

**NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2012  
CHRIST CHURCH, RIDGEWOOD, NJ**

President Stasha Cohen called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. Board members in attendance were:

Stasha Cohen	President
Gale Mirro	Vice President, Budget
Carol McMackin	Secretary, Annual Dinner, Budget
Lee Ohliger	Treasurer, Conduct & Ethics, Budget
Doug Cestone	Site, Auditor, Mailing
Neale Van Delft	Newsletter, Site, Website
Blair Seidler	Website, Player of the Year
Larry Ascher	Recorder
Lila Burg	Pairings, Tournaments
Tod Thorgersen	Johnke, Reitman, Prizes
Barbara LeVay	Sanctions
Susan Koster	Newcomer/Intermediate Promotion
Ron Nelken	Pro-Am, Newcomer/Intermediate Promotion
Debi Fabian	Caddies, Membership
Linda Connolly	Newcomer/Intermediate Promotion
Bob Sorce	Site

Also in attendance: Glenda Calkins, District 3 Director, Jerry Goodman, District 3 Representative, Paul Nickerson, Marilyn Wells

Absent and excused: Jan Weber, Marlene Case, Susan Green, Michael Jeshion, Jerry Schraub

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed. It was noted that Tod Thorgersen's name was omitted from the list of meeting attendees. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Gale, seconded by Barbara, and unanimously approved.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Stasha welcomed the new members to the board. Congratulations were extended to Glenda on her election as District 3 President. Stasha stated that she will be filling the position on the district board vacated by Glenda. Lee has been appointed District 3 Recorder.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lee reported that the January sectional was very successful, with an increase of 5 tables over 2011, and netting a profit of \$4153.54.

#### **BUDGET**

As chair of the Budget Committee, Gale made several assumptions from which the budget figures were developed:

- Entry fees and costs for sectionals will remain the same
- We will participate in 3 STaC's and the cost to the clubs will remain the same
- The Annual Dinner will be held at the Crowne Plaza with an increase in cost to \$70 per person.

- There will not be an increase in price for attendees and attendance will be the same as 2011.
- Income from dues and District 3 distribution will remain the same.
- The first Annual Brunch will cost the unit \$46 per person with estimated attendance of 150.
- The price for attendees will be \$30 for unit members and \$40 for non-members.

The budget for 2012, indicating an anticipated profit of \$4305.38, was distributed to the members. A motion to approve the budget was made by Carol, seconded by Gale, and unanimously approved.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **TOURNAMENTS**

Stasha led the discussion in the absence of Marlene and Jan. She noted that we did very well in 2011. The dates of several future sectionals were discussed and the following changes were made:

- January 2013 was changed from 1/11 – 1/13 to 1/25 – 1/27. The motion was made by Blair, seconded by Lee and passed unanimously.
- September 2013 was changed from 9/20 – 9/22 to 9/27 – 9/29/. The motion was made by Carol, seconded by Blair and passed unanimously.
- April 2014 will be held 4/11 – 4/13. The motion was made by Lee, seconded by Neale and passed unanimously.
- September 2014 will be held 9/5 – 9/7. The motion was made by Lee, seconded by Doug and passed unanimously.
- November 2014 will be held 11/7 – 11/9. The motion was made by Lee, seconded by Barbara and passed unanimously.

The possibility of renting BridgeMates for use at the sectionals was raised by Marilyn Wells. We can rent them from an area director for a fee of \$.65, less than the normal fee of \$.75 - \$1.00. We would be able to use them for the 4 pairs games, eliminating the need for some caddies except on Saturday, when we would need only 1 caddy per session. If we had used BridgeMates for the last tournament, the total cost would have been \$60, \$130 rental fee less \$70 savings due to fewer caddies.

A discussion ensued regarding the rental. Marilyn told the group that District 3 has committed to a rental agreement for one year. Unit 106 does not have to make any commitment. Glenda said that this is a very generous offer with no risk involved. Marilyn stated that she has 75 BridgeMates available for us for every sectional. The directors will assist players unfamiliar with them.

