

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
June 17, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: A. Ulke, M. McNeirney, S. Rohr

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice-President Barb Bergman.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of April 8 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account is down, in part because advance rent has been paid for sectionals; and the ACBL has a new method of distributing allocated dues. The club game is breaking even. Jane is going to try to recruit players who live in the Greensburg area to attend the Unit Game.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Friendship/Condolence**—Maryanne McNeirney was absent.

**Post Mortem**—Lou reported that the PM is being produced in a new format. The issue of whether to go to quarterly printing or some combination of online distribution and less frequent printing will be discussed at the planning meeting.

**Education**—Lou reported that the next set of boutique classes will be in July. 2.5 of a possible 4 tables are signed up.

**Business Manager**—NR

**Novice**—The board thanks Darlene for her help in recruiting and pairing newcomers for the sectionals.

**Building Manager**—NR

**Membership**—NR

**Webmaster**—NR

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

- Regional plans are coming along.
- District 5 voted to raise entry fees for Regionals to \$12 starting in January 2012. This will help units who need to raise rates but want to remain no higher than District rates.

**Bridge Teacher Liaison**—NR

**Club Liaison**—NR

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Awards Night (May 20)**—Lou reported that a glitch resulted in no letters being sent out. Patty and Richard Katz did a great job with the food.

**Summer Sectional July 8 - 10**—Sue reported that plans are going well. The Sunday meal will be pizza. It is hard to make money in the summer because people have other commitments thus attendance is lower.

**Olympiad Contest**—Mary reported that the contest is under way. There has been only one extra pair attending as a result of the contest. Mary suggested considering eliminating the contest in the future.

**STaC week**—Currently underway and is going well.

**Thursday STaC game (STaC 'n' Snack)**—There were 16.5 tables. The unit made money, and people were happy. There was a consensus that this is a nice event.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Local Charity Beneficiary** —Mary reported that the Board needs to choose a beneficiary for the charity game held on Awards night in May. Previously the beneficiary was Blackridge. Animal Friends and Hearth were nominated. Hearth won during a vote. The PBA will add enough funds to bring the total donation to \$50.

**GNT Funds Allocation**—Currently there are 3 winners from our unit. The Board decided that only original members of a team are eligible for funds. The funds will be distributed to the recipients after the Summer Sectional.

**5<sup>th</sup> Column**—Mary reported that she had advertised for columnists, after Carole had problems producing a column. Mary received two inquiries but neither candidate submitted a sample column, as they were requested to do. Carole said that her situation has changed and she wishes to continue to be the columnist, therefore this issue is resolved.

**Pro-Am Game, Oct. 27**—Patty Katz reported that the event will be held at Rodef Shalom on a Thursday evening. The charity is Juvenile Diabetes. Sandy Spear is co-chair.

**Election, Nov. 12**—Bill Holt is in charge and will publish the required notices in the Post Mortem.

**Liaison with Rodef Novice players**—Mary reminded the board that previous mention was made that we should try to recruit these players to play in unit events. Sue McQuillan volunteered to be the liaison. Bill suggested distributing free entries to the upcoming Sectional to winners of the games preceding the sectional. Bill & Sue will coordinate.

**District 5 Competition among Units**—Ron Frank suggested developing a competition among units, with each unit's representatives consisting a team in Flights A, B, and C. He has identified a company who would donate a prize that could go toward promotion of bridge in the unit. The logical place to hold the event would be at the Pittsburgh Regional. Mary mentioned that it is probably too late to develop this competition for this year but perhaps a demonstration game could be played. Ron will submit a proposal and Mary will discuss the issue with the District 5 board.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on August 12, 2011 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.