

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Present: L. Hanna, C. Wang, P. Anders, K. Bergman, C. Biddle, M. P. Carns, W. Holt, J. Marshall, R. Neafach, J. Threlkeld

Absent: J. Alioto, J. Baseman, R. Franck, B. Weinstein

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by President Lorraine Hanna.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Lorraine thanked the members for the work they are doing for bridge.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting (Feb. 9) had been emailed to the members and were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

NR

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Alioto was not at the meeting. Lorraine distributed copies of the treasurer's report, which was not discussed at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Post Mortem — Ron was absent and no report was presented.

Education — Bill reported

- **Education Classes:** NR
- **LB1D** — Is planned for Saturday at the Labor Day tournament approximately 11:00-4:00. The second session will be a week later at Wilkins, ~9 to 1. BYO Coffee. Printing the manual costs about \$10; \$25 per person will be charged for the whole event. Flyers will be distributed at the spring sectional; ACBL advertising co-op will be 50%. Bill is looking for volunteers for each session. We currently have a site license which allows anyone to present on our behalf. The renewal is due and was approved.
- **BiS**
 - Lorraine reported for Sharon Drake. Fox Chapel classes have 30 students in an enrichment class. The after school program has a core of 6 students, with up to 11 on occasion. There are about 10 volunteers.

- Ruthie reported that the planned tournament between Fox Chapel and Woodland Hills didn't happen. There will be a tournament within Woodland Hills in May.

Business Manager — NR

Membership — Lorraine reported for Carol Bolen. As of April 1 there are 884 members, including 1 new, 5 reinstated, and 23 snowbirds transferred back to our unit.

Webmaster — NR

District 5 and National News — Mary asked for members to attend the District Board meeting on May 27. Attendees will be Jane, Craig, June, and Bob Flynn. There will be an election in the fall for the District 5 representative to the National Board of Directors. Procedures will be similar to last year's BOG election.

Newcomer /Bridge Teacher Liaison/Volunteer Recruitment — Lorraine reported. Barbara Horowitz might start teaching at Rodef. Lorraine had a workshop in January that had 14 people. People are recruited by word of mouth. There is a workshop planned in May that has 8 people registered so far. The Saturday limited game at Glenshaw is now 0-99. Craig reported that the classes that he and Paul Caplan were going to teach at CCAC were cancelled for lack of registrants.

Publicity — NR

Club Liaison — Chris reported that flyers are out for Cross Creek, Pittsburgh Spring Sectional, and Bergman/ Joseph Swiss Teams.

Mentoring Program — NR

Site Assessment — Craig Biddle is waiting for the Diocese to determine what facilities are going to close. Phyllis Geinzer met with the Diocese. The possibility of moving the Unit game to a weeknight was discussed. Thursday is the only evening without a game currently (the unit is not supposed to compete with private games). The situation is urgent because the unit game continues to lose attendance and is losing money.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Sectional April 27-29 — Lorraine reported for Ron. Committee is Ron, Ernie & Marcella Retetagos, and Ken Bergman. Gus has committed to have the boards pre-dealt. Board members are requested to announce the sectional at all local games, emphasizing new earlier game times for Saturday, and Sunday start at 10 am. No one present at the meeting knew for sure, but it seems that the advertised game for BiS students isn't going to happen.

Awards Night May 18 — Lorraine reported for Ron. Bea Chiapetta and friends are providing hospitality. Bill Holt is the emcee. Ron will personally contact all awardees in hopes of increasing attendance.

Bergman/Joseph Swiss June 3 — NR

STaC 'n' Snack Thursday June 14 — Ruthie reported that the site is Glenshaw Presbyterian; Gus is directing.

Glenshaw Furnace Donation — Lorraine submitted Ron's written report, quoted here: "There was substantial negativity with the Board's choice of charity for the Pro-Am. It seems inappropriate to have a charity that is a political . . . or religious organization. Glenshaw [Presbyterian] Church received a \$1000 donation.

"I met with the director of the Church. . . . She was very considerate of our problem I've been working with her to obtain other fund-raising and the Church has received well over \$1500 total. This is considerably more than last year's Pro-Am charity.

"In my opinion, this is a very good situation. However there is backlash from other bridge members. They believe we are renegeing on our commitment, but the Church is happy with the situation. . . . A belief [that] we committed \$5000 to the Church is false."

Bylaws Review and Amendment — Discussion postponed.

Sectional Dates 2019 — March 15-17, July 12-14, October 25-27. Bill announced that he will be unable to chair the Summer Sectional in 2019.

Free Entries for new members & New Grads — NR

Elimination of Free Plays for Unit Winners — It had previously decided that as of May 1, the PBA will no longer award free entries for winners of the Unit game; however the decision wasn't publicized. The decision will be publicized in the May issue of the Post-Mortem, and take effect June 1. Previously awarded Free Entry chits will be honored through the end of 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

STaC Week June 11-17 — The unit is sponsoring 2 games: STaC 'n' Snack Thursday evening, and the normal Friday evening game. The only change from before is that for evening games only, all games of 2.5 tables or more will be in the open event, and playing directors are eligible for overall awards. Starting in 2019, the ACBL requires that open STaC games use pre-dealt hands and be scored across the field. Those who don't comply will be in a separate side game which receives 65% of the full award. Mary was opposed to this change since our District has very many small games, and duplicating by hand or owning a

dealing machine are burdensome for small clubs. This change will hurt the larger clubs too, because it lowers the size of the open events.

Summer Sectional July 13-15 — Bill Holt reported that co-chairs are June Threlkeld and Bob Flynn. They will make a decision about times after evaluating the earlier times planned for the upcoming Spring Sectional. Marcellina will work in the kitchen.

Representatives for D5 Board Meeting — Discussed above under “District and National News”.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be August 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.