

NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 28, 2017
Christ Church, Ridgewood, NJ

Vice President Susan Koster called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. Attendance was taken and it was confirmed that a quorum was present. Board members in attendance were:

Susan Koster	Vice President
Lee Ohliger	Treasurer, Conduct and Ethics, Budget
Pat Linnemeyer	Recording Secretary, Annual Dinner, Club Coordinator
Marilyn Cavell	Tournament Manager
Michelle Lanigan	Membership
Tod Thorgersen	Bob Johnke and Nelson Reitman Teams, Prizes
Kathy Lathrop	Flyers
Sam Ghosh	Site Committee
Barbara LeVay	Sanctions
Pam Mills	Bob Johnke and Nelson Reitman Teams
Lisa Brooks	Pairings
John Hodge	Novice Promotion, Annual dinner
Jack Forbes	Caddies

Also in attendance: Marilyn Wells, Andy Lohan, David Bushman
Absent and excused: John Hogan, Carole Gelfer, Debi Fabian, Doug Cestone, Ron Nelken & Suzanne Curtis

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed and approved.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Susan thanked all who helped at the Sectional in September. The plan to start the brunch at 10:30 on Sunday followed by the game at 11:00 was not feasible after Susan and Marilyn met with Fr. Charlie who said the church practice was to not allow use of the auditorium in a time frame that would coincide with Sunday Services.

Susan further stated that with known increases in Sectional expenses we needed to evaluate options to increase revenue at the Sectionals and Unit events in order to meet the budget. There was a discussion to increase the Sectional fees for the pair games and Swiss teams, as well as the Johnke and Reitman events. A motion was made by Jack Forbes and seconded by Barbara LeVay to increase the pair games to \$17, the Swiss teams to \$38 and the Johnke and Reitman events to \$30 for unit106 members and \$40 for non-members. The motion was passed unanimously.

Marilyn Wells suggested that we could increase attendance at the Sunday Swiss Team event if we changed from using brackets of A/X and BCD and made it a stratified event. A motion was made by Pat Linnemeyer and seconded by Barbara Levay The motion was passed unanimously.

Board maker – at present the District makes our boards. However, the person lives in Brooklyn. John Hogan was going to drive to Riverside to pick up the boards for the Nov. sectional. At the end of the tournament, Unit 140 would pick up the boards. Unit is looking for a volunteer to pick up the boards from Riverside for the next sectional. Jack Forbes volunteered to do so.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee Ohliger presented the current status of income and expense data to date against budget. Lee noted that the Spring Sectional and Pro-Am were slightly under budget.

TOURNAMENT

Marilyn Cavell said the tournaments were running well but we had some plumbing/ kitchen problems. It was suggested that the hourly rate for kitchen help be increased. Marilyn stated that she could not run the tournament in January. Susan volunteered to act as Tournament Chairman. Kathy Lathrop, Pam Mills and Michelle Lanigan agreed to help with hospitality.

SANCTIONS

Barbara LeVay said it was up to date.

SITE COMMITTEE

Sam Ghosh stated that the two new items – new poles and special tape for the walls worked out well. No complaints about the parking. It was suggested that we send e-mails asking for help with directing traffic/parking at the church.

PAIRINGS

Lisa Brooks said that pairings were going well.

CADDIES

Caddies were all set for the November sectional.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Up to date.

ANNUAL DINNER

Up to date.

JOHNKE & REITMAN TEAMS

Up to date.

PRIZES

Up to date.

YOUTH BRIDGE

Barbara Ganin, a non-board member is the new Chairman of Youth Bridge. A Youth Bridge Program is planned for October at the Hillsdale Library.

NEWCOMER & INTERMEDIATE PROMOTION

The 0-99 game on October 21, 2017 had 15.5 tables. Feedback was good

PRO-AM

No report since Ron Nelken was not present.

MEMBERSHIP

Michelle Lanigan said that there was nothing to report.

FLYERS

Flyers have to be revised since the format for the BCD Swiss has to be changed.

DISTRIBUTION

Doug Cestone was not present – nothing to report.

CLUB COORDINATOR

Up to date

NEWSLETTER

Nothing to report since Neale VanDelft was not present. However, we are evaluating the use of a new printer.

WEBPAGE

No report since Debi Fabian was not present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Per ACBL regulations the use of the Stop card is being eliminated, effective January 1, 2018, with the exception that permits local clubs the option of using the Stop card. A motion was made by Pat Linnemeyer and seconded by Barbara LeVay that we ask players to remove the Stop cards at the January Sectional. We will collect them and store them for possible future use.

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