

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: C. Wang

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by President Ron Franck.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Ron welcomed the members and thanked them for attending. He said it is a good idea to have non-board members pitch in. He thanked the Bergmans for their excellent work at the sectional, and thanked Jane for recruiting players to attend the sectionals and the Unit Game.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary reported that the game at the Chartiers Community Center might move to a different morning.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report. Year-to-Date cash is down approximately \$4000, but there has been \$5625 already paid on next year's sectionals. The Spring sectional attendance was 228 tables, down from the usual ~250. Prorated charges include Fast Results, equipment obtained from Schuchert/Kort, and supplies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Post Mortem**—NR

**Education**—Lou reported that classes start April 27.

**Business Manager**—NR

**Membership**—Carole is up to date with letters to new members and with Get-Well cards and Sympathy cards.

**Webmaster**—Bill reported that our web hosting company has discontinued support for a program that Bill had been using. He developed a workaround and is still working out the glitches.

**Facebook Page**—Gary is hoping to add content a few times a week, and is putting up pictures that Mary Lou D’Altorio took at the sectional.

**Bridge in Schools**—Bill asked those who have potential contacts to check with the schools and get back to him. John said that the end-of-season tournament will be April 30. He needs 6 assistants of which he already has 4.

**District 5 and National News**—NR

**Newcomer & Bridge Teacher Liaison**—Lorraine has 14 students in her Wed. evening class and is starting a class in Sewickley once monthly, with approximately 8 people. 13 pupils from her classes have attended sectional games. She asked Bill to put a link on the homepage highlighting novice games.

**Club Liaison**—Jeanne Baseman has flyers for the Summer Sectional. There was a comment that some clubs weren’t getting announcements about special games.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Incentives for Potential Directors**—Mary mentioned that this item hasn’t yet appeared in the Post-Mortem. Lou said it will be published soon.

**Instant MP Game Oct. 16 (Friday Morning)**—Bill reported that the game will be at the Glenshaw Moose and limited to 33 tables. The event will be held on Friday morning at a time to be determined, and carpooling will be encouraged. The PBA will run this game with the Bergmans in charge. Mary got the sanction.

**Spring Sectional March 20**—Barb Bergman reported that attendance was down, probably related to the relatively early date. There were many positive comments, and Alex Bealles, the new director, did a good job. The caddies didn’t stay for cleanup. Ron talked to Fred about this.

**Sectional Dates for 2016**—Mary reported that the fall date is changed to Oct. 14-16 at the request of the Masonic. The rental will increase to \$3750 for 2016.

**Awards Night May 15**—Lou is chair. Ron is in charge of hospitality. Bill will put promotional information on the website and Lou will give invitations to the honorees. Printed flyers will not be used.

**Online Partnership Desk**—Bill reported that the ACBL now has an online partnership desk. He put a link on our webpage, and Lorraine added the information to the hotline and the Facebook Page.

**Unit Computer Purchase**—Jane and Gary talked to Gus who has a contact at CMU who sells used computers. He is waiting for the right computer. We need a secure place to store a computer, such as a locked container in the storage room. Jane and Gus are working on this.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Summer STaC June 15-21**—Mary reported that the PBA will sponsor the usual Thursday evening and Friday evening games. There is not a Sunday Swiss.

**Thursday STaC game June 18**—Ruthie & Jeannie are in charge. The director and site need to be secured.

**Summer Sectional July 10-12**—Bill distributed flyers. Gary will work as a tournament assistant Friday evening and the first session Saturday.

**Newcomer Meet 'n' Greet at Sectionals**—Barb Bergman reported that Darlene Mannheimer suggested having a way to welcome newcomers at sectionals. She thinks, and the board agreed, that before the morning session on Saturday would be the best time. Ron will be in charge of this. Advancing players will be targeted, and he'll get little favors for them.

**Representatives for District 5 Board Meeting**—The meeting is May 24. Our representatives will be Ron Franck, Jane Marshall, Ken Bergman, and Barbara Weinstein.

**Advertising**—Jane said she has been carrying flyers for upcoming unit-sponsored events when she plays at club games. She has gotten a good response from people wanting to know more. She suggests that other board members try this.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be June 12 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.