

NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
October 2, 2021  
Held remotely via Zoom

President Pat Rogers Linnemeyer called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M. Attendance was taken and it was confirmed that a quorum was present. Board members in attendance were:

Pat Linnemeyer	President
Susan Koster	Vice President
Carole Gelfer	Administrative Secretary
Robert Sorce	Recording Secretary, Tournaments, Site
Lee Ohliger	Treasurer, Conduct and Ethics, Budget
Pam Mills	Tournaments, Hospitality
Sam Ghosh	Site Committee
Fred Shubert	Club Coordinator, Newsletter Editor
Joel Lipset	Pairings, Membership
Daniele Panayotatos	Caddies
Richard Podkowik	Webpage, Player of the Year
Tod Thorgersen	Bob Johnke and Nelson Reitman Teams, Prizes
Peri Namerow	Johnke and Reitman Teams, Novice Promotion
Ron Nelken	Pro Am
Doug Cestone	Auditor, Distribution
Kathy Lathrop	Flyers, Tournament
Abby Brawer	Johnke and Reitman Teams

Honorary board members and/or guests in attendance: Rui Marques, Michelle Lanigan.

Absent and excused: Barbara LeVay

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pat stated we have had very little activity since the last meeting and there is nothing of consequence to report.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee Ohliger reported that we continue to receive checks from ACBL and remain financially sound.

## TOURNAMENTS

Pat said a decision must be made on whether to hold the January 2022 sectional. Rui stated that if the pandemic situation improves, hopefully it could happen. However, he believes things will get worse with winter coming. Also, it would be impossible to open doors for proper ventilation in January. Pam asked if the Tarrytown Regional was still scheduled, and Pat informed the board it has been cancelled. Michelle stated the January Sectional is historically poorly attended and is weather dependent. She asked if it was worth it to attempt to hold the event under current circumstances if it is unlikely to be financially successful.

Pat asked how long we can wait before committing, as it is only fair to give the church adequate notice if we are not using their facility. Joel asked if November 15<sup>th</sup> is the due date, and Pat responded we will get notification from the ACBL on that date as to the current status of Covid policy. Lee asked what the advertising deadline is for the Bridge Bulletin, and Pat responded it is in October. Susan questioned the necessity of advertising in the Bridge Bulletin, as the majority of attendees will be from New Jersey and New York, and we can use an email blast to reach them. Pat agreed, as it is a sectional, we can do our own advertising and contact Unit members directly.

Daniele suggested we wait for the ACBL decision on Texas. Rui said the evolution of the pandemic may be different in the north than in the south. In the north, people spend more time together indoors during the cold weather, increasing the risk of transmission. Doug suggested we postpone the decision until we receive the November 15<sup>th</sup> guidance from the ACBL. It was agreed to have a meeting on that date and hold a final vote.

## HOSPITALITY

No report.

## SANCTIONS

No report.

## SITE COMMITTEE

No report.

## PAIRINGS

No report.

## CADDIES

No report.

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

No report.

## ANNUAL BRUNCH

Pat opened a discussion on the feasibility of holding the annual brunch meeting this year. Lee suggested we cancel it, for much the same reasons we cancelled the November Sectional and the Reitman. It will be poorly attended, and normally it is an occasion for giving out awards, however there has been little opportunity for live play this year. Pat added that the Player of the Year award has been cancelled this year. Abby said it would be too expensive as well as poorly attended.

Pat called for a vote on whether to cancel the event. There were fourteen votes to cancel, three to hold the event, and one abstention.

## JOHNKE & REITMAN TEAMS

No report.

## PRIZES

No report.

## PRO-AM

No report.

## MEMBERSHIP

No report.

## FLYERS

No report.

## DISTRIBUTION

No report.

## CLUB COORDINATOR

No report.

## NEWSLETTER

No report.

## WEB PAGE

No report.

## OLD BUSINESS

Tod asked about the “in and out” report. He used to get it on a monthly basis. Joel said he didn’t realize it was needed monthly, and will provide it as such in the future. Joel also said he had recently sent out the new roster, and confirmed everyone had received it in an acceptable format. Joel pointed out unit membership is declining, from 1131 in 2019, to 1105 in 2020, to 960 as of October 1<sup>st</sup> of 2021. Pat said membership is declining all over. Currently, ACBL membership is down 11%.

## NEW BUSINESS

Tod asked about the time frame for obtaining a sanction for the 2022 Johnke. We usually hold the event in April or May. Pat responded that the District 3 calendar was available and she would email it to board members so we can look for available dates. Lee suggested we add the 2022 calendar to the agenda for the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Joel asked if an ACBL director was necessary for the Sectional, or if there is a mechanism for downgrading the tournament. Pat said it is possible if we are willing to limit the event to no more than 20 tables. However, if more people were to show up, we would have to turn them away.

A motion was made by Lee at 10:35 am to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.