

**NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2012
CHRIST CHURCH, RIDGEWOOD, NJ**

President Stasha Cohen called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. Board members in attendance were:

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

Also in attendance: Glenda Calkins, District 3 Director, Andy Lohan, Marilyn Wells, and Paul Nickerson

Absent and excused: Jan Weber, Susan Green, Gale Mirro, Lila Burg

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Blair, seconded by Marlene to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Stasha announced that, in the absence of other candidates, she will run for president of the unit again this year. She encouraged any board member with an interest in becoming president, either now or next year, to contact her as soon as possible.

The first Annual Brunch held on June 24th went well, with 100 attendees. There was a positive response to keeping speeches short, which we should try to do at the Annual Dinner as well. The Brunch will be held next year on June 9th at the Crowne Plaza. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Traditionally, 4 awards are given at the Annual Dinner for literary, service, bridge promotion and fellowship. There is not always someone for each award each year. Lee mentioned that we are looking for outstanding people, not just someone to give the award to. Debi suggested polling the general membership. Tod preferred that all awards be given each year. A suggestion was made to

mention in the newsletter that we accept articles of bridge interest for publication in the newsletter. Stasha asked that nominees for this year's awards be sent to her by October 20th.

Stasha received the information on the Singer lawsuit from ACBL. The case has been settled, and the unit is legally covered. ACBL is aware that the unit was not fairly treated in the settlement.

Upcoming events include the September and November sectionals, GNTs, Reitman, Pro-Am and Annual Dinner.

Our ad on Bridge Base Online (BBO) for the November Sectional is running from October 9th to November 9th in place of a print ad in the Bridge Bulletin. The cost is \$100 to cover NJ, NY, PA, and CT. If the BBO ad is effective, we will \$241 per sectional which will provide more money for hospitality. We are still distributing flyers to the clubs as well as an e-mail blast from ACBL and a link to the flyer on our website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee reported that April sectional and the Reitman did well. The Brunch lost less money than budgeted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOURNAMENTS

Marlene reported that overall attendance was up by 4.5 tables in September, although the Swiss was down 6 tables from last year.

The bathrooms at the church have been updated, kitchen mats installed and the front hallway updated. Silvana has asked that we manage the number of cigarette butts left outside the entrance.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Blair, seconded by Neale, to provide 2 buckets with sand for smokers to use. Jerry will buy the necessary materials and Blair will clean them and dump the sand after each sectional. The buckets, etc. will be stored in our storage area. The motion passed unanimously.

SITE

Jerry reported that Friday afternoon was very crowded, with extra tables needing to be set up. There was only 1 table left unused. Jerry thinks it may be time to purchase some additional tables from Maywood Furniture.

Some players who were playing both sessions on Saturday parked in the area blocked off for the church. This will be monitored and players will be told to move their cars if they are in the church spaces. There were no parking issues on Sunday.

CADDIES

Debi stated that she needs some new caddies. She has put together information on caddy responsibilities and sent it to all board members. Caddies are paid \$35 for floor work and \$50 for kitchen and clean up. She asked that board members send her names of any preteen/teen interested in caddying.

PRO-AM

Ron reported that the event will be held on October 19th in Rockland and October 20th in Maywood and Franklins Lakes. As of now Rockland has 22 pairs signed up, Maywood has 8 and Franklin Lakes is unknown.

ANNUAL DINNER/BRUNCH

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Suffern on December 9, 2012. The Annual Brunch will be held at the same location on June 9, 2013.

JOHNKE/REITMAN

Tod reported that the Johnke is finished and 24 teams participated. The Reitman was held on September 22nd with 20 teams participating. Mike will try to contact the church to set a date for the Johnke. April 27th is preferred, with April 20th the 2nd choice.

Tod said that the unit needs to promote these events more. Marlene volunteered to help them. Member of the board suggested perhaps holding one of the events on a Sunday, changing location, or changes to the food as positive steps to attracting more teams. It was also suggested that an article for the January newsletter might help. The flyer should be posted to the web as soon as it is available.

NEWSLETTER

Neale asked that articles for the newsletter be sent to him in pdf form if possible. The next deadline is mid-December for the January issue. An e-mail will be sent informing players that the newsletter is available online.

MAILING

Doug reported that the October mailing was done last week.

CLUB COORDINATOR

No report

NEWCOMER/INTERMEDIATE PROMOTION

Susan and Linda reported that the proposed dates for the 0-99 game and workshop are May 4th or April 20th, 2013.

WEBSITE

Blair stated that everything is up to date.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Blair reported that everything is up to date.

MEMBERSHIP

No report

CONDUCT AND ETHICS

No report

PRIZES

Tod asked if there is a prize for winning the Brunch. Stasha said we will wait to see how the second event goes before deciding on a large prize. We could also give small trophies to the winners.

OLD BUSINESS

After the October STaC, does the unit want to continue providing printed materials through the services of Marilyn Wells? Sparta, Ridgewood, and Rockland are the only clubs receiving them, for which they pay an extra \$1 per table.

A motion was made by Blair, seconded by Neale and passed unanimously to continue indefinitely providing printed STaC materials as described above.

NEW BUSINESS

Stasha thanked Susan Koster for her dedicated service to the board.

A motion was made at 11:59 am by Barbara, seconded by Lee to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.