

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Present: R. Franck, L. Hanna, B. Bergman, K. Bergman, J. Bernhard, M. P. Carns, G. Goetz, J. Marshall, W. Holt, C. Wang

Absent: J. Baseman, R. Neafach, C. Shanahan, B. Weinstein

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Vice-President Lorraine Hanna. President Ron Franck had a traffic delay.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

(Given later when Ron arrived). Ron congratulated Barb Bergman who won the Ann McGilvrey award. Ron will take over the reporting for the 5<sup>th</sup> Column.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the April meeting had been emailed to the members and were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane distributed the treasurer's report, which consisted of the year-to-date and preliminary accounting for Awards Night and the Fossick-Goodman Swiss Teams. The cash balance is down about \$5000, but there will be income from the Summer Sectional, and from our share of ACBL dues. The only income which could potentially increase is that from the Friday Night Unit game, and from Sectionals. The unit game needs to average 9 tables to break even.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Post Mortem**—(Report given later when Ron arrived). Ron reported that the last issue was good. Arlene will continue as editor. Chris was helpful in gathering results for 70% games and 3+ in-a-row. Ron will continue to have discussions with Arlene at least monthly.

**Education/Bridge in Schools/LB1D**—Bill reported

- Bridge in Schools is going well.
  - John Bernhard is doing a good job in Moon, where an after-school club is planned in the fall. John said that the Moon students are 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders who volunteer for the program. Those who are interested could advance to the after-school bridge club.

- Woodland Hills will offer bridge as a selection for the gifted program. Paul Caplan, Dan McKinley, and Kathy Mulligan will be the leads. Gary volunteered to help.
- Fox Chapel will participate again; the lead will probably be Sharon Drake.
- Sewickley Academy cancelled at the last minute. However, they only had 2 hours available which wouldn't be enough for a meaningful program.
- A suggestion was made to offer bridge to corporations as employee enrichment. Example: Google. This might also be a good source for LB1D students. Bill will investigate.
- LB1D: the large flyers are missing phone numbers. Bill will find a fix. A suggestion was made to give LB1D students a coupon for a discount on classes at Rodef. Rodef would give the discount; it would cost us nothing.

### **Business Manager—NR**

**Membership**—Carole Shanahan was absent. She sent email saying she is keeping up with welcome letters.

### **Webmaster—NR**

### **Facebook Page—NR**

**District 5 and National News**—Neither Mary nor Barb was in Cleveland but the new site is said to be nice. Plans are underway for the RONI Regional.

### **Newcomer /Bridge Teacher Liaison/Volunteer Recruitment**

- Lorraine said there are 6 students in Bridge Basics 1, and 9 in BB 3. There will be a 0-5 point game in Glenshaw one Saturday per month, starting June 18. For \$5 the students get a mini-lesson and play for 2 hours.
- Bill is holding a supervised play game for newcomers, especially LB1D grads. This is a place to play when a student isn't ready for duplicate. Bill goes to Darlene Mannheimer's Thursday evening game one night per month with prepared deals. One session has been held so far. Darlene is welcoming these students every week.

**Club Liaison**—Chris Wang is distributing flyers for various unit and district events. Bill said to make sure there are announcements at every game.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Timer for Sectionals**—Mary said that the sectional directors thought that Gary's timer was unsuitable and they didn't use it. It was decided to buy 2 In Tempo timers. Barb Bergman will take care of this. We don't have to pay until we are satisfied. They should be delivered in time for the sectional.

**Spring Sectional April 8-10**—Barb Bergman said that we didn't lose money, despite lower-than-desired attendance.

**Awards Night May 13**—Ron reported that we broke even. He thanked Bill and Barb Bergman for their help. He is mailing out the extra medallions.

**Fossick-Goodman Swiss Teams**—Gary and Barb Bergman reported that there were 25 teams. The consensus is that the event was well done.

**Summer STaC June 13-19**—Mary reported that the STaC starts on Monday. All previously-participating clubs have registered.

**Summer STaC Thursday June 16**—Mary reported that Ruthie and Jeanne are in charge and plans are underway.

**Summer Sectional July 15-17**—Bill said co-chairs are Sue McQuillan and Sharon Rohr.

**Publicity**—Lorraine is working with Sharon Drake who wrote articles for local neighborhood newspapers, and who will write an article about LB1D. It was suggested to ask her to publicize bridge in general.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**New Board Member**—Ron announced that he is appointing John Alioto as a new board member. He is going to assist Jane in her Treasury duties.

**Pro-Am Game (Sept. 22)**—Jane reported that since the event is in September, the ACBL requires that at least \$1 per person be donated to the International Fund. A second charity will be chosen to receive the remainder of the donation. Jane is accepting suggestions. Bill suggested HEARTH.

**Tables**—Ken reported that there are 18 tables that are very old and falling apart. The board agreed that Ken should buy 12 tables when they are on sale or if he finds a low-enough price.

#### NEXT MEETING

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.