

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: M. McNeirney

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by President Asim Ulke.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the Planning Meeting of November 21 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved after two corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE

The PBA received a plaque from Juvenile Diabetes in thanks for the Pro-Am Game from which they received the profits. The board agreed to present the plaque to Patty Katz and Sandi Spear Brand at Awards Night.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—NR

Post Mortem—Lou reported that his co-editor will resign if the publication goes to all, or mostly, online. The following data were presented as followup to the discussion from the planning meeting:

- Mary reported that 60% of PBA members have email. Of those, 2/3 of the addresses are available to us.
- Bill reported that there have been 330 hits on the online PM page since November

Education—The following issues were discussed:

- Pupil Games: Bill reported that Lorraine Hanna is the new Bridge Teacher Liaison. Jane presented the outline of Lorraine's plan to hold a series of Pupil Games. There will be a 45-minute lesson followed by 2 hours of bridge. The program will be held at the Masonic Center on Thursdays from 11 am – 2 PM. After discussion, it was decided that Lorraine may

apply to District 5 for reimbursement of costs such as advertising and refreshments, and that the Unit will pay her \$20 per session for the first 7 sessions. After this, the program and honoraria will be reviewed.

- Bill Holt suggested holding “Bridge in a Day”—a lesson format presented in the ACBL Bulletin. The Board approved of the concept.

Business Manager—Mary’s report:

- Sectional date changes for 2012
 - Spring: April 27 – 29 (no change)
 - Summer: July 6 – 8 (previous dates June 29 – July 1)
 - Fall: Nov. 9 – 11 (previous dates Oct. 19 – 21)
- PBA Board meeting in June will be June 8 instead of June 15
- Greensburg and Johnstown are considering holding a joint sectional in 2013 and are looking at dates in April
- The Lancaster Regional has been rescheduled to Dec. 3 – 9 (this year only), which is during the District 5 Winter STaC

Building Manager—Asim reported that the carpet has been cleaned. We paid 1/3 of the cost, \$120.

Membership—Marilyn has been following the new guidelines and finds them easier.

Webmaster—NR

District 5 and National News—NR

Bridge Teacher Liaison— Bill Holt reiterated that Lorraine Hanna is the new Liaison. Her contact on the board will be Lou Joseph.

Club Liaison—NR.

OLD BUSINESS

Am Night at Unit Game (Jan 27)—Jane reported that due to weather, the game was held opposite the open Swiss Teams. Several people used their discounted entries to play in the team game. There was a small turnout. Jane’s opinion is that holding this game in the future won’t be worth the effort unless there is a very large Pro-Am Game.

Spring Sectional (April 27 - 29)— Barb brought fliers for distribution. The previous practice of sending letters to the newcomers will instead be done via email. Email addresses will also be collected at registration.

Fossick-Goodman Team Game (June 3)—Mary reported that the game will be held by Richard Zack at Edgewood Country Club. Snacks will be available, but there won't be a meal.

Date for Pro-Am game—Asim reported that no date has been chosen yet.

Mentoring—Bill Seran reported that he hasn't been successful getting mentees from the Rodef Game. Bill Holt will put contact information on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Sectionals 2013 — Ken Bergman announced the following dates:

- Spring: April 12 – 14
- Summer: July 19 – 21
- Fall: November 8 - 10

Awards Night May 18—Lou will send invites via email and make the necessary certificates. Lou will be out of town for the event and Bill will emcee. Ron is in charge of food.

Summer Sectional July 6 - 8 —Bill and Ron are in charge

Pupil Program—Discussed above under Education

299er Swiss March 10—Bill made the arrangements for the site and teacher. Darlene and Jane are involved in partnerships. Bill brought fliers for distribution.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is will be held on April 13, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.