

NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
February 3, 2018  
Christ Church, Ridgewood, NJ

President Susan Koster 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:

Susan Koster	President
John Hogan	Vice President
Lee Ohliger	Treasurer, Conduct and Ethics, Budget
Carole Gelfer	Administrative Secretary
Pat Linnemeyer	Recording Secretary, Annual Dinner, Club Coordinator
Marilyn Cavell	Tournament Manager
Tod Thorgersen	Bob Johnke and Nelson Reitman Teams, Prizes
Sam Ghosh	Site Committee
Lisa Brooks	Pairings
Debi Fabian	Player of the Year, Web Page
Doug Cestone	Distribution
Neale VanDelft	Newsletter
David Bushman	

Absent and excused: John Hodge, Barbara LeVay, Suzanne Curtis, Pam Mills, Michelle Lanigan, Jack Forbes, Ron Nelken & Kathy Lathrop.

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Susan stated that the Reitman went well and the January Sectional went very well. It was our best in the last few years. The Unit's relationship with the Guardian Angel Church is good. The church's calendar for the auditorium rental is from June to June. We will only be able to get confirmation of the dates after their June meeting. We will not have the September flyer at the April Sectional since we would like to confirm the dates prior to publication. John Hogan will chair a site committee for a back up plan in the event the church auditorium is unavailable.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee Ohliger presented the current status of income and expense data to date against budget. Lee stated that the budget was positive because the Annual Dinner expense was a lot less than budgeted because we had less attendance. Susan stated that Marilyn Cavell and Pam Mills were doing well with keeping the food costs down for the Sectionals and the Johnke/Reitman.

Lee presented a budget for 2018 which targeted a slight surplus instead of a loss. The budget was approved unanimously by the board.

## TOURNAMENTS

The January tournament turned out very well. Marilyn Cavell stated that the April tournament was at the end of Passover and may affect attendance. Hospitality at the tournaments was working out well with the services of a new kitchen assistant.

## SANCTIONS

Up to date.

## SITE COMMITTEE

Sam Ghosh stated that there was no problem with parking. He stated that more volunteers were needed. No equipment required at the present time. However, we could use new inserts for some of the bidding boxes. 64 tables were set up in January. We should set up 70 tables for the April Sectional

## PAIRINGS

Lisa Brooks said that pairings were going well and that almost everyone was paired.

## CADDIES

Jack was on vacation. However, he informed that he had a good bevy of caddies and would like to train some new caddies.

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Website was up to date. Debi Fabian recommended that for next year the brackets for the Player of the Year be updated to conform with the brackets at the Allendale Sectionals. Pat Linnemeyer recommended adding a category. This matter will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

## ANNUAL DINNER

Pat Linnemeyer stated that we had less attendance at the dinner this year and suggested that we consider a brunch. Pat will check with the Crowne Plaza about brunch on Dec. 16.

## JOHNKE & REITMAN TEAMS

Tod stated that we have dates for the Johnke – April 28, 2018, and Reitman – October 27, 2018. The revised format that we used last year would be the same for both events.

## PRIZES

Tod stated that the number of prizes would increase because of the new categories.

## NEWCOMER & INTERMEDIATE PROMOTION

John Hodge was on vacation. Susan stated that we had 15.5 tables and feedback was good.

## PRO-AM

Ron Nelken was not present. Susan proposed the dates of June 15-16 or June 22-23. It

would be discussed at the next meeting as to whether we should give the AMs a free entry for the Reitman.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Nothing to report since Michelle Lanigan was not present.

#### FLYERS

Nothing to report since Kathy Lathrop was not present.

#### DISTRIBUTION

Doug Cestone said there was nothing to report.

#### CLUB COORDINATOR

Up to date. Susan said that the Club Coordinator should be the focal point for the club managers and should provide the information necessary to be published in the newsletter.

#### NEWSLETTER

Neale Van Delft said there was nothing to report. Susan stated that the printing cost would decrease since we have a new printer.

#### WEBPAGE

Debi had a report prepared by Steve Fabian. The web page was up 100% of the time. There were 810 hits on the calendar page. There was no calendar for the clubs on the Unit's web page. Debi suggested that upcoming events should be posted on the web page. Steve will follow-up to add this function capability.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

A motion was made by Lee Ohliger and seconded by Sam Ghosh to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.