

NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 29, 2016
Christ Church, Ridgewood, NJ

President John Hogan 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:

John Hogan	President
Lee Ohliger	Treasurer, Conduct and Ethics, Budget
Carol McMackin	Administrative Secretary
Susan Koster	Secretary, Newcomer/Intermediate Promotion
Marilyn Cavell	Tournaments
Doug Cestone	Auditor, Newsletter/Flyer Distribution, Site
Debi Fabian	Player of the Yr, Website/Mailing List, Caddy Coord.
Jack Forbes	Pairings
Michelle Lanigan	Membership
Pat Linnemeyer	Annual Dinner, Club Coordinator
Pam Mills	Bob Johnke, Reitman
Ron Nelken	Pro-Am
Tod Thorgersen	Bob Johnke and Nelson Reitman Teams, Prizes

Also in attendance: Marilyn Wells

Absent and excused: Kathy Lathrop, Sam Ghosh, Stasha Cohen, Gale Mirro, Neale VanDelft

Absent with no excuse: Mike Jeshion and Barbara LeVay

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Debi Fabian, seconded by Doug Cestone, to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

John expressed a need to set dates for Board Meetings in 2017. Dates selected include: February 4, May 6 and October 28. The October date is also the date for the Reitman. Lee is to assess availability of the Guild Room for the meetings.

Many board members submitted input to John for suggested job assignments for 2017. For those members who have not provided John input should do so at their earliest convenience.

John announced that Marilyn Cavell was unavailable to run the Unit Sectional in January. Pam Mills and Michelle Lanigan volunteered (on a one time basis) to run the tournament, using caterers where possible to provide refreshments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee Ohliger presented the current status of income and expense data to date against budget. Documents were reviewed by board members. Lee noted that the September Sectional was very well attended and that net profits exceeded budget.

TOURNAMENT

Marilyn reported that Mike Jeshion ordered food for dinner for the November Sectional, Sunday, November 13.

Susan Koster volunteered to make egg salad for Sunday, November 13.

Marilyn reported that the microphone on the auditorium was not working properly. Marilyn will investigate repair/rent options for the upcoming sectional.

Lee Ohliger volunteered to close the auditorium on Friday and Saturday, November 11-12.

SITE COMMITTEE

Sam Ghosh is not available for the November sectional.

PAIRINGS

Pam Mills will cover Pairings for the November sectional. Jack will handle Pairings for the January sectional.

CADDIES

Debi has some new names and caddies will be available at both the November and January sectionals.

ANNUAL DINNER

Pat confirmed that all the plans are in place for the annual dinner. This year, in addition to distributing pens to new Life Masters, etc. we will also distribute pens to new achievers of Ruby and Sapphire status.

PRIZES

Tod confirmed that he has a data base source to identify new achievers for Lifemaster pens.

PRO-AM

Susan reported that in 2017 we will no longer be able to run the Pro-Am event as a Unit Championship with Overall Ratings with only two clubs participating on a single day. Three participating clubs are needed to warrant Overall Ratings.

Therefore she recommended the following:

- Run Unit Championship at individual clubs on Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24
- Each club would prepare their own boards.
- The unit would provide flyers and publicize these planned club events.
- Entry fees would be normal club fees for the Ams and \$5 for the Pro's.
- The unit would reimburse the club \$4 for each entry for lunch expense.
- The unit would award a 1st place trophy for each of the winning teams across participating clubs. Trophies will be awarded at the Annual dinner.
- The unit would award gifts, as in the past, for each Am participant.

A motion was made by Pat Linnemeyer seconded by Michelle Lanigan, to accept the new Pro-Am guidelines. The motion was passed unanimously.

YOUTH BRIDGE

Susan reported three potential Youth Bridge Clubs for the fall season. However, in each school, not enough students signed up for the program to begin. Hopefully, 1Q 2017 will be a better time frame.

MEMBERSHIP

No report.

CLUB COORDINATOR

No report.

WEBPAGE

Debi reported an average of 200 hits a week, which is an increase over past activity. She plans on adding an outline of Unit 106 Sectional dates to the Unit Events page.

A motion was made at 12:00 P.M. by Debi Fabian, seconded by Lee Ohliger, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.