

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: R. Franck, J. Baseman, L. Hanna, C. Shanahan, B. Weinstein

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM by President Barb Bergman.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Barbara said that she had made an executive decision to reimburse the 3 people who received parking tickets during the Planning Meeting (\$97 each). She said that in the future the PBA will not reimburse for non-bridge-related expenses.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the Planning Meeting of December 2 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary received notices about the following games:

- Allegheny North (Tuesdays, noon) and Pittsburgh North (Thursdays, noon) are now owned by Sandy Schuchert who will also be directing.
- Center Bridge has been transferred to the ownership of Gus Costanzo and has been re-named Glenshaw DBC. It will meet Saturdays at 11:00 AM at the Glenshaw Moose.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane presented the Treasurer's report, which consisted of Cash Flow for the year 2013 and included table counts for the Friday Night Unit Game. Cash is up approximately \$6000 of which 4500 is investment income. The cash money market fund contains approximately \$12,000. In answer to a question Jane said that this amount is necessary to conduct the business of the unit. The unit game in 2013 had 486 tables over 44 games, thus averaging 11 tables per game.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Post Mortem—Lou reported that "Ask Ernie" is now called "Bridge Bytes".

Education— Lou reported that the next set of classes will probably be a beginners' class in the spring. Dates are pending availability at Rodef.

Business Manager—Mary reported the following regarding the Unit game:

- Cards have been replaced in the boards.

- Chris Wang is now doing the cleanup. Gail Carns continues to do the shopping, setup, and during-game hospitality. The board determined that Gail's compensation will decrease from \$250 per year to \$125; Chris will receive \$125 plus free plays.

Membership—Barbara Bergman reported for Carole Shanahan who was absent. Carole has been sending letters to new members and cards for sympathy/friendship.

Webmaster—Bill Holt reported that District 5 is developing a relationship with Bridge Finesse, which will result in the availability of an online partnership desk and fast results for all tournaments in District 5 (sectionals and regionals). The Common Game is run by the same organization, and provides hand analysis. Bill will give this information to Gus who may look into it. Barb Bergman said that her contacts in Atlanta complimented our website.

District 5 and National News—Mary reported that she is working on the flyer for the August RONI Regional. She is planning to add a Gold Rush Swiss to the morning Swiss. Lou reported that the District has identified a bookseller.

Bridge Teacher Liaison—NR

Pupil Games—Barb read Lorraine Hanna's emailed report. She is getting 4 to 8 people for the lesson. They are playing in the Sewickley YMCA open game since there aren't the 2 tables required for a 0-5 game. Perhaps this will change when the snowbirds arrive.

Club Liaison—Barb reported for Jeanne. She has been distributing flyers at all games.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Sectional March 28 - 30—Ken reported that all is ready. Bill Holt said that for the Summer Sectional he and Carole don't yet have a 3rd person as co-chair. He asked for volunteers or suggestions.

Supervised Play Game—Barb read Lorraine's emailed report. She emailed teachers about this idea. Two teachers responded but didn't commit to bringing students. The event is planned for the Summer Sectional.

Bridge in Schools—Bill reported:

- A meeting planned with Bruce Stephan in December was cancelled.
- In January, Bill, Barb, and Mary met with Doug Henderson who runs the Bridge in Schools program in Cleveland. Their program was discussed in detail. What didn't work there: after-school programs and mandatory attendance. What did work: presenting program as "reward". Doug had previously been involved in the schools, and they had a principal who was very interested.

- In February, there was a meeting attended by Bill, Barb, Mary, Lorraine, and Bruce Stephan. Bill thanked Lorraine for her hard work. Lorraine came up with lists of people who have contacts in schools and of people who want to teach. Lorraine will work with Sewickley YMCA and Quaker Valley Schools, Bill with Shadyside Adademy, and Bruce with Pittsburgh Public Schools. Ruthie knows principals at Wilkinsburg and Woodland Hills. The goal is to get into 2 facilities by September.
- Lorraine emailed the following information to the members:
 - There are lesson plans on the ACBL website at <http://www.acbl.org/teachers/schoolBridge.html>
 - Kitty Cooper's School Plan is at <http://bridgeteaching.com/?s=teaching+schools>
 - Community centers and YMCAs may be easier to get into than schools. Sewickley Y has over 20 students in an after school program and Moon Township & has around 18 students.
 - She gave specific examples of people who are interested in participating and/or have contacts in the schools.

NEW BUSINESS

Sectional Dates—Ken is working with the Masonic re: dates for 2015. Prices will be going up. He commented that most other units in the District get their sanctions before the PBA does. That leaves us with limited choices and non-ideal dates. Mary, as a member of the District Board, agreed, but since the Masonic won't even consider dates until February, we are at a disadvantage. There are no other venues that are as good for our needs so this is something that we have to live with.

Awards Night, May 16—Lou is in charge; Ron is doing refreshments. Mary got the medallions. Lou has scheduled a meeting about the Frazier award. Barb will choose the winner of the Jane McIntyre award. Mary will calculate the winner of the Sorenson Award.

Fifth Column—Mary Lou D'Altorio is replacing Fran Prus. Fran will be her backup.

The Longest Day—Barb asked if anyone is interested in running a Longest Day event. Last year the Greensburg area held the event. Barb will check with Kitty Jo to see if they are holding it again as we don't want to compete with them. Barb brought information.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be April 4 6:00 PM at Wilkins. Note the change from the previously scheduled date of April 11.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.