

NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 2, 2019
Christ Church, Ridgewood, NJ

President Susan Koster called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Jack confirmed that a quorum was present. Board Members in attendance were;

Susan Koster	President
Pat Linnemeyer	Vice President, Annual Dinner
Lee Ohlinger	Treasurer, Conduct and Ethics, Budget
Carole Gelfer	Administrative Secretary
Jack Forbes	Recording Secretary, Caddies
John Hogan	Past President
Lisa Brooks	Johnke/Reitman
David Bushman	Tournament Chair
Doug Cestone	Distribution-Flyers/Newsletter, Auditor
Sam Ghosh	Site Committee Chair
Michelle Lanigan	Membership
Ron Nelken	Pro-Am, Novice Promotion
Clay Reynolds	Pairings, Tournament Chair
Maryann Shea	Johnke/Reitman
Tod Thorgersen	Johnke/Reitman, Awards and Trophies
Non-Attending Board Members	
Suzanne Curtis	Club Coordinator, Pairings
Kathy Lathrop	Flyer Coordination
Pam Mills	Hospitality Committee
Neale VanDelft	Newsletter Editor
Peri Namerow	Novice Promotion
Debi Fabian	Player of the Year, Website
Barbara LeVay	Sanctions

Minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Michelle, seconded by Carole, to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An acknowledgement of former Board Member President Carol McMackin was made. Carol is now in a memory care facility and will be visited by Susan and Gale Mirro. A card for Carol was signed by all Board Members.

The 2019 Calendar was reviewed and it was noted that the 0-99 Event is tentative and may be dropped due to lack of interest. It was also noted that the Board Meeting in September is rescheduled for September 28.

Board member responsibilities were confirmed. Lisa and Maryann were requested to ask Attendees at the Johnke and Reitman to help with set up in advance since attendees are pre-registered. Lee was asked to confirm Christ Church availability for those events.

Board members were asked to be proactive in making suggestions and taking improvement actions at all tournaments.

There was a discussion of the policy and fees for lapsed and non ACBL members who attend Sectional Tournaments. Susan will clarify the procedures for collecting fees with Rui Marques, the director in charge of the Sectionals.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee distributed the 2018 financial results compared to Budget. There is a surplus to Budget due to improved attendance at the September Allendale Sectional, and reduced expense in equipment costs and the Annual Brunch.

Lee also distributed the 2019 Budget, which largely followed the budgeted amounts from 2019. A small surplus is budgeted.

A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Sam to approve the Budget. The Budget was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Michelle and seconded by David to reduce the price of the Annual Dinner to \$25. It was also agreed to increase the number of serving tables for the buffet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tournaments

David led a discussion on the fall off in attendance at the Allendale Sectionals, which was particularly noticeable in the recent Winter Sectional. Numerous suggestions were discussed to improve attendance including expanded flyer distribution, modifying the Sunday Swiss structure and others. Most of the discussion centered on attracting more 0-20 players which is a large segment of the membership that do not participate in the Sectional Tournaments in representative numbers. A motion was made by Maryann and seconded by Clay to have a 0-20 pairs game on Friday morning with a separate flyer and

a reduced fee of \$5. The motion passed unanimously. Additionally it was agreed to meet with Rui at the April Allendale Sectional to review other suggestions to increase attendance.

Site

Sam indicated he needs more help with parking at the Sectional Tournament.

Johnke/Reitman

Tod indicated the same brackets will be used as in the past for team events.

Prizes

Johnke/Reitman Trophies will be given to the winning team in A/X and in B,C,D. If a lower ranked team wins there will not be a trophy for a higher ranked team in the two categories.

Pro-Am

Ron reported that there has been only mixed interest from the Clubs to raise the point amount to 0-99. Unless there is a groundswell of enthusiasm from the Clubs it will stay at 0-49. Ron will check back with the Clubs who haven't responded and determine if there is a change in their views. If not it will remain 0-49.

Membership

Membership had a small decline. In and outs are similar.

Caddies

Jack indicated that we have an ample list of Caddies.

Flyers

Doug reported Allendale Flyers for April will go out at the end of February. It was suggested we send some to Connecticut Clubs.

Website

The Website is up to date.

At 11:30 AM a motion for Adjournment was made by Pat and seconded by David. It passed unanimously.

