

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

August 8, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: R. Franck

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

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Barb said that the Summer Sectional was a success. She and the board thanked Bill Holt and Carole Shanahan. Barb thanked Mary for helping the unit to run smoothly.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of June 13 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane presented the Treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Post Mortem**—NR

**Education**—Lou reported that there will be fall classes which will be scheduled when dates are available at the site. Lorraine is starting a bridge basics class later this month.

**Business Manager**—Mary reported that she and Gus plan to have a "boards party" at which they will refurbish the boards for the unit and for his games.

**Membership**—Carole Shanahan continues to send letters and free entries to new members, and cards to ill and bereaved members.

**Webmaster**—Bill Holt reported that things are going well. There was positive feedback from Fast Results at the Sectional. Jane sent a donation of \$75 which will cover 3 sectionals. Bill will post a list of Pros for the Pro Am Game.

**Bridge in Schools**— Bill Holt gave his report. The organizational plan was to get a few pilot sites up and running before expanding further.

- John Bernhard has been very diligent in running the program at the Sewickley Y but it is an after-school program with no consistent audience
- We planned to have Winchester-Thurston as the first school site. They have postponed plans to January
- Ruthie contacted Imani Academy
- Thanks to John's connections at the Sewickley Y, we might be able to get into a Middle School in Moon. John spoke with them and an after-school event could possibly start in September.
- Jeanne Baseman has a contact at Fox Chapel schools
- Bill plans to contact some of these sites and try to set up something

**District 5 and National News**—Mary reported that plans for the Regional are going well. New features will Fast Results, 3 Gold Rush events, and the Monday Swiss will start at 10 AM.

**Bridge Teacher Liaison**—Lorraine had no report. Bill asked Lorraine for an updated teacher list with sites and times so he can distribute the information at the upcoming LB1D.

**Pupil Games**—Lorraine Hanna reported that there is no pupil game per se (lack of attendance), so this program will be discontinued. Students come for a lesson then play in the regular game at the Sewickley Y. There will continue to be lessons at that game, and John has 3 other games with free lessons. Bill Holt commented that he attended a new game in Zelienople (Unit 229) with approximately 20 newer players in attendance.

**Club Liaison**—Jeanne Baseman is making sure that there are flyers at all games.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Summer Sectional July 11-13**—Bill Holt reported that attendance was good and the event made a profit. Carole said that people were generous with food donations.

**Learn Bridge in One Day**—Bill reported that 16 students and three helpers have signed up so far.

**Instant Matchpoint Game Oct. 16**—Barb Bergman said that the Masonic Center has 18 tables and the space can hold 22. We will ask players to pre-register so appropriate equipment & food can be available. We will start advertising after the Regional.

**Pro-Am Game**—Jane reported that she has recruited 50 Pros and so far 28 are sold. This is before there has been any advertising.

**Unit Facebook Page**—There have been no volunteers. An ad will be put in the Post Mortem.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Election Nov. 15**—Ruthie is in charge. Bill will send her petition forms.

**Unit Representatives to District 5 Meeting**—The board appointed Ron Franck, Jane Marshall, Bill Holt, and Carole Shanahan.

**Fall Sectional Nov. 14-16**—Barb Weinstein reported that there will be no substantial changes from last year. Barb thanked Bill for doing the flyer. Barb Bergman reported that Ernie is having a problem with his shoulder, so we need to recruit able-bodied people to help with moving equipment. John Bernhard volunteered to help.

#### NEXT MEETING

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.