

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: P Katz, M. McNeirney, S. McQuillan, S. Rohr

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Asim Ulke.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Asim welcomed the members to the first meeting of 2011. He said that the Unit Game is breaking even and thanked the members for their efforts.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of November 15 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved after the correction of a spelling error.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report. She plans to allocate supply charges to sectionals based on the number of tables so there will be some adjustments to the final accounting for each sectional.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Maryanne McNeirney was absent.

Post Mortem—Lou reported that all is well.

Education—Lou reported that there will be a series of "Boutique Bridge" classes in the spring.

Business Manager—Mary will purchase some new cards before the sectional.

Building Manager—Asim reported that the new site is working out very well.

Novice—Mary reported for Darlene Mannheimer. Darlene continues to recruit players for the sectionals.

Membership—Marilyn Painter reports no problems.

Webmaster—Bill reminded the members that students can sign up for classes via the webpage

District 5 and National News—Mary reported on the following:

- The ACBL is encouraging directors to enforce the slow-play policy, which was previously distributed to board members
- The District plans to raise entry fees at Regionals, starting in 2012, pending a vote of the full board in May. If fees are raised, that will give room for units to raise their rates at sectionals

Bridge Teacher Liaison— Bill Holt reported that he is considering a student-only event at an upcoming sectional.

Club Liaison— Bill Holt reported that he will start developing the program.

OLD BUSINESS

STaC Week Dec. 6 - 12—Mary and Lou reported that all went well.

Am Night at Unit Game (Jan. 28) — Jane reported that the event was a big success. Some of the “Ams” attended the unit game the next week. The Board thanked Jane for her ongoing efforts to increase attendance at the Unit Game.

Spring Sectional April 1 - 3—Barb reported that plans are going well. She will contact players with 0 – 300 masterpoints and invite them to attend.

5th Column—Carole reported that she didn't submit a column in time for the February edition but is planning to start submitting columns.

Date and Site for Pro-Am game—Patty Katz was absent. After the meeting Mary learned from Patty and Sandi Spear that the game will be held on Thursday October 27 at Rodef Shalom.

NEW BUSINESS

Sectionals 2012 — Ken Bergman is working with the Masonic. Mary will provide him with possible dates.

Awards Night May 20—Lou is making plans; Patty is in charge of food. Mary will order medallions.

Summer Sectional July 8 - 10 —Sharon and Sue were absent.

Olympiad Contest —Mary and Bill will develop a contest similar to those held in the past.

Combining Holiday Party with STaC Swiss—Asim reported that excessive time and money are spent on the holiday party and suggested combining it with the STaC Swiss. His suggestion is that he provide coffee & donuts for breakfast; the remainder of the food would be provided by the Holiday Party Committee and eaten during the break. A discussion followed with the following points

- It might not be a good idea to move the Holiday Party away from Friday night when we're making such efforts to build the game
- The Sunday STaC Swiss probably shouldn't be held opposite a Steeler game, and the schedule isn't out yet.

It was decided to table this discussion until after the Steeler schedule is out.

Outside Sales at Unit Events — Barb Bergman reported that she had been approached about whether an individual could sell jewelry and other items at the Unit game. The Board adopted the following policy:

There may be no sales, promotions, or solicitations at any PBA-sponsored event, unless related to bridge. Bridge-related activities by outside parties will be decided on a case-by-case basis and will be at the discretion of the chair of the event, or the Manager at the Unit Game.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is will be held on April 8. 2011 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.