

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
October 11, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Present: J. Baseman, M. P. Carns, R. Franck, L. Hanna, J. Marshall, R. Neafach, C. Shanahan,

Absent: B. Bergman, K. Bergman, J. Bernhard, W. Holt, L. Joseph, M. McNeirney, P. Silver, B. Weinstein

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Vice President Ron Franck. Barb Bergman had an unplanned absence due to traffic.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Ron Franck welcomed the members. Barbara Bergman sent her remarks later the same evening by email, summarized here:

- She apologized for being absent.
- She congratulated Jane, Marcella and Sandy for the huge success of the Pro-Am. They all received rave reviews for their efforts.
- Several club games are losing their venues:
  - The South Hills JCC is no longer available for club games. This affects Don Averbach's games Tuesday night and Thursday afternoon, and Darlene Mannheimer's games Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening. Her novice games are vital to building bridge in Pittsburgh.
  - Darlene also lost the venue for her Friday evening games in Mt. Lebanon.
  - Barb spoke with both, who are looking for new sites
- She is concerned about the lack of announcements at the unit game. Some people were not aware of the IMP game. Announcements about upcoming events should be made at the unit game. There are some people who only play at that game.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the meeting of August 9 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary received notices about the following games:

- New game: Sewickley Hills Monday and Thursday at 6:30 PM
- Temple Sinai game is moving to Monday at 7:00 PM

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane presented the Treasurer's report. The ledger sheet is down approximately \$3500 compared to this time last year, but \$1700 was paid for the GNT subsidy and the deposit for the fall sectional has already been made. The Pro-Am had a net income of approximately \$2700, with ACBL fees still to be paid.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Post Mortem**—NR

**Education**— Lou reported that the fall class has 4 tables of advanced beginners.

**Business Manager**—NR

**Membership**—Phyllis Silver was absent.

**Webmaster**—Bill Holt sent his reports to Mary. The Domain Registration bill is coming due.

**District 5 and National News**—Mary reported that the Regional was successful but attendance was down by over 10%. Attendance was approximately equal to that in 2011, so it is possible that the increase in 2012 was spurious. Several members noticed that attendance is increasing among out-of-towners and decreasing among locals. Some perceived negatives about the current location were discussed, along with the possibility of considering a move to the new Convention Center in Monroeville. Mary and Lou plan to meet with representatives of both possible venues soon.

**Bridge Teacher Liaison**—NR

**Pupil Games**—Lorraine Hanna reported that there were no games in August, and 4 and 7 people in September. That is too few to have a 0-5 game, but she is helping them with the mechanics of the game, hoping to groom them so they might attend regular games.

**Club Liaison**—Mary reported for Bill that he plans to resign this position at the end of the year. Mary reviewed the duties of the position. After the meeting, Jeanne Baseman agreed to take over this role.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Learn Bridge in 1 Day**—Mary reported for Bill that the Labor Day session was a success. There were 26 attendees and 6 no-shows. There were 14 attendees at the follow-up session. The net cost, after ACBL reimbursement for some advertising, was \$200. Several potential students couldn't attend on Labor Day weekend, but the site is ideal for the purpose. Special thanks to Ernie Retetagos, Sue McQuillan, Mary Carns, Dot Mehok, Gail Hastings, Jan Smith, Anne Marie Gordon, Jane Marshall and Barry Patterson. Bill would be willing to

do this again, if the Board feels that it is valuable and if we can obtain a site for the follow-up session. This will be discussed at the Planning Meeting.

**Instant Matchpoint Game (Oct. 2)**—Barb's emailed report was: It was a successful evening. We had 21 1/2 tables. Unfortunately, we did not have the booklets that evening. However, the hands were put on the website. I did not hear complaints about the booklets.

**Pro-Am Game (Oct. 10)**—Jane said that the turnout was good (47.5 tables). Marcella Retetagos and Sandi Brand did a wonderful job. The board thanked Jane, Marcella, and Sandi for a great job.

**Fall Sectional Nov. 8 - 10**—Ron Franck reported that he and Barb Weinstein recruited Arlene Cullen to help with hospitality. They met with the Bergmans who were very helpful. He passed out a report sent by Barb, detailing the plans. Ron reported that he is very pleased with his co-chairs who are hard-working, and staying within the budget. No big changes are planned.

**Election November 9**—Barb's emailed report indicated that she received the nomination petitions from John Bernhard. There will be no new board members and an election won't be necessary.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Planning Meeting**—Barb's emailed report indicated that the planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 2 at 6:00 PM. It will be at The Design Center, 5001 Baum Blvd. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP to Mary.

**Holiday Party, Dec. 6**—Ruthie and Jeanne reported no problems.

**STaC Week, Dec. 9 - 15**—Mary reported that there will be no unit-sponsored Thursday game. There will be a pairs game Friday evening and a Team Game on Sunday.

**STaC Team Game Dec. 15**—Barb's emailed report is: The site is the Glenshaw Moose. Gus will direct. Reservations will be required because there will be a table limit of approximately 32.

#### NEXT MEETING

Planning Meeting will be Monday, Dec. 2 at 6:00 PM at The Design Center, 5001 Baum Boulevard.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.