

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
October 21, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: R. Franck, M. McNeirney, S. McQuillan, S. Rohr, W. Seran, C. Shanahan

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 PM by President Asim Ulke.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Asim thanked Sue, Sharon and Patty Katz for their service. They will be leaving the board.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of August 12 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved after a correction.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Unit received a letter of thanks from Carl Bonfiglio and Richard Krauland, who won the Olympiad Contest and traveled to the District 5 Olympiad courtesy of the Unit.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report. Through September the cash account is down \$4200 for the year and the investment account is down by \$4400. Because the accounting is done on a cash basis, there are expenses (i.e. the upcoming Fall Sectional) for which we haven't yet received the corresponding income.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Friendship/Condolence**—Marilyn Painter contacted Maryanne, who wishes to continue performing the functions of this position. Issues will be discussed at the planning meeting.

**Post Mortem**—Issues will be discussed at the Planning Meeting.

**Education**—Lou reported that there are 9 people in the beginners' classes and 9 people in the advanced classes.

**Business Manager**—NR

**Novice**—Free entries to the Fall Sectional will be provided to the winners (the week before the Sectional) at the limited-masterpoint games at Rodef and JCC-SH. Arlene Port is arranging.

**Building Manager**—Asim reported that the computer had not been working. Jimmy Klein had it repaired. Battery may need to be replaced.

**Membership**—NR. Will discuss issues at Planning Meeting

**Webmaster**—NR.

**District 5 and National News**—Mary reported that the Rock 'N' Roll Regional in Cleveland will be January 11 – 16. Wrong dates had previously been publicized. She distributed flyers to the members and asked them to take them to club games.

**Bridge Teacher Liaison**—Bill is trying to come up with a plan to get beginners introduced to playing in Sectionals.

**Club Liaison**—Role will be discussed at the Planning Meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Pro-Am Game (Oct. 27)**—Patty Katz reported that approximately 20 tables are expected.

**Election (Nov. 12)**—Bill reported that petitions have been submitted by 4 of the 6 members whose terms are expiring. One current non-member will reportedly be submitting a petition. The deadline has passed, but this person could be appointed by the President if he wishes to do so.

**Instant Matchpoint Game (Sept. 14)**—Barb reported that all went well; there were over 20 tables. The board thanked the Bergmans.

**Fall Sectional (Nov. 11 – 13)**—Lou reported for Arlene Port and Judy Haffner that plans are progressing.

**December STaC Week (5 – 11)**—Mary said that there will be no Thursday game since the Steelers are playing that night. Therefore, she suggested that the Holiday Party, currently scheduled December 9 be held as planned (Patty Katz in charge). The STaC Swiss will be held on Sunday Dec. 11. Flyers are out; the Swiss will be at Glenshaw Moose. Barb Bergman/Asim Ulke are in charge.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Starting Time for Unit Game** —Jane Marshall suggested moving the start time to 7:15. She is aware of 2 people who have trouble making it to the game at 7:00. The board suggested she poll those who are currently attending the game and see if we would lose any currently attending players. This issue will be further discussed at the planning meeting.

**Planning Meeting**—The meeting will be Monday Nov. 7 at the Design Center, 5001 Baum Blvd, if the building is available [Note: after the meeting, the Planning Meeting was moved to Nov. 21].

**Holiday Party, Dec. 9**—Patty Katz is in charge.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is the Planning Meeting, Nov. 21 at The Design Center.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.