A motion was made by Barbara, seconded by Lee, to approve using BridgeMates for 1 tournament. The motion passed unanimously. The Board will revisit the topic at the next meeting.

### **SITE**

Bob reported that he and Jerry will be taking a complete inventory of table, chairs, etc. Lee and Neale suggested that he speak with Andy Lohan who was Site Committee chair before Dick. Marilyn Wells raised the issue of who should be called if there is a problem with the mens' room. A cleaning person comes on Saturdays, but no one comes on Sundays.

Stasha stated that Silvana has recently asked Marlene if it is possible that we can make a donation to fund improvements to the auditorium. The church has already used up its budget for this. We have made such a donation in the past. Susan Green asked about installing handicap bars in the end stall of the ladies' room. There are no handicap accessible stalls.

A motion was made by Blair, seconded by Doug, to donate \$1000 to Guardian Angel Church for improvements to the auditorium, bathrooms, and specifically, handicap bars in the ladies' room. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to increase the budget for charity to \$1500 was made by Susan Green, seconded by Barbara, and accepted unanimously.

#### **CADDIES**

No report

#### **PRO-AM**

The event was held over 2 days – at Rockland on Friday, at Maywood and Franklin Lakes on Saturday. Susan said that there was a problem with the 2-day schedule and the event will have to be held on only 1 day next year. The Pro-Am chair will have to speak with the clubs involved to determine the best date.

#### **ANNUAL DINNER**

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Suffern again. After perusal of the district calendar, it was decided that the optimal date for the 2012 event is December 9<sup>th</sup>, with January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as a backup date. A motion to that effect was made by Barbara, seconded by Lee and accepted unanimously.

#### **JOHNKE/REITMAN**

Tod reported that the Johnke is scheduled for April 28, 2012 at Christ Church, and he is checking the calendar for dates for the Reitman. Due to problems this year with Flight C in the Johnke, several changes will be made next year. Tod has agreed to provide better instructions to both players and club directors, including must-play dates. Marilyn Wells added that the conditions of contest should address valid substitutions, and that the quality of the team cannot be improved by a substitution. Tod should be the only person who can approve a substitution.

#### **STaC**

Marilyn Wells asked if the unit would give a discount to clubs which download STaC materials rather than getting printed materials since the unit pays less. Stasha deferred this discussion to the next meeting.

#### **NEWSLETTER**

Neale is working on the April newsletter, and any submissions should be sent to him by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March.

#### **MAILING**

No report

#### **CLUB COORDINATOR**

No report

#### **NEWCOMER/INTERMEDIATE PROMOTION**

The 0-49 game held in November had only 3.5 tables, as attendance continues to fall. Jan sent out postcards to raise awareness of this game, and the January attendance was still only 4.5 tables. A motion to discontinue the 0-49 Friday night game starting with the April sectional was made by Susan, seconded by Gale and unanimously approved.

The 0-99 game and workshop will be held on April 21, 2012 at Christ Church in Ridgewood. The lesson will be given by Amy Nellissen.

Susan reported that 3 schools had youth bridge this year: Butler had 6 students, Most Blessed Sacrament had 4 students, and Paramus had 10 students. Bergen JCC is interested, but no students signed up. The youth tournament will be held April 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **WEBSITE**

Blair stated that the website is mostly up-to-date. He asked that committee chairs advise him of any changes.

#### **PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Blair reported that the Player of the Year is being updated.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

No report

#### **CONDUCT AND ETHICS**

No report

#### **PRIZES**

Tod stated that several people did not receive their Life Master pens at the Annual Dinner, and they will be honored at the brunch.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Gale thanked the board for its generous gift when she broke her wrist.

A motion was made at 11:58 am by Lee, seconded by Blair to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.