

NASSAU-SUFFOK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2018

Attending:

Board Members: Mark Blanchard, Bella Chiusano, Lesley Decker Lucas, Elliot Diamond, Ray Elias, Allen Greenbaum, Lewis Grossman, Mark Inhaber, Mark Krinsky, Debra Lamountain, Mark Leibowitz, Laura Orticelle, Susan Scholer, David Schwartz Debra Thaw and Susan Toporovsky

Not Attending:

Board Members: Peter Barboesch Jr., Bill Dinner, Anita Goldman, Rob Gordon, Alan Hyman, Jon Kirshner, Alan Kudisch, Lee Launer, Al Levy, Carol Mathews, Dina Schechter, Diana Schuld, Drew Tarhan, and Silvana Zangri

Guests:

Phil Grella and Joe Byrnes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President, Joe Byrnes.

Opening Remarks:

Joe discussed setting a date for the Fall Regional tournament. He suggests that we schedule the Fall tournament at the end of October since there were no other Regionals scheduled, but is concerned that it will coincide with the World Championships, which will be in Orlando at that time, and most of the pros will be attending.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Minutes (amended) of the meeting of August 8, 2017 and of the October 2, 2017 meeting were accepted.

Financial Report: David Schwartz, Treasurer:

Cash position is currently \$57,000, more than we have had in a year. A substantial amount came from the reimbursement of money from the hotel at our Spring Regional and \$18,000.00 from StaC income.

David also advised that our tax returns for the past fiscal year have been filed.

Marketing:

David Schwartz mentioned that he was at the Tarrytown Regional in January, and was very upset because he saw flyers for future Regionals at different locations, but there were none from our district's Regional displayed. We were advised that posters were made, but were lost. Lewis Grossman agreed to have new posters printed. Mark Blanchard will be attending Regionals throughout the northeast (Danbury, Lancaster, Cambridge MD, Mansfield MA, and Cleveland) and will be distributing our flyers at those locations.

The Islander

We will continue to present the Islander on line. Submissions for articles should be made by March 1, 2018.

Grand National Teams:

Joe got the GNY to have club qualifying in Flight C. Unit 242 ran no qualifying games. The City has had qualifying games and they have gone very well.

North American Paris:

GNY have had qualifying games. Having these qualifying games have stimulated interest in the event.

Joe suggested that we put an article in the Islander about the North American Pairs so players become aware of what has to be done to participate.

Website:

Nothing to report. Joe suggested that everybody help to verify that all information on website is correct.

Life Master/Non-Life Master Event:

Lesley Decker-Lucas would like to know what type of meal Silvana will provide for the Life Master/Non-Life Master event. She would prefer a light meal. It was decided that we will check with Silvana and discuss this at our April meeting

Awards Dinner:

It was suggested that we give Silvana a few dates for this event as follows: Sundays, May 20th, June 3rd, and June 10th.

Tournament Report: Lee Launer, Tournament Chair:

Lee called us during the meeting. He went to the Chateau Briand and is very excited about the facility.

The Spring Regional will be May 7-10, 2018, Monday through Thursday. Each day sessions will begin at 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The detailed schedule has not yet been completed, but we are planning to have Open Pairs, Gold Rush Pairs, Swiss Team Games, and Novice Pairs. We are also planning to present a lesson prior to the Novice games, and a post mortem review of the Novice Pair hands each day.

Bagel breakfast will be provided daily and coffee will be served all day.

He suggested that flyers should be sent to all clubs. Mark Leibowitz pointed out that the Temples have never acknowledged for promoted our games and Lee said that they are not obligated to do so.

Life Master/Non-Life Master Event:

This event will be held on Sunday, May 6th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sagamore Bridge Club. Swiss teams will be the format for this event and the masterpoint limit will be 400 for non-life masters.

Phil Grella advised that the STaC income is \$19,000.00 and our net is \$7,000.00. All StaC games for 2018 and 2019 are sanctioned and awaiting the 2020 calendar.

2018 games are scheduled for February 9-11, March 20-26, My 18-20, June 25 – July 1, July 20-22, October 15-21, and December 14-16

2019 games are scheduled for February 1-3, March 11-17, May 17-19, June 3-9, July 5-7, August 30-September 1(tentative), November 11-17 and December 13-15.

The 2017 Frank Allison Knockout Tournament for flight A is finished, and the Colchamiro Team is the winner. Final for Flight B will take place on Monday, February 5th. Phil would like to invite teams from NYC to participate in the future. Flyers for entries have been sent to all club.

Our next board meeting will be on Monday, April 16th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sagamore. Food (Pizza) will be served at 6:30.

A motion was made by Bella Chiusano to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mark Leibowitz. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Bella Chiusano