

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
June 15, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: A. Ulke, R. Franck, M. McNeirney, M. Painter

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Vice President Barb Bergman.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Barb welcomed the members.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of April 13 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gus Costanzo has started a new game Monday afternoon at Glenshaw Moose.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report. The club game is making money. Advance rent has been paid for the 2013 sectionals. Special events have been well attended: The 299er Swiss had 22 tables, Fossick-Goodman Swiss had 23 tables, and STaC 'n' Snack had 21 tables.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—NR

Post Mortem—Lou reported that all is going well.

Education—Lou reported that income to date is \$58. Two over One class starts later this month. There are 11 people in the current class and all plan to play in the sectional.

Business Manager—NR

Building Manager—NR

Membership—NR

Webmaster—Bill reported that he has posted information about Learn Bridge in One Day (LB1D) including a selling page with online registration.

District 5 and National News—NR

Club Liaison—Bill reported that he is trying to make sure events are announced and flyers are at all club games.

OLD BUSINESS

Pupil Games—Lou reported that Lorraine Hanna had 3 tables on Thursday. She hasn't yet had 7 classes. The program will be re-evaluated at the next meeting when it is anticipated that 7 classes will have been held. Lorraine submitted expenses for reimbursement to the District 5 Educational Fund.

Learn Bridge in 1 Day (LB1D)—Will be held Sept. 1 from 12 noon to 4:30 at the Hyatt Regency alongside the regional. The advantages are that already-paid space is available and there is free parking. Bill distributed flyers. He asked that people post these in areas with community billboards and spread the word to any friends that may be interested. He contacted the Tribune Review (4 days coverage for approximately \$1000), Post-Gazette and Senior News to discuss ads. As part of the ACBL's Cooperative Advertising program, we can spend \$1000 and get 75% back on the first \$1000. He is planning to contact Comcast about the possibility of cable TV ads.

Volunteers will be needed, approximately 1 for every 2 tables. A phone number has been set up: 412-407-CLUB. This is a free number through Google and it is anticipated that it will be able to be used for the unit phone number in the future.

Spring Sectional (April 27 – 29)—Barb reported that all went well. The Board thanked Barb and Ken for their hard work. Total was 315 tables and there was a good turnout for teams. Novice turnout was great. Darlene and Jane worked together to create partnerships and teams.

Awards Night (May 18)—Lou was out of town; Bill was MC in his absence. Mary and Barb helped; Ron and Shirley Franck supplied food which was great. Attendance was down but the event was well promoted. All awardees got invites which were either delivered in person, emailed, or snailmailed.

Fossick-Goodman Game (June 3)—The turnout was good (23 teams). The event was well organized. The board thanked Richard Zack for doing a good job. The net will be approximately \$600.

Summer Sectional (July 6 – 8)—Bill Holt said that plans are going well. Bill, Ron, and Ruthie Neafach are working hard.

Date and Site for Pro-Am game—Will be Oct. 10 (Wednesday) at Rodef. Asim will contact John Killmeyer for permission (unit games may not conflict with other games without their permission).

STaC week (ongoing)—Things are going smoothly in Pittsburgh. Final results have been delayed due to a problem with the director.

Thursday STaC 'n' Snack—Was held last evening. Turnout was good (21 tables) and all went well. The board thanked Barb and Ken for their hard work.

NEW BUSINESS

Table Storage—Barb reported that Ron can't continue to keep the tables in his basement. Ken contacted 3 local places. A facility on Cemetery Lane is \$32 per month. We must sign a contract and buy our own lock. This is a great price and very convenient location. The tables would be able to move in immediately after the upcoming Summer Sectional. The board agreed, and Ken may sign a contract for at least 1 year.

Worldwide Pairs—This event is held the first Friday evening of June and previously heats were held at the PBA. The PBA stopped holding this event about 5 years ago due to small attendance and high costs. Currently worldwide results are calculated in real-time via the internet, and a player expressed interest in the PBA once again sponsoring a heat. Mary will look into the costs and procedures are so the board can make a determination.

December STaC Games—The Steelers are playing on Sunday, therefore there won't be a Swiss Team that day. STaC 'n' Snack will be held Thursday evening and the Holiday Party will be Dec. 14 (Friday evening of STaC week).

Election (Nov. 10)—Phyllis Silver will arrange ads in the Post Mortem and will speak to members whose terms are expiring.

Disposition of GNT Funds—Jane Marshall suggested that there should be a limit on the amount that can be awarded to any one individual. Currently the amount in the fund is divided among all unit members who are national finalists. It was moved that funds be divided by all unit members who are national finalists, with a maximum of \$500 per person. The motion passed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is will be held on August 17, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.