

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

September 26, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: C. Shanahan

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

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Barb thanked those working on Youth Bridge—John Bernhard, Lorraine Hanna, and Bill Holt. She also thanked Bill Holt for running LB1D.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of August 8 were previously e-mailed to the members. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane presented the Treasurer's report. The total net cost of LB1D over the 4 sessions is approximately \$1000. The year to date cash balance through September is +\$1093.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board went into executive session to discuss a letter from the recorder. The result was that the board unanimously voted to file a disciplinary claim against Barbara Klein alleging a pattern of abusive verbal behavior.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Post Mortem—NR

Education—Lou reported that there will be lessons beginning in the fall.

Business Manager—Mary asked about the Halloween Party that was previously suggested by Bill Holt. Bill plans to hold the party at the game on Oct. 31. There will be prizes for the best costumes; winners will receive a 1-session free entry for the sectional. Bill printed flyers. Mary also reported that she instructed the directors to sell very limited numbers of stationary tables at the Unit Game Swiss Teams. In a relatively small event it is impossible to have meaningful pairings if there are excessive stationary tables.

Membership—John Bernhard reported for Carole Shanahan. There were 5 new ACBL members this month. The Sewickley club signed up 10 new members and thus gets a special game with increased Masterpoint Awards. Darlene Mannheimer got a \$500 award from the ACBL for signing up her 100th member. John suggested publicizing the awards that are available to those who recruit new members. John and Carole will make a presentation at the Planning Meeting.

Webmaster—Bill Holt reported that there are no problems except for the usual glitches with posting the Rodef 199er game. That club will be under new management soon and thus we expect the problem to be resolved.

Bridge in Schools— Bill Holt reported that John Bernhard has done a good job. A new program at the Moon YMCA starts Oct. 6 and will continue through a planned tournament on December 15. Lorraine is coordinating volunteers; there have been 2 meetings with volunteers so far. Bill said that we hope to have 2 programs up and running this year.

District 5 and National News—Mary reported that the Regional went well. Barbara Bergman passed out the report from the District Director.

Newcomer & Bridge Teacher Liaison—NR

Club Liaison—Jeanne Baseman reported that flyers for the Fall Sectional are being distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

Learn Bridge in One Day—Bill reported that there were 22 students the first week. Sixteen of them came to the followup supervised play session.

Instant Matchpoint Game Oct. 16—Barb Bergman said that we have 15 tables registered already. Both Don Averbach and Gus Costanzo canceled their games scheduled for that day so we expect a big turnout.

Pro-Am Game Oct 23—Jane reported that she has sold 84 pros so far. She will have signs regarding how to make out checks to the charity. We have a big budget thanks to a generous donor. Ruthie and Jeanne are in charge of food.

Unit Facebook Page—Barb reported that there is an ad in the current Post Mortem asking for volunteers.

Fall Sectional Nov. 14-16—Barbara Weinstein reported that Lou and Arlene are delivering lectures. Marcellina is working in the kitchen. Bill is making reminder/thank-you postcards for cookie donors. Ron arranged helpers for moving the tables. Ron also discussed the possibility of a corporate sponsor.

The board gave him permission to arrange something for the upcoming Fall Sectional but asked him to prepare a discussion of this topic to be held at the Planning Meeting.

Election Nov. 15—Ruthie distributed petitions to those whose terms are expiring. There is an announcement in the Post-Mortem.

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Party Dec. 5—Jeanne and Ruthie are in charge.

Winter STaC week Dec 8-14—Mary reviewed that Unit-sponsored games will be Thursday evening Dec. 11 and Friday Dec. 12. There will be no game on Sunday Dec. 14 because there is a Steeler game that day.

Thursday STaC game Dec 11—Barb Weinstein is in charge. The game is at 7 PM at the Glenshaw Moose, and will be a STaC 'n' Snack; food from 6:15. There was a discussion regarding whether the game should be a Swiss Teams. The decision will be made by Barbara. Bill will make flyers.

Date and Site for Planning Meeting—The meeting will be on Monday, November 24 at 6:00 PM at Panera, 3401 Blvd of the Allies, in Oakland. There is adequate free parking at the site.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Planning Meeting, see above.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.