

NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF JULY 29, 2019

Board Members in Attendance:

Mark Blanchard, Bella Chiusano, Lesley Decker-Lucas, Elliot Diamond, Ray Elias, Allen Greenbaum, Mark Inhaber, Mark Krinsky, Lee Launer, Mark Leibowitz, Al Levy, Dina Schechter, Sue Scholer, Diana Schuld, David Schwartz, Debra Thaw, and Drew Tarhan.

Board Members Absent:

Joe Byrnes, Bill Dinner, Lou Grossman, Alan Kudisch, Debra LaMountain, Carol Mathews, Silvana Morici, Les Toporovsky, and Susan Toporovsky.

Guests:

Young Cha, Phil Grella, and Ray Presti (nominees for Director positions in September election); and Adam Parrish and David Moss, candidates to fill Al Levy's position as ACBL District 24 Director.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Acceptance of the Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2019 were accepted.

ACBL District 24 Representative on the Board of Directors

After 24 years of service to Unit 155 and Unit 242, Al Levy will not seek reelection to his position on the Board of Directors. Al spoke briefly about his history on the Board, his thoughts as to the responsibilities of Board members, his experiences on the Board, and his ideas about the future of the body.

Candidates to Replace Al Levy

David Moss and Adam Parrish, the two candidates running to replace Al Levy, gave presentations of their qualifications for the position, and their priorities if elected. A question and answer period followed.

The vote will occur by email after August 15th, to be completed by September 15th. Voters will include Unit 155 and Unit 242 Directors as of July 15th.

Al Levy's Report

Al reported on the recent ACBL Board of Directors meeting. The ACBL currently faces significant financial challenges, due to lost or settled lawsuits, failed software projects, and operating losses resulting from a poor turnout at the recent NABC in Honolulu.

Al also reported two significant changes to the ACBL Disciplinary Rules, as voted at the recent ACBL Board of Directors meeting: 1) There will no longer exist Unit Recorder or Disciplinary Chair positions, as these positions will only exist at the District level, and 2) There will be an expanded list of cheating and ethics violations that will no longer be subject to statute of limitations.

The Board is very grateful to Al for his years of attentive and knowledgeable service to our bridge community.

Financial Report:

Dave Schwartz reported assets as at June 30, 2019, totaling \$61,000, compared with \$55,000 a year earlier.

Nominating Committee:

Chairperson Lesley Decker-Lucas reported on the Nominating Committee deliberations for the 2019-2020 year: First-time nominees to the Board include Young Cha, Ray Presti, and Carol Reiss; Jon Kirshner and Phil Grella are nominated to return to the Board after a period of absence. The following Board members, whose term is expiring, need to be reelected at our Annual Meeting: Mark Blanchard, Joe Byrnes, Bella Chiusano, Lesley Decker-Lucas, Bill Dinner, Ray Elias, Lou Grossman, Mark Inhaber, Mark Krinsky, Debra LaMountain, Silvana Morici, Dina Schechter, and Diana Schuld.

The Nominating Committee proposed that the existing officers, Ray Elias, President; Lee Launer, Vice President; Debra LaMountain, Secretary; David Schwartz, Treasurer, and Bella Chiusano, Tournament Chairperson; be returned to office. Voting for officers will take place at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting in October.

Regional Tournaments

Bella reported on visits to several potential sites, one of which is particularly promising. The Board would like to hold off making any commitment until after the Fall Regional. Bella, Lee, and Ray will explore all possibilities.

Awards Dinner

The annual event, held June 2nd, produced a smaller than usual turnout. A brief discussion was held.

StaC Week:

Sue Scholer reported on the 2019 and 2020 proposed STaC schedule. All sanctions that have been applied for thus far have been approved.

Allison Knockouts:

The 2018 tournament was completed in mid-July, 2019; there will not be a 2019 competition. A 2020 tournament schedule, with tighter playing date requirements, will be proposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50