

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: K. Bergman

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

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Lorraine thanked the members for their work at the Spring Sectional, specifically Ron Franck, Ken Bergman, Ernie & Marcella Retetagos. She said that the Bergman-Joseph Swiss was a success and thanked Richard Zack and Patsy Evans. Both events were enjoyable and memorable.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting (April 13) had been emailed to the members and were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

NR

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Alioto reported that the Spring Sectional made ~\$1200 and the Bergman/Joseph Swiss made ~\$1000. The investment account is up by ~\$2000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Post Mortem — Ron reported that Arlene continues to do a good job.

Education — Bill reported that Jeanne Baseman will take over these reports

- **Education Classes:** NR
- **BiS**
 - Jeanne reported that the Fox Chapel program went well and is planned again for the fall.
 - Ruthie reported that Woodland Hills had a tournament. Kathy Mulligan is working hard there.
- **LB1D** — Bill Holt reported that the event is scheduled for Saturday at the Regional. He brought flyers and encouraged members to post them. The follow-up supervised play will be at Wilkins at 9 AM, the following Saturday.

Business Manager — NR

Membership — Lorraine reported for Carol Bolen. The most recent data is from April 1 which was presented at the last meeting. She continues to send letters to all new members; and she is sending obituaries to the ACBL.

Webmaster — Bill Holt reported no problems with the Unit website. The new webmaster for D5 is Bill Hogsett, who is a professional programmer.

District 5 and National News — Mary reminded the members that there will be an election in the fall for the District 5 representative to the National Board of Directors. Our unit will be voting electronically, [information obtained following the meeting: Candidates are Brian Ellis, Jim Overcashier, and Dian Petrov. The deadline for submitting electronic ballot is Sept. 15]. A discussion was held about holding a “meet and greet” for the board and the candidates, during the regional. Members of other D5 unit boards could be invited. Mary will arrange this.

Newcomer /Bridge Teacher Liaison/Volunteer Recruitment — Lorraine reported. Her Bridge Basics I class has 4 students finishing. 25 students are signed up for a bridge clinic. She sends out emails several times monthly requesting volunteers.

Publicity — Lorraine reported that Sharon Drake is writing articles about LB1D, to be published in local papers. The Facebook page has 52 followers. Martin posted a photo montage, created by Mary Lou D’Altorio, of the Bergman-Joseph Swiss.

Club Liaison — Chris reported that flyers are out for STaC Week and the Summer Sectional. Bill will give him flyers for the Regional.

Mentoring Program — Chris will informally discuss the program during recruitment for the Pro-Am.

Site Assessment — NR

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Sectional April 27-29 — Ron Franck reported that things went well, despite construction on I-279. The workers did a great job. The table count was good, which may be related to good dates and the earlier time Saturday. Ron made a list for cookie donations, and talked it up, encouraging attendance.

Awards Night May 18 — Ron reported that Bea Chiapetta and Dolly Nagy helped in advance with food (they were unable to attend the event). David Frohlich helped with cleanup. Ron called all award winners personally and invited them.

Bergman/Joseph Swiss June 3 — Jeanne Baseman reported that it was a great event; the turnout was 28 tables, which was the maximum that the room can hold.

STaC Week June 11-17 — Starts Monday. It was discussed whether to post a list of clubs not holding games. The consensus was “no”. There are lists on the D5 and ACBL websites of all clubs holding games.

STaC ‘n’ Snack Thursday June 14 — Ruthie reported that preparations are complete. The plusses and minuses of requiring registration were discussed: requiring registration gives a better idea about attendance for food planning, but probably discourages some people from attending.

Summer Sectional July 13-15 — Bill Holt asked board members to make announcements at club games, and to distribute flyers. He did research on the times. On Saturdays, compressing the schedule resulted in the drop-off between first and second sessions decreasing from 40% to 15%. Thus the early schedule will be tried on Friday, too. We will start at 10:30 all 3 days, for consistency. June Threlkeld and Bob Flynn are doing hospitality. Thanks to Lorraine Hanna, we have a sponsor, Breakout Rehabilitation.

Pro-Am Game October 11 — Chris reported that the chairs have chosen a charity: Circle of EKC, a sub-organization of Circle Camps for Grieving Children. It is non-sectarian; an overnight camp for girls ages 9-15 who have experienced the death of a parent. The flyer is ready, and the Pro list is being updated.

Bylaws Review and Amendment — Mary reported that she reviewed the bylaws, and in her opinion, nothing has to be amended. Specific issues discussed involved following the existing bylaws regarding filling vacancies and making emergency decisions. Our current procedure of announcing cancellations by text message is not prohibited in the bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS

Sectional Procedures — Ron discussed issues. He said that in 2019 we might have a problem getting sectional chairs. Ron is chairing 2 sectionals this year, and Bill did 2 sectionals last year. He said that he and Craig are reviewing the Guidelines for Running Sectionals, originally created by Barb Bergman and Mary. He suggested possibly removing some responsibilities from the chair, for example Ron is maintaining an inventory of food-related supplies and stores those items. He would like to have a person in charge of moving tables, boards, and bid boxes.

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.