

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
June 21, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: J. Bernhard, L. Joseph, M. McNeirney, C. Shanahan, P. Silver

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by President Barbara Bergman.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Barbara Bergman welcomed the members.

- She said that STaC 'n' Snack was highly successful and thanked Ruthie and Jeanne
- The Fossick-Goodman Swiss was very successful

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of April 26 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved with a few corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane presented the Treasurer's report. The Year-to-Date balance is down about \$8500 compared to last year. However, the dealing machine was purchased (approx. \$4500), and deposits were made in advance for the upcoming sectionals. The District 5 representatives for flight B of the GNT are from Unit 142 (Istvan & Judit Bardi, Wayne Obitz, and James Gray—substituting for Ron Sain). There is \$1708 in the subsidy fund each member of the team will receive \$427 (1/4 of the total) to help defray expenses for their upcoming trip to the NABC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Post Mortem—Lou was absent. Barb encouraged submissions to the Ask Ernie column.

Education—Lou was absent. Mary reported for him that Education classes are on Summer Vacation. The Fossick-Goodman Swiss generated about \$700 (less

pending ACBL fees). The consensus was that Education funds may be used for LB1D expenses.

Business Manager—NR

Membership—Phyllis Silver was absent.

Webmaster—Bill reported that there is a website available to clubs and tournaments for posting results, for a fee. He and Mary looked at the site and saw no advantage over our current process of using our own website.

District 5 and National News—Mary reported that plans for the Regional are going well. She encouraged Board members to make announcements at club games that they attend, and to make sure flyers are available. In the flyer, 299er games were inadvertently advertised as beginning Tuesday afternoon, when they usually begin on Wednesday afternoon. It isn't a problem to run a game Tuesday evening; and Darlene Mannheimer has kindly agreed to hold her (already sanctioned) masterpoint-limited game at the tournament site on Tuesday afternoon.

Bridge Teacher Liaison—Lorraine Hanna emailed bridge teachers about the "Ask Ernie" column in the Post Mortem.

Pupil Games—Lorraine Hanna reported that there have been 2 sessions (17 students) since the last board meeting, and 212 pupils since March 2012. There are 18 students in her Bridge Basics II class being taught at Treesdale.

Club Liaison—Bill continues to work with representatives to assure that there are announcements and flyers at club games. Board members were asked to help in this endeavor.

OLD BUSINESS

Awards Night (May 17)—Barb Bergman thanked Ron and Lou for a job well done

Fossick-Goodman Game June 2—There were 27 teams, with a net income of approximately \$700 to be used for education.

Summer STaC—Mary reported that the week went well.

Summer Sectional (July 19-21)—Bill reported that plans are going well. His co-chairs Cecelia Powell and Barbara Belardi are very hard-working and well organized.

Learn Bridge in 1 Day—Bill renewed the license for another year. The program hasn't changed substantially, so supplies left over from previous events can be used. The program is scheduled for Saturday August 31, at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh Airport, during the Regional. The Regional is donating the space. The follow-up supervised play session is a week later, Sept. 7, at Wilkins. Board members were asked to post flyers in community areas, and to make announcements and take flyers to club games.

Investment Funds—Lorraine reported for John Bernhard in his absence. He recommends some changes in fund distribution. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Pro-Am Game—Jane is approaching everyone she sees about playing. Issues were discussed regarding the definition of a pro; whether 2 "pros" or 2 regular players may play together; and if so whether they can win. The consensus was that the game is for charity and, while players are encouraged to follow the spirit of the game, any two players may play together, no one will be turned away and any players may win.

Electronic Scoring at Sectionals—Bill reported that Mike Roberts (the Director of the Sectional) will only use electronic scorers if there are enough for all tables in play. Gus is talking about purchasing more scorers. When we have enough, we'll use them.

Bylaws—Ken Bergman reviewed the bylaws and presented a list of suggested changes. Mary will type up the new proposed bylaws and send them out in advance of the next meeting, when they will be voted on.

Member-Guest Event—Lorraine reported that the ACBL suggests that clubs run a game in which the partnerships are made up of established players and novices. Some suggestions were inviting non-duplicate players to games, and maintaining an informal list of players who would be willing to play with new players.

Possible New Club Game—Lorraine said that the Twentieth Century Club wants to start a sanctioned game. The game would be Tuesday or Friday at lunch. Possible directors were discussed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday August 9 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.