

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: J. Bernhard

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

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Ron welcomed the members. He thanked the members for their hard work. He wishes to bring more people into the volunteer work force.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary was approached by a club director who requested that the PBA offer club management services, for a fee. The board unanimously rejected the request.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report. The value of the investments is down by approximately \$6000 in the last quarter. There are no results yet for the Pro Am game, held last evening. Everyone seemed to enjoy the game. Jane thanked Hospitality Chairs Ruthie & Jeanne.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Post Mortem—NR

Education—Lou reported that classes start on Monday. There are 16 in the intermediate class and 4-8 in the beginners' class. Mary said that the class that Paul Caplan hoped to teach through Osher didn't reach a quorum. However, he met with the 8 people who had signed up and gave them an introduction to duplicate bridge and a list of resources.

Business Manager—NR

Membership—Carole Shanahan reported that she is up to date with letters to new members.

Webmaster—Bill reported that Gary Goetz is prepared to serve as backup.

Facebook Page—Gary reported that things are running smoothly.

Bridge in Schools—

- Lorraine reported for John Bernhard. The after-school program in Moon began on October 1 and is running smoothly. There are eight 6th graders in the intermediate class and fifteen 5th graders in the beginners' class. Volunteers had to be re-certified.
- Bill met today with the director of the Gifted Program at Fox Chapel. We will be presenting 6 sessions, December through Feb., in the middle school enhancement/intervention group. 24 students selected the bridge program. Sharon Drake was a teacher in this district and is being considered as the leader. Jeanne has recruited 14 volunteers, mostly from the Fox Chapel area. There was a round of applause for Jeanne. Bill pointed out that this will be our first in-class experience.
- Bill said that there will be a program in Sewickley consisting of only 2 sessions before the Christmas break.

District 5 and National News—Mary reported that the Regional went well. She congratulated the following unit members who qualified for the National portion of the NAOP:

- John Gillette & Jean Picone, flight B
- Arlene Cullen & Ruth Cohen, flight C

Newcomer & Bridge Teacher Liaison—Lorraine said that she has 6 people in her classes who took LB1D. Bill said that we don't currently keep track of which LB1D students move on to classes or duplicate play. There was a suggestion that we offer supervised play. We offered sessions at 2 consecutive sectionals in 2014 and neither event generated any interest. We have had successful stand-alone 299er Swisses several times.

Club Liaison—Jeanne Baseman reported that flyers are out for the sectional.

OLD BUSINESS

LB1D—Bill reported that we had a good group. Many students seemed to be very interested. 17 students returned for the second week. He is considering offering LB1D to the parents of the BiS students.

Pro-Am game (held last evening)—Jane has nothing to add. Next year she will have more volunteers.

Instant MP Game Oct. 16—Barb Bergman reported that there are 22 tables signed up so far. She expects more because people tend to wait until the last minute to sign up.

Fall Sectional—Barb Weinstein reported that plans are progressing. Speakers are in place.

Election Nov. 14—John Bernhard was absent and sent no report.

Insurance for off-site Unit-Sponsored Events—Mary reported that as of now, the ACBL provides insurance for Unit-Sponsored events. She thanked Jane for bringing this to her attention, and Sharon Fairchild for working with the ACBL to make this happen.

Unit Computer Purchase—Bill and Gary will purchase a computer on Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS

Halloween Party—Bill suggested having a costume party at the Unit Game on Friday Oct. 30. Prizes will be given for best individual costume and best partnership costume. Prize will be one-session entry for the fall sectional. The board agreed.

Holiday Party Dec. 4—Ruthie & Jeanne are chairs.

Winter STaC week Dec. 7-13—Mary reminded the members of the upcoming STaC. The unit will sponsor STaC 'n' Snack on Thursday Dec. 10. There will be no Sunday Swiss as there is a daytime Steeler game. Bill will make a flyer.

Thursday STaC game Dec. 10—Barb needs to obtain a site and a director.

Date and Site for Planning Meeting—Mary suggested Nov. 23 at the Panera on the Boulevard of the Allies in Oakland. The board agreed.

Fossick-Goodman Swiss Teams—Mary said that Richard Zack has scheduled this event at the Edgewood Country Club on June 5, 2016. Mary obtained a sanction. The board approved the event and date. Richard requested a second director. After discussion, the board approved a second caddy or director's assistant. It was felt that a second director isn't necessary. Mary will contact Richard Zack.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Planning meeting: Nov. 23, 6:00 PM at Panera Bread, Boulevard of the Allies, Oakland.

The next regular meeting will be February 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.