

NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 6, 2017
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
Susan Koster, Vice President
Lee Ohliger, Treasurer, Conduct and Ethics, Budget
Carol Gelfer, Administrative Secretary
Pat Linnemeyer, Recording Secretary, Annual Dinner, Club Coordinator
Neale Van Delft, Newsletter
Michelle Lanigan, Membership
Tod Thorgersen, Bob Johnke and Nelson Reitman Teams, Prizes
Kathy Lathrop, Flyers
Sam Ghosh, Site Committee
Suzanne Curtis, Pairings
Barbara LeVay, Sanctions
Pam Mills, Bob Johnke and Nelson Reitman Teams
Ron Nelken, Pro Am, New Comer
Lisa Brooks, New Board Member
Marilyn Wells
Andy Lohan
Absent and excused: Jack Forbes, John Hodge, Debi Fabian, Doug Cestone & Marilyn Cavell,
Absent with no excuse: Stasha Cohen

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

John Hogan thanked all who helped at the Sectional in April
The Nominating committee was approved.
A motion to lower the price by \$1.00 for STAC at the clubs was moved by Lee and seconded by Neale. ACBL lowered the cost to the Unit by \$1.00 and it was decided that we should pass savings on to the clubs. The motion was passed unanimously.
The next board meeting is scheduled on October 28, 2017.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee Ohliger presented the NJBA Budget 2016 showing Profit/Loss, Budget, Budget Totals and Difference. The loss was less than projected. Financial Report on the April 2017 Sectional and Johnke were also presented which showed slight loss which would have not been incurred if we had enough teams.

A motion to approve the Budget was moved by Lee and seconded by Susan. It was passed unanimously.

TOURNAMENT

Susan reported that Marilyn had knee replacement surgery and is out for a while. Susan also reported that we lost money in the Sunday Swiss even though we had increased the fee to \$35 per person. This was because we had less teams on Sunday. The matter was raised about changing the start time on Sunday to 10:00 or 10:30 as opposed to the current start time of 12:00 noon for brunch. Kathy questioned the start time because of church goers and suggested that a survey be conducted to find out if it would help. If the start time were to be changed, the parking crew would have to be out there well in advance. 50 spots have to be saved for the church parking. Andy suggested that the Board members use the overflow parking lot. John suggested that we could have a one session pairs event playing 21 boards in case people did not want to play a two session Swiss. Andy said that we get people from West Chester, South Jersey and NYC and how would the early start time affect them. Marilyn said she would need at least 15 minutes difference in start times between the Swiss and pairs games. A motion to change the start time on Sunday to 10:00 a.m. was made by Pam. John suggested and Pam agreed that the motion should include that the change in time would start with the November 2017 sectional, that the Brunch would start at 10:30 and the game time would start at 11:00. The motion was seconded by Michelle and passed unanimously.

Tentative dates were picked for the Sectionals in 2019 : January 11-13, May 3-5 (second choice April 5-7), September 6-8 and November 8-10.

Tentative dates for the Sectional in 2020: January 10-12, May 1-3, Sept. 11-13 and November 6-8.

SANCTIONS

Barbara will obtain sanctions for the Pro Am, 0-99, Reitman and the two sectionals this year.

SITE COMMITTEE

Sam Ghosh suggested that we should consider purchasing saw horses. Susan suggested that we buy the big light plastic ones. \$150 was budgeted for same.

PAIRINGS

Suzanne is going to be away for the next Sectional and suggested that the info on the flyer be switched to Lisa's name. Kathy to prepare the flyer.

CADDIES

Jack was not present. The caddies at the sectional were fine. However, there were too many caddies at the Johnke..

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Debi was not present but advised through Carole that the information had been updated on the website.

ANNUAL DINNER

The proposed date for the Annual Dinner is December 17, 2017. Pat Linnemeyer has finalized with the Sheraton Crossroads and is awaiting the contract.

JOHNKE & REITMAN TEAMS

Tod stated that we only had 21 teams for the Johnke and that there were no teams in the D bracket. Pam did a good job with the food although there was a problem with one coffee pot. It was pointed out that one player in the B bracket had more than 2000 points. The possibility of changing the format to a stratiflighted Swiss was discussed.

Dates for the Reitman and Johnke: Oct. 28, 2017 and April 28, 2018.

PRIZES

Tod confirmed that the total expense was the same.

YOUTH BRIDGE

No report since Stasha was not present at the meeting.

NEWCOMER & INTERMEDIATE PROMOTION

The 0-99 game will be on October 21, 2017. Nothing to report.

PRO-AM

Scheduled on June 23, 2017 at two clubs and on June 24, at two clubs. Each club would have its own winner.

MEMBERSHIP

Michelle said that there was nothing to report.

FLYERS

Kathy said that there was nothing to report.

DISTRIBUTION

Doug was not present – nothing to report.

CLUB COORDINATOR

The role of club coordinator has been modified. Pat prepared a draft letter to be forwarded to the clubs. Said letter was reviewed and edited by John Hogan and the final letter has been forwarded to the clubs

NEWSLETTER

Nothing to report

WEBPAGE

No report since Debi was not present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Carole distributed the roster. It was agreed that all honorary members should be on the roster as well as the Unit's counsel, Julian Schulman.

A motion was made by Neale and seconded by Michelle to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.