

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
October 12, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: R. Franck, M. McNeirney, M. Painter, W. Seran, P. Silver

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by President Asim Ulke.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Asim welcomed the members.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of August 17 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Bernhard has started an open game at the Sewickley YMCA, Fridays at 12:30 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report. LB1D is currently (-384) but we are expecting \$600+ from the ACBL's cooperative advertising program. Pro-Am game netted almost \$2300. The board voted to add enough to donate \$2500 to the Ronald McDonald House. IMP game netted \$380.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Friendship/Condolence**—NR

**Post Mortem**—NR

**Education**—Lou reported that classes start Monday at Rodef Shalom. There are 4 tables of beginners and 6 tables of intermediate students.

**Business Manager**—NR

**Building Manager**—NR

**Membership**—NR

**Webmaster**—NR

**District 5 and National News**—Mary reported that attendance at the Regional was up by over 100 tables. The National Board passed a regulation that, beginning in 2013, no club director or his partner is eligible to be in the overalls for any STaC event. They are eligible for section awards.

**Club Liaison**—NR

#### OLD BUSINESS

**New Cards and Boards**—Mary presented her research to the board. New cards are \$1.75 per deck. Currently available new boards have bad reviews both for ease of use and durability. Mary will order one set of new boards to be used at the unit game and will order new cards for all existing boards.

**Pupil Games**—Lou reported that Lorraine moved Pupil Games to Sewickley. Attendance has been increasing. Lorraine's compensation will be discussed at the Planning Meeting.

**Learn Bridge in 1 Day (LB1D)**—Bill reported that there was a phenomenal response to word-of-mouth advertising. 57 people signed up in advance, of which approximately 50 showed up. Students universally gave good ratings to the course. There was a 3-hr. supervised play session a few weeks after the original event, for which 18 people showed up. If there are classes in the future, the follow-up event will be advertised as part of the original program.

Bill suggests another LB1D class in the winter targeting college students. We already own a license to use the package. The board agreed with this plan.

**Instant MP game (Oct. 4)**—Barb reported that there were approximately 25 tables. The event was a success.

**Pro-Am Game (Oct. 10)**—There were 39 tables, compared to 28 tables last year. Jane is hoping to have even more tables next year.

**Election (November 10)**—Mary Paulone Carns reported in Phyllis Silver's absence. Departing Board members are Bill Seran and Marilyn Painter. Lorraine Hanna and Jeanne Baseman are planning to join the board. No election will be necessary because there are more positions than there are candidates.

**Fall Sectional (Nov. 9 –11)**—Carole Shanahan reported that plans are underway. Ken will help Carol with the details. Warren Oberfield will be lecturing on Saturday.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**December STaC Week**—Mary reminded the members that STaC week is Dec. 3 – 9. The PBA will sponsor a STaC ‘n’ Snack on Thursday. There will be no Swiss Team on Sunday due to the Steeler game.

**Planning Meeting**—Will be on November 19.

**Holiday Party**—Will be Friday Dec. 14. Barb Bergman will find someone to handle hospitality.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is the Planning Meeting, to be held November 19 at 6:00 PM at The Design Center, 5001 Baum Blvd. Dinner will be served.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.