

Nassau – Suffolk Bridge Association

Minutes for the meeting of
February 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Steve Lucas.

Attending:

John Abrenica, Joe Byrnes, Dori Cohen, Howie Cohen, Lesley Decker-Lucas, Susan Denenholz, Ray Elias, Shelley Fishman, Phil Grella, Jon Kirshner, Mark Krinsky, Alan Kudisch, Mark Leibowitz, Steve Lucas, Laura O'Reilly, Jack Sage, Susan Scholer, Susan Toporovsky, Silvana Zangri

Absent:

Susan Calabro, Rob Gordon, Carole Kugler, Lee Launer, Carol Mathews, Liz Murphy, Diana Schuld, David Schwartz, Christine Woodring

Guests:

Rich Morici, Mike Stanley, Debra Thaw

Opening Remarks / Minutes:

Steve welcomed everyone present. The minutes for the meeting of November 18, 2014 were approved. Jon Kirshner made a motion, seconded by Alan Kudisch, to regularly publish our meeting minutes on the webpage, and this motion was approved.

Financial Report:

Dave Schwartz, who was not present, submitted a written Treasurer's Report, showing that for the 4-month period of 10/1/14 – 1/31/15 we had a net cash gain of \$3,226.

Tournament Report:

In Lee Launer's absence, Susan Toporovsky presented his tournament report and handed out the schedule for the 2015 Spring Regional at the Upsky. It includes a new event, Fast Pairs, on Wed. and Thurs. evenings, as well as a Youth Tournament on Sunday (which will be funded from the Education Fund). Because of the cost savings from moving to the Upsky, we will need only 900 tables, instead of 1150, to break even. In light of inadequate past attendance, the Khatib Sectional has been cancelled. However, Dr. Khatib has agreed to continue his \$10,000 annual donations to our Education Fund in exchange for his being honored through one of our weekend Stac tournaments.

Phil Grella presented the Stac schedules for 2015 and 2016. In 2015, weeklong Stacs will be held on March 24-30, June 15-21, and October 19-25, and weekend Stacs will be held on May 29-31, July 24-26 (honoring Dr. Khatib), and Dec. 19-21. In 2016,

weeklong Stacs will be held on Feb. 22-28, June 13-19, and Oct. 26 – Nov. 1, and weekend Stacs will tentatively be held on July 29-31 and Dec. 9-11.

Phil will remind all club owners of their responsibility to assure that Stac games are properly seeded, and will discuss with the ACBL what penalties we can impose for non-compliance. In any case where non-compliance is blatant, our preference would be to issue a warning immediately after the first improperly seeded game, and to eliminate the club results from the overalls for any subsequent infraction at the same club.

Joe Byrnes reviewed last year's DKO tournament, and a discussion ensued as to how we can give this year's participants, and our general membership, more complete and more timely information as to the progress and the results of the event.

Education Report:

Jack Sage presented a written Education Report. Rich Morici indicated that Manorhaven School in Port Washington is a high-likelihood new site for this fall.

Carol Mathews will run a TAP program at our next Regional, and Jack urged all Board members to proactively encourage existing and potential bridge teachers to attend.

The next issue of the Islander will arrive about March 2.

The 2015 Unit Party will be held on May 17 at Sagamore. There are 35 new Life Masters. Honorees at the party will include last year's DKO winners.

Al Levy, who was not present, submitted a written National and District Report, which reviewed the status of our district's qualifying events for the 2015 Grand National Teams. Al also described his activities as an officer of the World Bridge Federation, including traveling to Sanya, China for the World Championships last fall, and running the 18th World Computer-Bridge Championship.

In Rob Gordon's absence, Shelley Fishman reported on the progress of the Bylaws Committee. New Board members will be nominated for a 1-year term, followed by up to three 2-year terms, and current Board members will be considered to have been initially named to 1-year terms for the purpose of determining which among them should be considered for re-nomination in any given year.

A date of Tues., May 12 was set for the next Board meeting, at Smithtown Bridge Club.

The meeting ended at 9:15 pm but was not formally adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Denenholz