

NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 5th, 2022  
Held remotely via Zoom

President Pat Rogers Linnemeyer called the meeting to order at 10:09 A.M. Attendance was taken by Carole 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
Pam Mills	Tournaments, Hospitality
Joel Lipset	Pairings, Membership
Daniele Panayotatos	Caddies
Richard Podkowik	Webpage, Player of the Year
Tod Thorgersen	Bob Johnke and Nelson Reitman Teams, Prizes
Abby Brawer	Johnke and Reitman Teams
Michelle Lanigan	Hospitality Committee, Annual Brunch

Honorary board members and/or guests in attendance: Rui Marques, Marilyn Wells.

Absent and excused: Kathy Lathrop, Doug Cestone.

Absent: Lee Ohliger, Sam Ghosh, Fred Shubert, Peri Namerow, Ron Nelken.

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed. Pam made a motion to approve the minutes and Susan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pat stated masks will no longer be required at our tournaments, and this should help with attendance. According to Carlos, hotel bookings went up substantially for the Reno tournament after the mask mandate was removed. Marilyn said proof of vaccination will still be required, and wristbands would probably be needed so first day attendees will not need to be rescreened on the second day.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

#### TOURNAMENTS

Pat reported she spoke to the President of Unit 140 and learned they decided to limit their upcoming Sectional Tournament to two days because of the problems inherent in

serving food on the third day in the current environment. She also stated our executive board decided to take the same approach for our April Tournament.

Susan explained the format for games will be different than past tournaments. On both Friday and Saturday, at 10 am we will have stratified open pairs and 499ers. At 2:30 pm we will have a grass roots game for sections A, B, and C. We will not have X level games. In addition, we will have 499er grass roots pairs. On Saturday we will not be doing an IMP game as we have in the past. Pat added this was discussed with both Rui and Marilyn, and both agreed this will help maximize turnout. IMP games are not widely popular and we will already be facing a much lower turnout than usual.

Joel asked why we cannot do the Sunday Swiss. Pat explained we cannot do a food service, as we usually do, because of Covid restrictions. Marilyn further explained there is not enough time available for a dinner break, as the event wouldn't end until 10 pm. Michelle asked for an explanation of the term "grass roots". Marilyn said the points will be regionally rated rather than sectionally rated, so there will be more points awarded. Pat thought point awards would be approximately 30% higher. There is an additional one dollar charge for the grass roots designation, but the higher cost will not be passed on to players. The unit will absorb the cost. Carole asked if we will include this information in the flier, and Susan responded, yes, we are pushing the grass roots aspect to maximize attendance.

Pat stated we will need an event safety coordinator to assure all attendees are vaccinated. She and Andy Lohan will share this duty. All players will be screened before entering the hall. Wristbands will be issued so they will be able to bypass screening on the second day.

Pam said we will only be serving coffee, tea, and hard candies. Susan asked about setup and janitorial services. Pam responded Paul has been hired. We need to renegotiate terms, as it is only a two day event, and sign a new contract. Joel wondered if we might be too conservative in our attendance estimates, and asked if we will be prepared for a larger than anticipated turnout. Pat said the President of Unit 140 has kindly agreed to send an email blast about the event to all their members, and this will help to increase turnout. Even so, it is unlikely we will have attendance that will much exceed 50% of normal turnout. Susan stated we normally set up 63 tables, and asked how many she should plan on for this event. Pat, Rui, and Marilyn agreed 50 tables will be plenty. Susan will draw up a schematic for Paul's use, which will maintain a distance between tables of nine feet on center in all directions.

The sanction will need to be amended to a two day, rather than a three day event. Pat will provide Michelle with contact information to accomplish this change. Susan will provide Michelle with an outline, prepared by Barbara Levay, of everything that needs to be done regarding sanctions. Susan asked Richard if the flyer she is preparing needs to be of a certain size for his email blast. Richard replied any size will work. As soon as the flyer is ready, Pat and Richard will coordinate to send out at least three email blasts. Richard asked to receive a copy of the flyer as soon as possible so he can post it to the

website, and Susan responded it will be ready this weekend. Danielle asked about the status of the website update, and Richard said it is finished and the old website has been dismantled.

## JOHNKE & REITMAN TEAMS

Pat said the date for the Johnke will be May 21<sup>st</sup>. We don't have the sanction yet. This year, we will only have Stratified Swiss Teams. We are expecting fewer than 18 tables. It could be as low as 12. We are proposing to start earlier and have a light breakfast, then have a lunch rather than a dinner break. Pam said we can serve boxed breakfasts and lunches. Susan asked if we can offer gluten free choices, and Pam responded we have that option. Abby suggested we limit the choice to two sandwich types, plus a gluten free alternative. Pat said we will have registration at 9:30, and the game will start at 10:00. Bob asked how we can prevent people from taking more than one food box. Abby said someone will have to be standing there, handing them out. Michelle suggested handing out redeemable tickets at registration.

Richard said the unit email list needs updating. Michelle suggested we can put a "save the date" announcement in the upcoming issue of the newsletter, and Susan concurred. Susan does not have a copy of past Johnke flyers. Pat said Kathy will have it and we can get it from her. Carole said Kathy will be returning from Florida next week. Pam said she may have a copy as well.

## SANCTIONS

Pat reported we already have sanctions for all Sectional tournaments scheduled for this year, although the April sanction will have to be modified to reflect the change to a two day event. We still need the sanction for the Johnke. We cannot get a sanction for the Reitman until we have a date. Pat said the next board meeting will be in person, and at that time we will discuss a date for the Reitman, as well as possible dates for the 2023 and 2024 sectionals. The Fairfield Regional will be held June 7<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>.

## HOSPITALITY

No report.

## SITE COMMITTEE

No report.

## PAIRINGS

No report.

## CADDIES

No report.

#### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

No old business to discuss.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Susan stated we usually report the top one hundred master point winners from our unit in the April newsletter. Susan will contact ACBL to get the current list.

Pat announced Susan will become our newsletter editor. Fred will move into the position of vice president.

A motion was made by Michelle at 11:09 am to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pam, and passed unanimously.