

Nassau-Suffolk Bridge Association, Inc.

Minutes of April 17, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

Attending

Phil Grella, John Kirshner, Bella Chiusano, Joe Byrnes, Peter Barboesch, Debra Thaw, Ray Elias, Allen Greenbaum, David Schwartz, Lew Grossman, Rob Gordon, Debra Lamountain, Anita Goldman

Meeting began at 7:05pm

Minutes of the February 6 meeting were accepted.

Nominating committee was voted on and formed. 5 members and 2 alternates were selected.

Diana Schuld

Susan Toporovsky

Lesley Decker-Lucas

Bill Dinner

Ray Elias

Alternates are Sue Scholar and Silvana Zangri

Finance

David Schwartz gave a brief overview of how the STaC sanction fees work: In 2015 we were charged \$4.50 by ACBL, and the unit charged the clubs \$7.00 per table. During 2015 ACBL increased their fee to \$5.50, and the unit increased the fee to \$8.00 per table.

In 2017 the ACBL reduced their fee back to \$8.00 per table.

There were 300 fewer tables participating in the STaC in 2016.

A motion was made to reduce the Club STaC fee to \$7.00/ table, which was accepted.

Our Regional Tournaments table counts continue to decline. In the Fall 2015, there were approximately 800 tables; in the Spring and Fall 2016 there were approximately 700 tables.

The Life Master/Non-Life Master event, heretofore held at the hotel, will be held at a Unit Club, resulting in a savings of \$3,000. The Spring Regional will be held on Wednesday through Saturday, with a Youth Event being held on Saturday. It is projected that the tournament needs to host 730-740 tables to break even.

The Spring 2018 Regional will be held at the Chateaubriand, which will result in even a greater cost savings. The location is closer to the city with an updated appearance and adequate parking. Among other items, we need to recover our 2018 deposit from the Upsky/Radison.

Membership

We get updates monthly from ACBL with the names of new members.

NSBA has approximately 2200 members, and 53% have fewer than 100 points.

A motion was made and carried to send newer members a free play for the regional 199er game.

Education

Great Neck schools is trying to get Newsday to promote the Bridge in Schools program.
Carol has a meeting with Dr. Kataib, who no longer wishes to donate funds to the youth program.

Web site

Is currently owned by Bob Frick...NSBA needs to gain ownership.

Master/Non master will be held at the Sagamore Bridge Club. We will also hold a concurrent open side game

STaC and KO

2017 and 2018 are sanctioned

2019 we will aim for 5 weekend STaC's

Frank Allison KO will start May 1, 2017

Awards Dinner

Will be held June 11, 2017 at the Sagamore Bridge Club.

Player of the year computations will be decided using a graduated scale method.
Mark Blanchard explained the method.

Next meeting is August 8 at the Sagamore Bridge Club