

NORTH JERSEY BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Held via Zoom
April 20, 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
Pam Mills	Johnke/Reitman
Peri Namerow	Membership
Amy Nellissen	Newcomer Promotion, Flyers
Ron Nelken	Pro-Am
Richard Podkowik	Website
Fred Shubert*	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

Excused: Fred Shubert, Marlene Case, Ron Nelken, Amy Nellissen
Also absent: Doug Cestone, Peri Namerow

Feb 17 meeting minutes were attached to the zoom link. Pam moved to approve Pat seconded. Approval followed

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Carole noted that new board members are needed. She will draft an email describing the board and seeking new volunteers. Board members are also encouraged to speak to people about this opportunity.

Richard Nathan has resigned from the board. He was going to help on Tournaments.

ACBL requests that units have annual meetings in March due to Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenny logistics. Exec Bd suggested a couple of Sundays. Board suggests leaving ours as is due to our inclusion of Player of the Years and Awards. This was agreed to.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark reported financials from the April Sectional. Slight profit was made. \$822, mostly due to the Newcomer Game.

Results fine year to date

Revenue report to the state has not previously been done and needs to be considered and acted upon appropriately. Mark to discuss with an accountant.

TOURNAMENTS: Pat reported that all went well, Special note that Abby did a great job with the food.

Friday and Saturday did well. Thursday as expected was a bit low. The newer players complained about the Director attitude in not explaining things to them well. Pat to address. Regarding Parking, Stop and Shop will need to come off. See New Business.

SANCTIONS

Michelle noted that through 2025 are all done except Aug 24, which will be done shortly. There was a date change so this needed modification.

PAIRINGS

Marty reported that the sectional pairings went well and was successful.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR, in webpage and maintained by Richard

ANNUAL BRUNCH

Will be January date TBD

JOHNKE & REITMAN TEAMS

Johnke registrations are as usual with late flurry anticipated. Sanctions in by Michelle. Food being arranged. Flyer is fine for Reitman with just a same change. An additional Strat means new prizes and will cost about \$100.

Chris suggested a one page flier explaining Swiss to those who don't understand it. Other possibilities include a brief discussion prior to the event.

Discussion of Strats ensued. No action taken differently from current plans.

Prizes

Additional prizes needed for team games as above.

PRO-AM

Will be a Unit Run Event. It will be a Saturday at the Ridgewood Club.

Date is likely September but is TBD.

NOVICE PROMOTION AND RECRUITMENT

Chris has a mailing list of 60 0-20 people to communicate to. The March event was very successful with 15 tables. People did show up without partners! This will be improved. Additional dates are lined up with the next being June at Kaplan JCC on a Sunday. However, carrying equipment around and Admin work are growing burdensome. Help is needed. Plus he wonders if games can occur on weeknights or more on weekends as working people are now showing interest

MEMBERSHIP, no report on specific membership numbers, see New Business.

FLYERS

No report, though Michelle said they should be issued much earlier than current. This was generally agreed to.

NEWSLETTER

Will be one in Spring.
Carol to discuss with Fred.

WEB PAGE

Richard reports it is current.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

5/5/5/Program from ACBL interactive spreadsheet was sent out and was demonstrated by Carole. This is an easy function to execute and brings a benefit to the unit in terms of a financial gain for each contact as well as getting current info and potentially new active members

We get credit for working the 5/5/5 spreadsheet, which can be used to update on a person's stats or send an email. Can other people update this sheet as appropriate? Should the membership committee expand and merge with Novice/Intermediate and help on this and in general. Peri was meant to be lead on Membership but has not been able to be reached. Michelle suggested keeping the Membership Function as per our Units description of the task, separate from the Novice/Intermediate Committee. Carole and Chris will chat. Joel will pick up the membership reporting tasks until the committee lead is clarified
Chris noted that those with Guest Memberships are not showing up on the Unit Listings from ACBL This to be looked into.

Carole reported that our unit membership is up 6%. This is best in the district.

Sectional Parking: Pat noted that Stop and Shop MUST come off the recommended parking area. Bob noted that we should emphasize the municipal lots and that they will be towed from Stop and Shop. Agreed to

A motion was made by Carole to adjourn the meeting. Numerous seconds The motion was passed.