

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

April 7, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Present: L. Hanna, J. Alioto, J. Bernhard, M. P. Carns, R. Franck, W. Holt, J. Marshall, C. Wang

Absent: J. Baseman, B. Bergman, K. Bergman, R. Neafach, B. Weinstein

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Lorraine Hanna.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Lorraine welcomed the members. She thanked the volunteers who did a great job with the sectional, especially Bill Holt, Mary Lou Flach, and John Bernhard.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Alioto distributed the treasurer's report. He commented that the club game is losing a small amount of money, and the sectional lost approximately \$300. The investment account is up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Post Mortem**—Ron reported that Arlene Port plans to continue editing and printing the Post Mortem for the foreseeable future.

**Education**—Bill reported

- **Education Classes:** He built a sign-up sheet online for all classes. This generates an email to him, which he forwards to the teacher.
- **BiS**
  - We have an opportunity to make a presentation to the Eastern Area gifted program at the end of April. Bill or Dan McKinley will present. This is a good opportunity to recruit new schools.
  - Woodland Hills had some cancellations.
  - Fox Chapel is starting soon.
  - John Bernhard reported that the Moon program has been suspended for the remainder of the school year. There will be another chance to have a program in the fall.

- **LB1D**
  - Will be at the regional. Flyers will come out soon.

**Business Manager**—NR.

**Membership**—Lorraine reported. Send information to Carol Bolen regarding news, illnesses and deaths. There are 914 members in the unit, a net increase of 4 members. Carol has emailed 27 welcome letters.

**Webmaster**—Bill reported that a director who was subbing didn't have the club number. He suggested posting the numbers on the webpage. Mary has some numbers, but not all. She will send them to Bill.

**District 5 and National News**—Regional flyers are being distributed. Players are reminded to make reservations early for the All-American Regional (Cleveland, over Memorial Day).

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

- Lorraine reported that her 0-5 game is going well. Some of the students go to the Glenshaw game and the Sewickley YMCA game.
- She has current classes for beginners and 2/1 GF.

**Club Liaison**—Chris Wang will distribute flyers for Cleveland and Pittsburgh Regionals, and for the Summer Sectional once the flyers are ready.

**Publicity**—Sharon Drake, reporter for the Fifth Column asks for news to be sent to her.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Spring Sectional Mar. 24-26**—Bill Holt reported that attendance was up by 2 tables. Mary Lou Flach and John Bernhard worked very hard; they bought very little prepared food. Marcellina will be working in the summer. There was a change of management at the Masonic. We have a new contact, and there have been some glitches due to the transition.

**Fossick-Goodman Teams June 11**— The Butler sectional, originally scheduled for the same weekend, has been cancelled.

**TAP Program**—Bill reported that he sent an email blast to everyone in District 5 who has an email address. Replies had 4 “yes”, 6 “more info” and 12 “maybe”. A follow-up email to respondents in the latter 2 categories generated no replies. With only 4 yesses, the event won't be held. TAPs are held in Gatlinburg, at NABCs and at some other tournaments.

**Mentoring Program**—Chris said the group didn't meet yet.

**Sectional Dates 2018**—The Masonic isn't able to commit yet because of new management. The possible dates that Ken gave them are:

- Spring
  - 4/27-29
  - 4/6-8
- Summer
  - 7/13-15
  - 7/20-22
- Fall
  - 10/26-28
  - 11/9-11

**Awards Night May 12**—Ron said Shirley will help. The menu will be simple: sandwiches, snacks, dessert. Bill will be MC, Barb Bergman will help if she can, Chris Wang will help with cleanup. Bill will order trophies for the Nimmy and Milt Frazier Awards (Judi Sonon is in charge of the latter); Mary will get medallions. Ron will call all winners personally. Winners of Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney (first in each subcategory) will play free that evening.

**Thursday STaC 'n' Snack June 15**—Ruthie & Jeanne weren't present but Ruthie reported to Mary that plans are in place.

**Pro-Am Game Oct. 19**—Jane reported that the charity has been chosen: East End Cooperative Ministry. They have a food pantry, support for housing, and services for children and youth. Fran Steger is the contact for this organization. Bill suggested that it's time to start planning for the event.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Bonding for Treasurer**—Lorraine said that the ACBL suggests that unit treasurers be bonded. It would cost \$90/year to bond one officer, and \$179/year to bond 5 officers. The Vanguard investment accounts are now in 2 names (treasurer and president) and both need to sign to make withdrawals. Thus only the checking account, which has a small portion of the funds, is in potential jeopardy. The board voted not to bond.

**Clock Rental**—Alex Bealles requested to rent our clocks to take to tournaments. Gus requests to use a clock at his games. He currently stores and transports the clocks. The issues were decided separately. Discussion included wear and tear on clocks; they are relatively expensive; they couldn't be used at times when we need them. The board voted not to allow Alex to rent the clocks. The board voted to allow Gus to use the clocks at his games for a small fee. (NOTE: following the meeting, the board voted by email to allow Gus to use the clocks for no fee, in return for his storing and moving them).

**Summer STaC June 12-18**—NR

**Summer Sectional July 14-16**—Bill reported that flyers will be out soon. Co-chairs are June Threlkeld and Bob Flynn. Mary Lou Flach will help.

**Representatives for District 5 Board Meeting**—None of those present could commit to going. Lorraine will find some people to attend (Note: After the meeting, these representatives were appointed: Ron Franck, John Bernhard, June Threlkeld, Bob Flynn).

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the June 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.