

NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 4, 2017
Christ Church, Ridgewood, NJ

President John Hogan 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:

John Hogan, President
Lee Ohliger, Treasurer, Conduct and Ethics, Budget
Carol Gelfer, Administrative Secretary
Marilyn Cavell, Tournaments
Doug Cestone, Auditor, Newsletter/Flyer Distribution, Site
Debi Fabian, Player of the Year
Michelle Lanigan, Membership
Pat Linnemeyer, Annual Dinner, Club Coordinator
Tod Thorgersen, Bob Johnke and Nelson Reitman Teams, Prizes
Kathy Lathrop, Flyers
Sam Ghosh, Site Committee
Suzanne Curtis & Midge Coleman, New Board Members

Absent and excused: Susan Koster, Barbara LeVay, Jack Forbes, John Hodge, Neale VanDelft, Stasha Cohen & Pam Mills

Absent with no excuse: Ron Nelken

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Debi Fabian, seconded by Doug Cestone, to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

John Hogan nominated Pat Linnemeyer as Recording Secretary. It was seconded by Kathy Lathrop. He also thanked Pam Mills and Michelle Lanigan for their assistance with the January Allendale Sectional. John also stated that he had been requested by the District that we move the Sectional next January to the MLK weekend to accommodate the District's Tarrytown Regional. All agreed to the move. A price increase from \$32 per person to \$35 per person was proposed on Sunday for the Swiss when brunch and dinner are served. A motion was made by Lee Ohliger and seconded by Doug Cestone. John also presented a list of 2017 Officers, Chairs/Co-chairs. Michelle Lanigan declined to co-chair with Marilyn Cavell on the Hospitality Committee. John also stated that Unit 106 needed a representative on the District 3 Board. Pat Linnemeyer stated that she was willing to serve on the District 3 Board.

Dates for future board meetings we scheduled as follows: May 6, 2017 and October 28, 2017.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee Ohliger presented the NJBA Budget 2016 showing Profit/Loss, Budget, Budget Totals and Difference. The loss was less than projected. Financial Report on the January 2017 Sectional was also presented which showed a profit of \$2,508.75. Lee stated that the Spring Sectional did not do as well as the Fall tournament in September. The proposed Budget for 2017 was presented and compared with the 2016 budget. Suzanne Curtis asked why the Spring Sectional was poorly attended. John Hogan said it was possibly because of the Regional in Gatlinburg. Midge Coleman inquired about the possibility of reducing the Director's fees and costs at the upcoming Sectional in April.

TOURNAMENT

Marilyn Cavell thanked Michelle Lanigan, Pam Mills and Susan Koster for their services with regard to the January Sectional. Marilyn asked for help with the upcoming Spring Sectional.

Marilyn also addressed the issue of supplies needed. 72 tables are needed and we only have 71. John Hogan suggested ordering 5-6 tables and also getting the dolly repaired. Debi suggested that we should look into the cost of the tables.

SANCTIONS

No report since Barbara was not present.

SITE COMMITTEE

Sam Ghosh suggested that we should look into the cost of a saw horse since same was broken. Also, consider the possibility of repairing the saw horse.

PAIRINGS

Jack Forbes was not present at the meeting. Future pairings will be handled by Suzanne Curtis and Midge Coleman.

CADDIES

Debi will be handing over this assignment to Jack Forbes. The caddies worked out well in the past. District 3 was going to provide the Unit with information re: caddies.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Debi stated that it was up-to-date on the website.

ANNUAL DINNER

The proposed date for the Annual Dinner is December 17, 2017. Pat Linnemeyer will check with the Crowne Plaza and Sheraton as to the availability.

JOHNKE & REITMAN TEAMS

Tod stated that the Johnke and Reitman teams went well. The date for the Johnke is April 29, 2017. There was a proposal by Pat to raise the masterpoint limit to 2500 for the B bracket to conform with the GNT, NAP, Regional & Sectionals. However, in view of

the fact that there were only 7 teams in the A bracket, it was decided to leave the masterpoint limit at 2000. Tod is in the process of finding a director for the Johnke.

PRIZES

Tod confirmed that the total expense was the same.

YOUTH BRIDGE

No report since Stasha was not present at the meeting.

NEWCOMER & INTERMEDIATE PROMOTION

No report since Susan and Ron were not present at the meeting.

PRO-AM

No report since Susan and Ron were not present at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Michelle reported that the Unit has a total of 1182 members.

FLYERS

Kathy requested that in the future draft flyers be sent to her for updating and distribution.

DISTRIBUTION

Doug was sending the flyers to the clubs.

CLUB COORDINATOR

Pat was doing it for this quarter and handing over to Midge.

NEWSLETTER

No report since Neale was not at the meeting.

WEBPAGE

Debi reported an average of 175 hits a week - checked out clubs and Player of the Year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy recommended a charity, Helping Hands, and was going to provide more information.

A motion was made by Debi Fabian, seconded by Lee Ohliger, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.