

NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Held via Zoom
 August 1, 2024

President Carole Gelfer called the meeting to order. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

Board Member Listing and Assignments

Martin Becker	Pairings
Abby Brawer	Tournaments
Marlene Case	Tournaments, Newcomers
Doug Cestone	Auditor
Carole Gelfer*	President, Annual Brunch, Budget, Electronic Contact
Michelle Lanigan	Sanctions, Annual Brunch
Patricia Linnemeyer*	Vice President, Tournament Chair, Annual Brunch
Joel Lipset*	Recording Secretary, Membership (temp)
Pam Mills	Johnke/Reitman
Amy Nellissen	Newcomer Promotion, Flyers
Ron Nelken	Pro-Am
Richard Podkowiak	Website
Open	Newsletter
Robert Sorce*	Administrative Secretary
Tod Thorgersen	Johnke/Reitman, Prizes
Chris Thorn	Newcomer Promotion
Mark Whitman*	Treasurer, Budget

*Executive Board

Honorary Members Present: Susan Koster, Gail Mirro
 Absent: Michelle Lanigan

April 24 meeting minutes were sent prior. Pam moved to approve. Numerous seconded.
 Approval followed

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This was an emergency meeting called by Carole with a limited agenda. Minutes were requested by Carole after query by Bob

Carole noted that new board members are needed. Peri, Fred, and Richard have resigned. Richard will carry on with the website for the time being until an alternative is found. Amy will also be leaving the board after this term. Board members are encouraged to speak to people about this opportunity. The ACBL does not require 18 members or any number. That minimum is from our bylaws. Clearly it reflects a different period in the unit history. Valerie is interested in joining. (Note after meeting. Valerie has agreed to join the board, role to be discussed with Carole, tournament tasks are a possibility.) Michelle and Mark have re-upped.

Vacant positions

Newsletter. Carole will do an additional newsletter in August/September. Marlene and others noted that to make this other than a regurgitation of the website, articles on interesting hands and stories from members and “meet your board member” type articles would be good. This n That from the district website us a good idea to follow up on. This function needed a leader from the board.

Nominating Committee. Needs a chair and committee. members emanating from both the board and non board members. Contact Carole asap as time is somewhat short, to chair or serve. Amy requests that the committee seek a Website skilled or interested individual.

Flyer Coordinator and Distribution. Merge these functions. Needs a chair.

Website. As noted earlier, Richard will maintain current status for time being while replacement is sought. Outsourcing was discussed at length given the experience with Pianola and that ACBL covers its costs. It was used by Bridge Table and is used by Sparta. Marlene is also looking for her New Bridgers website. Square Space a possibility. Bob suggested Chris, Richard, and Amy look into outsourcing. Also discuss with Fred and Marlene. Discussion deferred until a recommendation can be made. This area does need a lead person. Chris has capabilities here and he summarized the current situation. Question arose as to his chairing it but he is committed fully to the Newcomer Intermediate effort.

Other business

New member Steve Highfill was introduced to the board. He will review the membership reporting tasks with Joel and absorb that. Flyers is also a possibility

ProAm. Will be unit wide, likely in September. Date tbd. Am will be 49 or 99.

Next Board Meeting. Likely to be moved to September 14th