

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

August 7, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: B. Bergman, K. Bergman, J. Bernhard

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Ron Franck.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Ron welcomed the members. He said that the 499ers were very happy that he welcomed them at the sectional. Their most common comments were that they want players to be more friendly, and that they want bridge to be promoted. He said that Paul Caplan is offering a class via Osher Lifelong Learning to help with the transition from Party Bridge to Duplicate Bridge.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary received a notice about some changes to the function of appeals committees at Regionals.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report. The cash balance is \$15,000, which includes a \$5000 donation from Sally Levin's estate. Jane passed around a card from Sally Levin's family thanking the PBA for our tribute to Sally--published in the Post Mortem. We have paid over \$6000 in deposits to the Masonic for the 2016 sectionals. Table counts have been down in the sectionals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Post Mortem**—Lou will make sure the election notice appears in the next Post Mortem. There was a correction to Maryanne McNeirney's address.

**Education**—Lou reported that class times are not yet determined for the fall.

**Business Manager**—Mary reported she cleaned the bid boxes and filled them with new cards.

**Membership**—Carole Shanahan reported that she continues to send friendship/sympathy cards and letters to new members.

**Webmaster**—Bill reported that there have been some problems with the hosting site and he is considering a change. There would be no service interruption.

**Facebook Page**—Gary reported that there are more hits and likes.

**Bridge in Schools**—

- John Bernhard was absent. Lou was impressed by the article that appeared in the August issue of the ACBL Bulletin regarding BiS.
- Lorraine reported for John. Classes will be Mondays and Thursdays from October 1 through May 23, from 3:30 to 4:30, at Moon Middle School (via the YMCA). There are 2 classes per session divided by experience. Lorraine is recruiting volunteers.
- Bill's report:
  - He has arranged to start BiS at Sewickley Academy Senior School starting in October.
  - He and Jean Baseman have a meeting arranged with the superintendent at Fox Chapel.

**District 5 and National News**—Mary reported that plans are complete for the upcoming Pittsburgh RONI Regional. She requested that members who attend tournaments out of town take some flyers for the Pittsburgh and upcoming Buffalo Regionals.

**Newcomer & Bridge Teacher Liaison**—Lorraine wrote an article that appeared in the Sewickley Living magazine. She has lessons starting in the fall in Sewickley and Treesdale. Reanette Frobouck plans to teach students in the Highland Park area.

**Club Liaison**—Jeanne Baseman reported that flyers are being distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

**Unit Computer Purchase**—Was approved by the board in the spring but still hasn't happened. Bill and Gary will take care of this. Budget was set at \$500.

**Thursday STaC game June 18**—Jeanne Baseman reported that the site wasn't neat or clean when they first arrived, but the event went well.

**Summer Sectional July 10-12**—Bill reported that the decrease in table number was disappointing, but the last few years had record-breaking attendance. All went well and the co-chairs did a great job.

**LB1D**—Bill reported that registration so far is 16 people. Volunteers are being recruited. It was suggested that the registration process include asking students where they learned about us. There have been changes in the program which will necessitate new manuals.

**Instant Matchpoint game Oct. 16**—The game will be at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church, since the Glenshaw games have moved there. Gus is negotiating with the site. He thinks he can fit 30 tables. Bill is working on flyers.

**Insurance for off-site Unit-Sponsored Events**—Mary is working with Sharon Fairchild; the ACBL is working with their insurance agency. They hope to have results soon and are hoping that unit sponsored events will be covered by the ACBL.

**Pro-Am Game (October 8) and Choosing Charity**—Jane announced that Global Links is the charity. Cornbread and chili will be served at 6:15. Volunteers are asked to bring desserts and salads.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Fall Sectional November 13-15**—Ron thanked Bill for preparing the flyers. The possibility of raising the top of the B strat to 2500 was discussed. The consensus was not to change it and to revisit the question if and when the district changes strats for the Regionals.

**Election Nov. 14**—John Bernhard was absent.

**Unit Representatives to District 5 Meeting**—The meeting will be Sunday September 6. The unit may send 4 representatives. Mary, Lou, and Barb Bergman attend as members of the Executive Board. The representatives will be Ron, Lorraine, Jane, and Bill.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be October 9 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.