

Operations Manager—NR

Novice—Darlene Mannheimer was absent.

Membership—Marilyn Painter was absent.

Webmaster—NR

District 5 and National News—Mary reported that plans are underway for the Regional. Members were asked to help distribute flyers and to promote the Regional at club games. Mary reported that the District passed the following cell phone policy: Cell phones may not be heard or used during a session, in any room where bridge is being played. Penalty for a first offense is a full board at matchpoints, or 12 IMPS at teams. After a second offense, the player will be required to leave for the remainder of that session. Offending non-players will be asked to leave for the remainder of the session. The director will announce this policy at the beginning of each session, and the announcement will serve as the only warning. The PBA voted to adopt this policy for all PBA-sponsored events, starting with the Summer Sectional to be held July 9 - 11. The policy will be advertised on the website and in the Post Mortem.

Bridge Teacher Liaison— Darlene Mannheimer was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Free Entries for Publicity—The board discussed various plans. It was decided to provide Asim with 8 free entries to the Unit Game to distribute in the way that he thinks will be most productive.

Insurance—Jane spoke to the ACBL's carrier. They said that incidents that occur offsite should be covered by homeowners' insurance.

Spring Sectional (April 23 – 25)—Bergmans presented a written financial report. The sectional was a success attendance-wise and financially, clearing approximately \$3900.

Awards Night (May 14)—Lou reported that the event went well.

Over/Under 1000 Contest—Mary reported that the event is underway. There has been no evidence of increased attendance yet.

Summer Sectional (July 9 - 11) —Sharon reported that plans are going well. Mary Lou Ford was added to the committee as the representative for Unit 229. Bill suggested that specific people be recruited to make announcements at club games. Ken mentioned that the contracts are final for the 2011 sectionals. The price is increasing by about \$500 per weekend.

STaC 'n' Snack —Attendance was 19 tables and all went well.

NEW BUSINESS

GNT Stipend — Mary reported that the team of Ron Franck, Jane Marshall, and Barb & Ken Bergman will represent the District in flight A during the NABC in July. The money that is in the GNT Stipend account after the Summer sectional will be presented to them to help to defray expenses.

Blackridge—Representatives from Blackridge met with some members of the PBA Board tonight before the meeting and also appeared at the beginning of the current meeting. They requested a rate increase to \$350 for all day Friday. The PBA cannot afford this rent, nor do we want to pay that amount. After evaluating the situation and discussing all options, the board voted to move to Wilkins Township Municipal Building as soon as can be accomplished. Steve will work with Wilkins on finalizing a contract.

New Tables—Tables are on sale at Target and Ken is going to purchase some for the PBA.

Cell Phone Policy—See above under “Business Manager”.

Pro Am Game—Arlene Port and Judy Haffner are in charge. They are investigating alternate sites (and possibly dates) so that attendance won't have to be limited.

Election Nov. 13—Ron Franck is in charge. Ad will run in the Post Mortem.

Fossick-Goodman Swiss Teams—Mary reported that Richard Zack is planning this event for Nov. 7 (Sunday) at Blackridge. Mary has obtained a sanction.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held August 13 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins Township Municipal Building, if the move has been made by then; otherwise it will be at Blackridge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.