

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: B. Weinstein

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Lorraine Hanna. Lorraine thanked Summer Sectional Chairs Bill Holt, June Threlkeld, and Bob Flynn for doing a good job and thanked the board members for keeping the unit running smoothly.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary reported that the new manager of the Punxsutawney club is Arlene Lowmaster. We received a thank-you letter from the ACBL Charity Foundation for the donation of \$44 at the spring charity game.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Alioto distributed the treasurer's report. He commented that the summer sectional made ~\$1200 and the investment account is up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Post Mortem—Ron reported that the PM is fine. He asked board members to help make sure the PM is put out at clubs. Bill asked an electronic copy of the PM to be delivered to him in a timely fashion.

Education—Bill reported

- **Education Classes:** NR
- **BiS**
 - The Moon program has been discontinued.
 - Woodland Hills is going well.
 - Fox Chapel is on for next year. Jeanne reported that there are adequate volunteers there.
 - East Allegheny will probably be added. Paul Caplan will be the main instructor there.

- **LB1D**—Has been underadvertised so far. It may be that the “low hanging fruit” has been eliminated. Board members were encouraged to take flyers for distribution in the community.

Business Manager—NR.

Membership—Lorraine reported for Carol Bolen. The unit has 920 members. Carol sent out 10 emails to new players with a free entry to a Unit game. She also sends get-well and sympathy cards and asked to be informed of appropriate recipients.

Webmaster—NR.

District 5 and National News—Mary reported that flyers are out for the regional. Members were requested to make sure that announcements about the regional and its lecture series are made at games, particularly to 499er players.

Newcomer /Bridge Teacher Liaison/Volunteer Recruitment—Lorraine reported:

Saturday morning, Glenshaw

Is going well. Some students stay for the open game.

Classes

Bridge Basics 1 will be at Rodef Monday AMs in the fall taught by Paul Caplan and Arlene Port; and Lorraine will have a class Tuesday evenings at Treesdale.

Volunteers: Nothing to report.

Publicity—Lorraine reported that Sharon Drake is writing articles regarding the regional and LB1D for the Tribune Review and the Post-Gazette.

Club Liaison—Chris Wang distributed flyers for LB1D, RONI Regional, Hunt Valley, Wheeling Sectional, Greensburg Swiss Teams, and the Pro Am Game.

Mentoring Program—Chris said nothing has been done. Paul Caplan will help.

OLD BUSINESS

Fossick-Goodman Teams—Mary reported that the tentative date for next year is June 3, 2018 and the name will be changed to Lou Joseph Swiss Teams.

Sectional Dates 2018— Mary Reported for Ken that the dates are

- April 27-29
- July 13-15
- Nov. 2-4. This is during Lancaster but there were no other non-conflicting dates available at the Masonic in the fall.

Mary thanked Ken for his hard work in obtaining these dates.

Summer Sectional July 14-16—Bill reported that the price had been increased by \$1 per pair per session. Attendance was the best in the country for any 3-day sectional held that weekend. There was growth in the 499er game. He thanked co-chairs June Threlkeld and Bob Flynn for their hard work. There was a round of applause.

Pro-Am Game Oct. 19—Chris and Jeanne reported that 58 pairs have been recruited so far. Twenty pros are available. Difficulties include that the event is later than last year so some snowbirds are gone; also the event is during the Buffalo Regional. Mary commented that this was the only October date that was available at Rodef, and that the date is approximately what has been used for years. They plan to recruit pairs at the regional.

Bonding Treasurer—Lorraine said that at a previous meeting we decided not to bond because we arranged our investment account to require 2 signatures. It turns out that either of 2 people may sign, but 2 signatures aren't required. After discussion, it was decided that John should arrange bonding for himself only, as long as coverage can be arranged for under \$200.

IMP Game Oct. 25—Bill reported that we have arranged to Glenshaw Presbyterian and Gus is directing. All games in the unit who play on Wed. daytime have agreed. Lorraine will find someone to arrange hospitality.

Caddies—Lorraine reported that information and sign-up are on the webpage.

BOG Election—Mary reported that electronic ballots will be sent around August 15. Votes must be turned in by September 15.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Sectional Oct. 27-29—Ron reported that other co-chairs are Barb Weinstein and John Alioto. The flyer will be ready before the Regional.

Facebook Page—Lorraine recruited Martin Greenburg to handle the Unit Facebook page and he has started already.

Welcome Wagon—Lorraine asked June Threlkeld and Bob Flynn to call all new members to welcome them, answer questions, and help them find partners. They will get lists from Carol.

Election—Is scheduled for Oct. 28, if necessary. John Bernhard will have board members whose terms are expiring sign petitions if they plan to stay on the board.

Planning Meeting Date—Mary presented several options. The meeting will be held at Panera (Blvd of the Allies, Oakland) on Monday November 6 at 6:00 PM.

Unit Representatives to District 5 Meeting Sept. 3—The following will attend: Lorraine Hanna, Chris Wang, Ruthie Neafach, Jeanne Baseman.

Protecting against Fraud—Mary reported that there have been some scams whereby people in other units and districts have attempted to have funds wired to inappropriate accounts. Emails have been sent to the treasurer that appeared to come from legitimate board members. We don't wire funds, and the treasurer won't send funds to anyone he isn't personally familiar with.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be October 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.