

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: M. McNeirney, M. Painter, W. Seran, P. Silver, C. Shanahan

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

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Asim said he spoke with John Killmeyer from the Moon Twp game, who had no objections to the unit running the Pro-Am on a Wednesday. He asked what our options would have been had John objected. Mary said that her understanding is that the ACBL prohibits units from competing with clubs. The unit would have to find another night.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of June 15 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report showing year-to-date results and cash flow as well as table counts. Expenses for supplies will be pro-rated at the end of the year based on table count of each event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Friendship/Condolence—Mary reported for Marilyn that she continues to forward information to Maryanne.

Post Mortem—Lou reported that all is going well.

Education—Lou reported that Arlene had a good turnout for her 2/1 class. Fall classes will be scheduled soon.

Business Manager—NR

Building Manager—NR

Membership—Mary reported that Marilyn won't be continuing on the board. Mary has a written description of duties that Marilyn provided and will pass this on to the new president.

Webmaster—NR

District 5 and National News—Asim distributed the District Director's Report. Mary reminded the members that the Roni Pittsburgh is August 28 – Sept. 3 and asked members to make announcements at games.

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 2.5 tables on Thursday. She reached the 7-table landmark previously agreed, and Jane paid her for those games. The game may be moving to the Sewickley YMCA in conjunction with a planned 299er game to be held there on Fridays.

Learn Bridge in 1 Day (LB1D)—Bill arranged with Comcast for online ads during August at 50,000 page views for \$500. There will also be 3 ads in the Jewish Chronicle. Patty Tucker said most areas get attendance mainly via word of mouth and many at the last minute. There were 20 people signed up before any media ads were done. So far there are 36 registrants and Bill has records of another group of people who are interested but can't attend on the scheduled day. Bill discussed payment with Judi Sonon: \$225. The first \$1000 of advertising costs will be reimbursed at 75% via the ACBL's program. Volunteers have been recruited and will get free plays at a sectional.

Summer Sectional (July 6-8)—Bill reported that all went well. He thanked Ron and Ruthie for their hard work. The Friday Evening-Saturday KO was cancelled due to lack of entries.

Pro-Am Game (Oct. 10)—Jane is calling the top 100 masterpoint holders in order to recruit Pros. Potential Pros must agree to play with anyone who buys them. She is also calling Ams who played last year. Price will be \$30 per pair. Bill will make a flyer; there will be a notice in the Post Mortem. Mary agreed that Jane may recruit players at the Regional. Asim chose Ronald McDonald House as the charity and this was approved by the board. Barb will help Asim with food suggestions.

Election (November 10)—Phyllis Silver was absent. Maryanne McNeirney wishes to run for the board but can't attend meetings. The board felt that it would be appropriate for the incoming president to appoint her, rather than having someone circulate a petition for her. There was some discussion about whether an emeritus position should be created.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Sectional (Nov. 9 –11)—Bill Seran and Carole Shanahan were absent. Ken is helping with logistics. The schedule will be changed to eliminate the Friday Evening-Saturday KO due to poor attendance, and replace with a Friday Evening Single-Session Swiss. The Compact KO will continue to be held on Saturday. Bill will make flyers.

Director Salary—Asim requested a salary increase, to \$80, for Gus only. He is effectively the head director and works most of the difficult events. The board agreed. His salary will be \$80 per session, starting immediately.

New Cards/Condition of Boards—Mary reported that the boards and the cards are in terrible condition. She said that new cards could be obtained for approximately \$1 per deck. We own 13 sets of boards, essentially all of which need new cards. The board agreed that all should be replaced. [After the meeting, it was determined that the true price of cards is approximately \$1.75 per deck, including delivery].

Mary discussed boards: The current boards are not only dirty, but are falling apart. They could be refurbished but that is labor-intensive. The most common new boards are built to accommodate duplicating machines. They have a different style of sticker which many players don't like. She believes that other types of boards may be coming out as duplicating machines evolve. The board decided to order 2 sets of old-style boards to be used for the Unit Games. Eventually all of the old boards will have to be replaced.

The game will be at the Glenshaw Moose. Bill made flyers. Gus is directing. There will be a caddy. If Gus duplicates boards, he will be paid an extra fee.

Representatives to District 5 Meeting—The Full Board Meeting is Sunday Sept. 2, between sessions. Representatives from Unit 142 will be:

Asim Ulke
Jane Marshall
Bill Holt
Ron Franck
Barb Bergman

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Friday October 12 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.