

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Present: B. Bergman, R. Franck, J. Baseman, J. Bernhard, K. Bergman, M. P. Carns, W. Holt, L. Joseph, J. Marshall, R. Neafach, B. Weinstein

Absent: L. Hanna, M. McNeirney, C. Shanahan, P. Silver, A. Ulke

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Barbara Bergman.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Barbara Bergman welcomed the members.

- She thanked Ruthie and Jeanne for hosting the Holiday Party
- She thanked Bill Holt for organizing and running the recent LB1D
- She reviewed the changes since the Planning Meeting
 - Fran Prus will be editing the 5th Column
 - Bill Seran has resigned as the chair of the Mentoring Program, which is not currently active
 - Asim Ulke retired as Operations Manager. The functions of this job have been divided
 - Friday Night Hospitality: Gail Carns, \$250
 - Wilkins Contact: Jane Marshall, \$125
 - Directors & Computers: Gus Costanzo, \$125
 - The honorarium (\$500 annually) for this position will be split among these 3 individuals as indicated above. This was approved by the board.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the Planning Meeting of November 19 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved after several corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary reported the following correspondence

- New Game, starting March 1: Shufflers NLM BC, Alternate Tuesdays, manager is Barbara Weinstein
- Center Bridge: Sandy Schuchert has retired and Gus Costanzo has taken over. The game has lost its site at the Masonic and is suspended pending finding a new location.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane reported that checks are being sent via the PNC Bill Paying service. She showed a sample of the envelope. She then distributed and reviewed the

treasurer's report, both for year to date and whole year 2012. Cash balance year-over-year is up by \$3000. Vanguard account has \$83,990. Total cost for both heats of LB1D is \$835.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Post Mortem—Lou reported no problems.

Education—Lou reported that classes will be held this spring. Dates are pending Rodef Shalom's schedule.

Business Manager—NR

Membership—Phyllis Silver was absent.

Webmaster—Bill reported that Mary Paulone Carns and Barbara Weinstein are his backups and can post updates in an emergency.

District 5 and National News—Mary reported that the Roni Regional will have preduplicated boards and Bridge Mates for scoring pairs games.

Bridge Teacher Liaison—Lorraine Hanna was absent.

Pupil Games—Lorraine Hanna was absent and sent her report to the members previously. There were 14 sessions from March through December, and 175 people attended. She is encouraging club directors to offer special 0-5 and/or 0-20 games with shorter sessions to groom players who could then move to Novice Games and Regular Games.

Club Liaison—Bill has flyers to distribute for the Spring Sectional and the District Qualifiers for the GNT.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Sectional April 12 - 14—Ken Bergman is trying to come up with a cost effective and easy way to provide a meal between sessions on Saturday.

Fossick-Goodman Game June 2—Mary got the sanction; Richard Zack is organizing the game at Edgewood CC.

Duplicating Machine—Mary reported that the machine has arrived; Gus is getting up to speed. He is also getting Bridgemates that will be available to use at the Unit Game.

LB1D—Was held on January 26 with follow-up supervised play on Feb. 2. Bill was disappointed in the turnout: 28 registered and 22 showed up. This compares to 54 in September. We may have already recruited those who were

potentially interested. However, a much higher percentage returned for supervised play (16 of 22). The time of year (weather and snowbirds) may be very relevant. We need to decide whether to renew the license for next year.

Sectional Responsibilities—Barbara revised this document to update the previous several-years-old document. The current document is specific to the Masonic. It should help new chairs and helps to standardize how the sectionals are run.

Cell Phone Policy—Mary Paulone Carns reported that the directors for the Unit Game have been unhappy with the cell phone policy believing it was too harsh. Of the 3 usual directors, one resigned, one reportedly refused to enforce, and one is enforcing but is concerned that players will think that the PBA policy also applies to privately run games. Mary corresponded with the ACBL concerning the possibility of the policy being enforced by the Club Manager rather than the director; the reply was that this can't be done; the respondent from the ACBL suggested firing the directors if they don't comply. As this is impractical, Mary presented a revised, less-harsh, policy for Club Games only. The proposed policy was previously emailed to the board members. A motion to keep the old policy failed. A motion to adopt the new policy (attached) was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Possible Programs for Newcomers—Mary reported that the Mentoring program is defunct. Several other programs have been suggested:

- **Post Mortem Column**—Barb suggested an “Ask Jerry”-style column for the Post Mortem, geared to newer players. It wouldn't necessarily have to run every month. The consensus was that this is a good idea. If Arlene agrees, Barb will identify candidates to write the column.
- **Supervised Play**—Mary said that the students in the LB1D followup sessions seemed to be very excited about supervised play. She asked for ideas for ways the PBA could promote supervised play. Examples were: periodic PBA-sponsored games; a game at a sectional; encouraging bridge teachers to hold sessions. Bill suggested sponsoring games that would rotate at the various existing novice games. The advantage here is that a site, time, and place already exist, and local clubs would get involved. Volunteers would be needed to supervise. Lorraine will contact teachers to gauge interest.

Awards Night May 17—Lou is in charge. We will try to promote the event to encourage better attendance.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday April 26 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.