

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Present: J. Alioto, J. Baseman, M. P. Carns, R. Franck, W. Holt, J. Marshall, R. Neafach, C. Wang, B. Weinstein

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice President Chris Wang. President Lorraine Hanna is ill.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the April 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. The investment account is up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Post Mortem—Ron reported that he offered to proofread the PM but Arlene Port declined.

Education—Bill reported

- **Education Classes:** NR
- **BiS**
 - Kathy Mulligan did a presentation at East Allegheny which will result in classes after school, approximately 2:20-4:00. Paul Caplan may be interested in teaching.
 - Woodland Hills is going well.
 - Fox Chapel is on for next year. Jeanne reported that there are adequate volunteers there.
 - The Moon program is in jeopardy. John B. is not well, the students are younger than the ideal, and discipline is a problem. Volunteers are lacking.

- **LB1D**
 - Will be on Saturday at the regional. Flyers will come out soon. Volunteers are needed to post signs and to help during the event. The follow-up will be 2 weeks later at Wilkins.

Business Manager—NR.

Membership—Lorraine emailed her report. Carol Bolen reports a total of 918 members as of June 2017 vs 914 in April. She sent out 8 emails to new players with a free entry to a Unit game and would like to know if any have taken advantage of this offer (no one has so far).

Webmaster—NR.

District 5 and National News—Mary reported that plans are underway for the RONI Regional. Carol Bolen and Mary Lou Flach are doing hospitality. Jan Assini is arranging the Newcomer Lectures. There will be a District-wide election for the BOG as there are 4 candidates for 3 positions. It is possible to have a special board meeting for the election, or each board member can receive and use an electronic ballot. The electronic method was chosen. Mary will notify the ACBL.

Newcomer /Bridge Teacher Liaison/Volunteer Recruitment—Lorraine emailed her reports:

0-5 Pt Game, Glenshaw

Over 3 dates, between 13 and 18 people attended each time, and 2-4 people played in Gus's game.

Classes

12-15 students attended workshops on Jacoby 2 NT and DONT. 2/1 workshop was postponed to June 15. Bridge Basics 2 was postponed.

Volunteers: Nothing to report.

ACBL New Member Dues are going from \$29 to \$39. She emailed directors and teachers about the increase.

Club Liaison—Chris Wang distributed flyers for all recent Unit and District events. Upcoming events are Pittsburgh Regional, Buffalo Regional, Pro Am and LB1D.

Publicity—Lorraine emailed her report:

5th Column has been discontinued by the district. The District announced, "With respect to sharing news, it is hoped that the D5 facebook page, which currently gets very few hits, will be used for this purpose. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/ACBLd5/>. Anyone who "likes" this page can post on it. The calendar, links to units, links to results, and information about district functions is on the District 5 webpage, www.d5bridge.com" Sharon Drake will post blurbs and would like some ideas.

Unit Facebook Page is also underutilized and not brought up to date. Lorraine contacted Gary and asked him to update the Annual Awards, and asked him how many hits we get. Gary said there is no way to monitor hits on a Facebook page. **Regional Tournament & LBI1D**—Lorraine asked Sharon Drake to generate articles to newspapers and Neighborhood publications as she did last year.

Mentoring Program—Chris talked to Darlene Mannheimer about ideas of how to match mentees and mentors. There has been no other activity. Bill suggested having a webpage on which mentors and mentees can register.

OLD BUSINESS

Fossick-Goodman Teams June 11—Twenty teams are registered; Gary Goetz is directing; Jeanne Baseman will handle funds.

Sectional Dates 2018—Ken is meeting with the Masonic on Monday.

Awards Night May 12—Ron reported that attendance was disappointing. This was despite that fact that he called all awardees, and winners got free entries that night. He recommended not offering free entries in the future, since it didn't increase attendance.

Summer STaC June 12-18—Mary reported that all clubs from Unit from unit 142 who normally participate, have registered.

Thursday STaC 'n' Snack June 15—Ruthie & Jeanne reported that plans are in place.

Summer Sectional July 14-16—Bill's committee (June Threlkeld and Bob Flynn) met. Mary Lou Flach and Ken Bergman are helping with shopping decisions. Marcellina is working. Board members were asked to make announcements at any games they attend.

Pro-Am Game Oct. 19—Chris reported that the charity is chosen, the site is secured, and Gus is directing. No recruitment of pros and ams has been done. Bill said that the flyer should be out before the sectional. Mary will get a masterpoint list for the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Cell Phone Policy—Mary reported that the ACBL is encouraging districts and units to adopt a uniform cell phone policy. This is for purposes of fairness and lack of confusion. The policy below was adopted unanimously:

Cell Phones may not be visible or audible in the playing area. Devices must be turned off completely, or if on, in silent ring or vibrating mode ONLY. Devices CANNOT be used, even silently, inside any room when a bridge event is currently in session. Mandatory penalties apply.

- Ringing, first offense: $\frac{1}{4}$ board or 3 IMPS or 1 VP
- Making a call, texting, answering phone: $\frac{1}{2}$ board or 6 IMPS or 2 VP
- Second offense of any of the above: 2 boards or 20 IMPS or $\frac{1}{2}$ the maximum number of available VP per match
- Third offense: disqualification of the pair or team from the event
- Kibitzer, first offense—must leave the room

Caddies—Lorraine emailed the members saying that Fred has been having some problems getting caddies. Bill said that there is a permalink on the webpage. Lorraine wrote an article for the PM but it wasn't published. It was suggested that BiS students be recruited. Jeanne will talk to Fox Chapel students as FC is the BiS site closest to the Masonic.

PAA Site?—Lorraine emailed that she received a suggestion that the PAA be considered as a site for the unit game. The PAA is in financial trouble. The board decided not to pursue this option.

New Partner Night—Ruthie suggested better publicity for this event. Bill will promote it on the web page. It is usually mentioned in the Post Mortem. It is an opportunity for newer players to ask more experienced players for a game.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be August 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.