

NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 7, 2016
Christ Church, Ridgewood, NJ

Lee Ohliger, in President John Hogan's absence, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Attendance was taken and it was confirmed that a quorum was present. Board members in attendance were:

Lee Ohliger	Treasurer, Conduct and Ethics, Budget
Carol McMackin	Administrative Secretary
Susan Koster	Secretary, Newcomer/Intermediate Promotion
Gale Mirro	Budget
Marilyn Cavell	Tournaments
Stasha Cohen	Recorder
Debi Fabian	Player of the Year
Michelle Lanigan	Membership
Pat Linnemeyer	Annual Dinner, Club Coordinator
Pam Mills	Bob Johnke, Reitman
Ron Nelken	Pro-Am
Neale VanDelft	Newsletter

Also in attendance: Andy Lohan

Absent and excused: John Hogan, Jack Forbes, Mike Jeshion, Kathy Lathrop, Barbara LeVay, Dick Murray, Tod Thorgersen

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Michelle Lanigan, seconded by Pam Mills, to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (read by Lee Ohliger)

The President reported that San Ghosh, a non-board member, agreed to assume responsibilities as Site Committee Chairman.

The President recommended the following participants for the Unit 106 Board Nominating Committee: Susan Koster (Chairman, Board-member), Gale Mirro (Board-member), Doug Cestone (Board-member), Debbie Tzimoulis (Non-Board member), John Hodges (Non-Board member), Joan Occhipinti (Non-Board-member), and Rich Tafro (Non-Board member).

A motion was made by Gale Mirro, seconded by Carol McMackin, to accept the recommended Nominating Committee members. The motion was passed unanimously.

The following eight board members are up for re-election: Marilyn Cavell, Stasha Cohen, Jack Forbes, John Hogan, Kathy Lathrop, Barbara LeVay, Carol McMackin and Neale VanDelft. The President asked that we work toward an

even distribution of the 20 board members that come up for re-election each year.

At the February 20 meeting the President asked for all officers and committee chairs/co-chairs to document their responsibilities and submit to him by March 30th. The following position descriptions are missing and need to be submitted to John by May 27: Treasurer, Recorder, Club Coordinator and Membership.

It was asked that all board members confirm with Carol McMackin their intent to attend or not attend each board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee Ohliger presented the current status of income and expense data to date against budget. Documents were reviewed by board members. Lee noted that attendance was down in the Spring Sectional resulting in a net profit of \$1707.06 against a plan of \$3800.00. The roles of TA (tournament assistant) and TD (tournament director) were discussed. Specifically, the roles they played in the Winter Sectional versus the Spring Sectional were reviewed along with the resulting fee structure.

Gale Mirro noted that the budget is planned to operate at a loss and we are currently running at a greater loss than planned. Each event chairman needs to be concerned about cost control.

TOURNAMENT

Marilyn Cavell is still looking for a co-chairman. Additionally, volunteers are needed to store food in personal freezers prior to the upcoming sectional. Marilyn will draft an email to send throughout the unit to request help. The email needs to be sent to the executive committee for review and approval.

The custodian for the Sectionals is paid \$500 to set up the site, clean up throughout the three day event, and break down on the last day. The current custodian can no longer provide these services and we need to find a replacement. A consideration is Guy's Maintenance, the contractor who is providing these services at the Grand National Teams event on May 21. Marilyn will follow up with the GNT organizers to receive feedback on their services and assess if they should be considered a candidate for the job.

In an effort to increase tournament attendance as well as respond to players seeking qualification for Life Master, Michelle Lanigan suggested we consider a 0-499 game. Pam Mills made a motion, seconded by Pat Linnemeyer, to replace the 0-299 game currently held on Friday and Saturday morning to a 0-499 NLM game. The motion passed unanimously. This change should take effect for the September and November sectionals, after which we can re-evaluate.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The final results should be available shortly and will be placed on the Website.

JOHNKE

There was an issue with Brackets versus Flights for the Johnke. Unit events are processed as a club, and clubs are not authorized to sponsor Bracketed Events. Consequently the Johnke results, initially processed with Brackets, are being reevaluated in terms of flight breakdowns. We now need to ensure the Reitman is promoted as a flighted event. Tod Thorgersen sent his recommendation to the Board as to how to break down the flights, i.e.

A -----> Unlimited

B -----> 2000

C -----> 750

D -----> 200

A motion was made by Pat Linnemeyer, and seconded by Michelle Lanigan, to accept Tod's recommendation. The motion was passed unanimously. Discussion occurred as to whether we should raise flight B to 2500. No action was taken.

ANNUAL DINNER

Pat needs the Board to provide her a firm date (or dates) for the annual dinner in order to proceed with negotiating price and appropriate location. After a thorough review of the calendar the only acceptable date is December 18 that does not conflict with other District 3 events. Michelle Lanigan made a motion, seconded by Debi Fabian, to set December 18 as the date for the annual dinner. The motion passed unanimously.

CADDIES

Debi Fabian reported that from her email blast she hired two new caddies. She is always looking and Susan Koster agreed to follow up with possible Junior Players who have participated in Youth Bridge Tournaments.

PRO-AM

Ron Nelken confirmed that the dates for this year's Pro-Am are 6/24-6/25. Unfortunately, Sparta is unable to participate this year. Advance planning is needed to ensure full club participation in this event. After reviewing the calendar, June 23-24 was selected as the timeframe for the 2017 Pro-Am.

YOUTH BRIDGE

The Unit's Youth Bridge Tournament was made up of six tables of teenagers. Most of the attendees were from unit 140. Unfortunately there was a conflict of school activities that prohibited many Teaneck youngsters from participating. However, a good time was had by all the attendees.

MEMBERSHIP

Michelle Lanigan reported that everything is on schedule.

CLUB COORDINATOR

Pat Linnemeyer reported that everything is on schedule.

A motion was made at 12:00 P.M. by Pam Mills, seconded by Carol McMackin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.