

Nassau-Suffolk Bridge Association
Minutes of the October 6, 2016, Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Byrnes at 7:05 PM.

Attending:

Peter Barbosch, Mark Blanchard, Bill Dinner, Alvin Levy, Bella Chuisano, Rob Gordon, Susan Scholer, Debra Thaw, Carol Mathews, Diana Schuld, Debra LaMountain, Mark Krinsky, Karen Ruben, Ray Elias, Phil Gressa, Lewis Grossman, Allen Breenbaum, Lee Launer, David Schwartz, Joe Byrnes, Dina Schecter, Anita Goldman, Susan Toporovsky

Absent:

John Abrenica, Lesley Decker-Lucas, John Kirshner, Alan Kudisch, Rich Morici, Silvana Zangri, Mark Leibowitz, Mark Inhabor

Opening Remarks:

Joe Byrnes congratulated Al Levy on his re-election as District Director. The minutes of the July 12 meeting were approved.

The election of officers as proposed and accepted:

Joe Byrnes: President

Mark Leibowitz: Vice President

Anita Goldman: Secretary

David Schwartz: Treasurer

Lee Launer: Tournament Chair

Financial Report:

David Schwartz stated that we lost \$5411 on the Fall Regional, but there are still some outstanding reimbursements yet to be counted which should decrease the loss.

Tournament Report:

Lee Launer, Tournament Chair, reported the Fall 2016 Regional elicited many positive comments, especially regarding the short lunch break, the breakfast, caddies, and directors. The location of the bookseller was discussed as his setup in the main lobby was a fire hazard. The Sunday table count continues to decline.

The tournament committee group made the following recommendations/decisions:

- 2017 Regionals will be held at the UPSKY Hotel, which will credit us with \$900 per tournament as reparations for the stolen boards one year ago.
- The tournament will be held Tuesday night through Saturday, cutting out Sunday.
- The master/non-master will be held on Tuesday night (for the Spring Regional) at Sagamore Bridge Club. This will save the unit \$2500 in the spring and \$3500 in the fall.

- Our contract with the UPSKY Hotel ends in 2017. Alan Kudisch is looking into other venues for 2018.
- Master Points for all events will be by team/pair average
- New Regional dates: April 25-29, 2017, and September 5-9, 2017.
- A vote was held and approved (14 for and 6 against) to hold an open side game concurrent with the master/non-master game on Tuesday evening.

Web site:

Ray Elias will chair the committee which will also include Alan Greenbaum and Shelly Fishman. They will add interactive links and the new site will go live within 24 hours.

Education:

Carol Mathews circulated a list of all of the schools having programs this year. Carol stressed the need for more volunteers.

Marketing:

Karen Ruben stated the committee still has no met and stressed the need to get new players to tournaments and clubs.

Wireless Tournaments:

Art Levy reported that District 9 tried it at their regional with good results.

STACs and KOs:

Phil Grella announced the 2015 KO was finally over and the Dori Gohens team won. We will have 3 multi-unit STAC's and 3 stand-alone weekend STAC's which unit 155 had expressed an interest in joining.

New Business:

The Unit Awards Dinner was scheduled for April 21, 2017, at Sagamore Bridge Club. The next meeting will be at Smithtown Bridge Club on January 31, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Anita Goldman**