

**NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2011  
CHRIST CHURCH, RIDGEWOOD, NJ**

President Stasha Cohen called the meeting to order at 9:50 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
Marlene Case	Tournaments, Budget
Doug Cestone	Site, Auditor, Mailing
Neale Van Delft	Newsletter, Site, Website
Blair Seidler	Website, Player of the Year
Susan Green	Club Coordinator
Michael Jeshion	Johnke, Reitman
Debbie Tzimoulis	STaC, Caddies
Larry Ascher	Recorder
Dick Murray	Site
Lila Burg	Pairings, Tournaments
Jerry Schraub	Pairings, Site

Also in attendance: Joan Gerard, District 3 Director, Glenda Calkins, District 3 President, Jerry Goodman, District 3 Representative, Betty Ann Smith, District 3 Representative

Absent and excused: Barbara LeVay, Susan Koster, Jan Weber

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Blair, seconded by Lee, and unanimously approved.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Stasha thanked Joan Gerard for her services as District Director. Unit 106 would like to make a donation in her honor to a charity of her choice. Joan thanked the Unit and said that her preference would be that a donation be made to the New York/New Jersey Youth Bridge Association. Lee asked that he be provided with the exact name and address.

### **CANDIDATE PRESENTATION AND ELECTION**

Glenda Calkins, candidate for the position of Director of District 3, spoke briefly to the board members. She stated that the District is doing well financially despite the inclement weather in Rye last January. The Saratoga tournament attendance was up 93 tables and Parsippany was up 118 tables. Glenda thanked the board for their support during the election process.

The other candidate for District 3 Director, Michael McNamara, did not attend the meeting.

Board members left the room one at a time to cast their ballot. The Unit Secretary conducted the voting in the office at the church. Each ballot was signed and sealed in an envelope by the board member and put in a large envelope for mailing to ACBL.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lee reported that the September sectional was very successful, making a profit over \$5000.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **TOURNAMENTS**

Marlene raised several points:

Board members are asked to help with clean-up at the end of the sectional. If a member is playing in the Swiss, he/she is asked to pick up bidding boxes and help with whatever needs to be done.

Board members are asked to step in to supervise if Marlene is not able to be there. We need to start planning now to replace Marlene. One person will not be able to handle the job alone. Marlene has committed to stay on in the tournament chair position until her term is up at the end of 2013, but she needs to train her replacements. Marlene would be fine with a list of people who will take over for a day or a session. She has a checklist of things that must be taken care of that she can provide to these volunteers. The following people volunteered: Stasha, Larry, Carol, Blair, Lee and Gale.

Stasha suggested that there be a NJBA flash drive to hold all of the information. Blair suggested a docs.google account instead, which would allow all board members access. Stasha, Blair and Larry will explore this possibility and report back at the next meeting.

February 7-9, 2014 was chosen as a date for the sectional. Glenda stated that this is traditionally a Unit 140 date but they may have moved their event. She will check with Unit 140.

### **SITE**

The directors have complained that the set-up of the tables is too tight and the aisles are too wide. John does the set-up, but the Site Committee members move the tables on Thursdays. Jerry Schraub will find out the correct layout and work with John to get it right.

Dick mentioned that at the recent tournament, the overflow parking area was full on Friday afternoon. Parking on Saturday was fine. On Sunday, we moved the time back ½ hour which eliminated the parking problems with the church, so no barriers are needed.

Dick has not used any of the money from his budget and has no intention of doing so.

### **CADDIES**

Debbie reported that everything is fine.

### **PRO-AM**

Susan submitted a written report which was read to the group. The Pro-Am is scheduled for October 14 at Rockland and October 15 at Maywood and Franklin Lakes. Each amateur will receive a coupon for a free entry at the November sectional.

### **ANNUAL DINNER**

Carol reported everything is on track for the event to be held on Sunday, December 18, 2011, with the same format as last year.

#### JOHNKE/REITMAN

Tod reported that the Johnke is scheduled for April 28, 2012 at Christ Church. The Reitman is coming up on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and Tod currently has 11 entries. Debbie is getting caddies for the event. The Johnke Flight C playoff is not yet completed, but Flights A and B are complete.

#### STaC

Debbie reported that the next STaC will begin on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### NEWSLETTER

Neale is working on the October newsletter which will go to the printer next week.

#### MAILING

Doug asked Lee if he knew how much money remains in the account with the Ridgewood Post Office.

#### CLUB COORDINATOR

Sue stated that the new club has never responded to any of her requests for information.

#### NEWCOMER/INTERMEDIATE PROMOTION

The 0-49 game held in September had 6.5 tables, much less than expected. A contract has been signed with Christ Church in Ridgewood for the 0-99 Lesson and Game which will be held on April 21, 2012.

Mary Giannella, Susan Koster and Eileen Whitney taught Beginner Bridge to 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders at the Summer Super Stars program this summer. Over 60 students attended and a tournament was held at the end of the program.

There are 4 Saturdays scheduled for Youth Bridge games in October and November at Maywood.

#### WEBSITE

Blair stated that the website has been updated.

#### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

#### MEMBERSHIP

No report

#### CONDUCT AND ETHICS

No report

#### PRIZES

No report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Susan reported that the Director Update Seminar was held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. All active Unit 106 directors were invited and 20 attended the seminar presented by Sol Weinstein.

Carol reported that the Nominating Committee has developed a slate of candidates for election to the Unit 106 Board of Directors. Those candidates are: Larry Ascher, Marlene Case, Douglas Cestone, Linda Connolly, Debi Fabian, Susan Green, Michael Jeshion, Gale Mirro, Ron Nelken, Lee Ohliger, Robert Sorce and Tod Thorgersen.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Stasha proposed that the Unit hold a brunch and bridge game sometime in the summer. This could be a time to recognize the Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners. Stasha and Carol met with the catering person at the Crowne Plaza and developed cost figures for such an event. We would be charged \$35 per person which includes a buffet with an omelet station. Tax, gratuity and a bartender add another \$9, bringing the per person cost to \$46. The brunch will start at 11 am, and will last for 1½ hours, and the game will start at 1:30 pm.

A motion was made by Dick, seconded by Barbara to hold the First Annual Brunch on June 24, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

The question was raised whether members of other units could attend or would this be a closed event. Tod viewed this as a social event and that it would be nice to get to know people from other units. A motion was made by Debbie, seconded by Lee, to open this event to non-unit members like our other events. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Doug, seconded by Blair and passed unanimously to charge non-unit members a \$10 upcharge for all Unit 106 special events.

A motion was made by Blair, seconded by Tod to charge \$30 for unit members and \$40 for non-unit members. The motion was passed, with one abstention.

A motion was made by Blair, seconded by Neale and passed unanimously to add the event to the Player of the Year.

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Mike to charge board members for this event.

A motion was made at 11:50 am by Blair, seconded by Lee to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

