

**NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 2, 2013
CHRIST CHURCH, RIDGEWOOD, NJ**

President Stasha Cohen called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Board members in attendance were:

Stasha Cohen	President
Gale Mirro	Vice President, Budget
Carol McMackin	Administrative Secretary, Annual Dinner, Budget
Robert Sorce	Recording Secretary, Site
Neale Van Delft	Newsletter, Site, Website
Larry Ascher	Recorder
Susan Green	Club Coordinator
Lila Burg	Pairings, Tournament Johnke, Reitman
Jan Weber	Hospitality
Debi Fabian	Caddies
Linda Connolly	Newcomer/Intermediate Promotion, Membership
Michael Jeshion	Johnke, Reitman
Doug Cestone	Site, Auditor, Mailing
Tod Thorgersen	Johnke, Reitman, Prizes

Also in attendance: Jerry Goodman, Andy Lohan, and Paul Nickerson.

Absent and excused: Lee Ohliger, Blair Seidler, Barbara LeVay, Ron Nelken, Marlene Case, Jerry Schraub, and John Hogan.

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Gale, seconded by Linda to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Stasha announced that Jan is withdrawing from the Co-Chair of the Tournament Committee and a replacement needs to be found. Andy stated, and Jerry reiterated, that the new Co-Chair and assistant will need training. Abby Brawer has agreed to work with Marlene on food. Gale pointed out that it is not necessary for the assistant to be a board member. Stasha spoke of the difficulties faced in getting new people involved, and said she is currently handling the advertising and Lee is dealing with the church.

As several board members reported not receiving emails, a test email will be sent, requesting a reply.

The Site Committee should set up a point person for each session, to be available to handle any problems. Andy suggested that former board presidents would be good candidates for point people. The Site Committee will provide a list of designated point people to Stasha, Marlene, the director in charge and Debi at least one week prior to the event. Debi provides Marlene with a list of the caddies working each session. She will add the name of each point person to this list. The board will

offer support and coverage for any duties for which Jerry Schraub may not be available. Lila reported that Lydia Bass has volunteered to help with pairings.

John Hogan will be an excellent addition to the board and Site Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee was not in attendance at the meeting, so the discussion was solely focused on the 2013 budget prepared by Gale. Gale explained the parameters with which the budget was developed: no District 3 distribution this year, lower amounts for dues and interest, and an additional loss from the Annual Brunch. As the budget assumptions are based on a one dollar per session increase in card fees, a vigorous debate ensued. A motion was made by Carol, seconded by Neale, to increase card fees by one dollar per session. The motion passed on a vote of 8 to 5. A motion was made by Linda, seconded by Larry, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOURNAMENTS

Jan reported that some problems were encountered on site at the January tournament, but the church handled them well. A frozen pipe in the men's room put the room out of service temporarily, and there was an apparent incident of vandalism causing damage to a stall door.

SITE

Bob reported that there were no problems at the January event other than those cited by Jan. It was also mentioned that Jerry Schraub has done an inventory of our equipment at the church, and that we may need to order some new tables in the near future.

CADDIES

Debi stated that she has some new caddies, and suggested we continue canvassing for more candidates, as some current caddies will be leaving for college soon.

PRO-AM

No Report.

ANNUAL DINNER/BRUNCH

Carol reported that the BridgeMates were well received by those attending the annual dinner. As the BridgeMates are not available in December, she suggested January 12, 2014 as the date for the next dinner. Carol also stated that we should be able to negotiate a better price with the Crowne Plaza by moving the event out of the holiday season. A motion was made by Carol, seconded by Doug, to hold the annual dinner at The Crowne Plaza in Suffern on January 12, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

The annual brunch will be held at The Crowne Plaza in Suffern on June 9, 2013. Stasha asked board members to help promote the event.

JOHNKE/REITMAN

Tod reported that the Johnke will be held on April 27, and that nine entries have been received thus far. Michael pointed out that Reitman attendance has been going down, and suggested that additional promotion is necessary. A discussion ensued. It was decided that Michael and Tod will get

together two weeks before the event to make calls, and clubs will be asked to announce the event. Michael volunteered to handle pairings, and Blair will be asked to send out an email. Michael is checking with the church regarding possible dates for the Reitman. The preferred date is October 5, with September 7 or November 9 as alternates.

NEWSLETTER

Neale pointed out that many copies sent to the clubs are not being picked up and asked if we could lower our costs by printing less copies. Doug responded that it would be possible to get a lower overall price for printing less copies, although the per copy price would be higher. It was agreed that the Maywood club needs additional copies.

MAILING/AUDIT

Doug reported that he has completed the audit for 2010 and no major discrepancies were found. He provided a copy of his report to the executive board. He stated he is ready to begin the audits for 2011 and 2012.

CLUB COORDINATOR

Susan Green reported that there are no problems.

NEWCOMER/INTERMEDIATE PROMOTION

Linda reported that the 0-99 newcomer's game will be held on May 4, in Ridgewood.

WEBSITE

Tod recommended that corrections be emailed to Blair, who will update the website.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tod reported that Player of the Year will be updated soon.

MEMBERSHIP

No report

CONDUCT AND ETHICS

No report

PRIZES

Individual prizes will be given to the winners of the Annual Brunch this year.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Stasha reported that Marilyn has suggested attendance for the Friday night Swiss could be increased by raising the point limit to 750. Andy suggested that giving a lesson before the game might also attract more participants. A motion was made by Neale and seconded by Debi to raise the point ceiling for the Friday night Swiss to 750. The motion passed unanimously.

Possible dates for the 2015 sectionals were proposed, and a discussion ensued about potential conflicts. It was agreed that all dates could not be finalized without Marlene's input, however the traditional dates of January 23-25 and November 13-15, were deemed probable. A motion was made by Debi, seconded by Linda, to accept these dates. The motion passed unanimously.

Stasha suggested board members should read all the job descriptions on the website, and report to her any interest they may have in committees other than their own. Stasha also requested Chairs review their own job descriptions, and email any corrections or updates to her.

Carol shared thank you notes from Sue Green, Burrell Humphreys, Kathy Sibi, Dick Murray, and Jerry and Marion Schraub with the board.

A motion was made at 12:03 pm by Stasha, seconded by Debi to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.