

PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

August 3, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: J. Threlkeld

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

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Lorraine thanked Bill, June, and Bob Flynn for doing an outstanding job at the summer sectional. She sent a note to Breakout Therapy thanking them for their sponsorship and sent them a copy of the Post Mortem, which contains an article about them.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting had been emailed to the members and were approved following a correction.

CORRESPONDENCE

The ACBL Charity Foundation sent a thank-you for holding the charity game in April.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Alioto reported that the Summer Sectional lost approximately \$50, and the operations lost about \$4000 over 1 year. However, the Vanguard fund is up by \$2300.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Post Mortem — Ron reported that Arlene appreciates the help she is receiving from Phyllis Geinzer (in memorium) and Chris Wang (repeat winners).

Education — Jeanne reported:

- **Education Classes:** NR
- **BiS:** Jeanne is coordinating teachers at Fox Chapel and Woodland Hills
- **LB1D** — Bill Holt reported that registration is slow so far. We will hold the event even if there is just 1 table. He sent emails to all who ever expressed an interest. Members were encouraged to distribute flyers.

Business Manager — NR

Membership — Lorraine reported for Carol Bolen. The unit currently has 892 members.

Webmaster — Bill Holt reported that Pro Am information is posted. District 5 has a new webmaster: Bill Hogsett who is a programmer. Bill Holt is helping.

District 5 and National News — Mary reported that preparations for the Regional are nearly complete. It is very likely that the Regional will be moving to a new site starting in 2019. Members will be notified by email when arrangements are complete.

Newcomer /Bridge Teacher Liaison/Volunteer Recruitment — Lorraine reported. Her Bridge Basics II class has 8 students. She ran a clinic for 13 students. The 0-5 and 0-99 students at Glenshaw are now playing in the open game in weeks without a limited game. Arlene is putting dates for student games in the Post-Mortem.

Publicity — Lorraine reported that Sharon Drake wrote some articles regarding tournaments and LB1D, intended for local papers, but none of them were published.

Club Liaison — Chris reported that flyers are out for the Regional, LB1D, and Pro Am.

Mentoring Program — NR

Site Assessment — Craig Biddle spoke with Jay Rajgopal who is a professor at Pitt, regarding holding games at the student union. In order for this to happen, a student has to start a club. That could probably be arranged, but parking is a problem. There is no news from Phyllis Geinzer re the Catholic Diocese. Bill Holt will talk to her.

OLD BUSINESS

STaC 'n' Snack Thursday June 14 — Ruthie reported that all went well.

Summer Sectional July 13-15 — Bill Holt reported that there was a loss of \$51. Considering that the table count was down by 30 tables, a small loss is expected. Everything went well. The schedule used early times; the purpose was to reduce the dropoff between sessions 1 and 2. The dropoff was reduced, and people say they like early times.

BoD Election Meet 'n' Greet — Mary arranged to hold a Meet 'n' Greet during the regional, on Thursday at 11:30 am. All 3 candidates have committed to attend. This is primarily for the PBA board, but board members from all other units in the District will be invited. The election will be electronic. Ballots are due by Sept. 15. Ken Bergman will receive a paper ballot.

Pro-Am Game October 11 — Chris reported that there are 38 pairs registered so far. There are 21 pros available and about 10 “maybes”.

Instant Matchpoint Game Oct. 31 — Bill reported that the game is at Glenshaw at noon. Other games with Wednesday sanctions have given their OK. Gus will be out of town; Alex will be directing. Lorraine reported that Rosanne Patterson will do hospitality. Bill will produce a flyer.

NEW BUSINESS

New Partner Night Prizes — New Partner Night is this evening. In the past the highest new pair in each direction received a free entry. Although free entries have been eliminated as a prize during regular games, Mary proposed providing them for this special night, with expiration date the end of the year. This proposal was adopted.

Representatives for D5 Meeting — The meeting is Sunday, Sept. 2, in the Monroeville Doubletree. Attendees will be Lorraine, John Alioto, Chris Wang, and Craig Biddle.

Fall Sectional Nov. 2-4 — Ron reported that he liked the early times for the Summer Sectional, and plans to keep the schedule the same. There is a possibility of poor attendance since the tournament is so late; some of the snowbirds will be gone. Kitchen help payment is \$599 for 3 days. Marcellina may be willing to work more. Ron is looking for 2 people to be co-chairs. Shirley will help with shopping. Ron said that ideally we could get co-chairs who would progress to running the sectional; however over the last several years we have not accomplished this. Bill will do the flyer and have it done in time for the Regional.

Election Nov. 3— Craig Biddle had no report. Craig was reminded that notice needs to be in the August, Sept, and October Post-Mortems. August was missed; November may be substituted.

Planning Meeting Date — The meeting will be Monday Nov. 5 at 6 PM at Panera, Blvd of the Allies in Oakland.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be October 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Wilkins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.