

NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2020

Board Members in Attendance:

Mark Blanchard, Joseph Byrnes, Bella Chiusano, Young Cha, Lesley Decker-Lucas, Elliot Diamond, Ray Elias, Phil Grella, Mark Inhaber, Jon Kirshner, Mark Krinsky, Alan Kudisch, Debra LaMountain, Lee Launer, Mark Leibowitz, Silvana Morici, Ray Presti, Carol Reiss, Dina Schechter, Debra Thaw, and Drew Tarhan.

Board Members Absent:

Bill Dinner, Allen Greenbaum, Lou Grossman, Al Levy, Carol Mathews, and Diana Schuld.

Guests:

Sue Scholer, Karen Ewald, David Moss, Richie Morici, and Mathew Gordon.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Opening Remarks:

Acceptance of the Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2019 were accepted. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of September 22, 2019 were accepted.

Regional Tournament:

Lesley Decker will continue to organize the Life Master/Non-Life Master team game. It will be held on Sunday evening April 19, 2020 at Sagamore.

There were many ideas suggested and much discussion on how to run the pair games in order to stimulate attendance. In conclusion Bella Chiusano will contact Marilyn Wells for the approval of running a side game series instead of open pairs.

The Heritage Club will provide valet service at \$8 per car to combat the limited parking situation. We will notify our members just prior to the tournament asking them to carpool and arrive early.

Ray addressed the issue of our unit having to cancel the regional and possibly losing our deposit due to the Coronavirus. We currently do not have event insurance. We concluded we will wait and see. (Who knew?)

Financial Report:

Ray reported that as at December 31, 2019 we had \$61,000 in the bank and \$5,000 on deposit with the Heritage Club.

David's profit analysis of the prior regionals shows that we need 640 tables to break even at our upcoming Spring regional. We are in good shape financially.

Awards Dinner.

Silvana reported that the awards dinner will be held on Sunday May 3, 2020 at Sagamore. In an effort to increase attendance, invitations will be distributed to the general population along with those sent to the new life masters and award recipients.

POTY Results 2019:

Mark Blanchard reported the following winners:

Regional A Player: Lesley Decker-Lucas

Regional B Player: Debra Katz

Sectional A Player: Barry Nish

Sectional B Player: Patrick Mitchel

Novice Player: Holly Feinerman

We will continue to recognize all players who have achieved milestones of 7500 points and over at our awards dinner.

Teachers List:

Drew is doing an excellent job maintaining the website and compiling and cleaning up the teachers list.

Allison Knockouts:

There are twelve teams. The matches are being played in a timely fashion and running smoothly. Blind draws will be made after each round.

Miscellaneous:

Sue Scholer will contact Pat Mahoney regarding the discontinuation of her game.

David Moss who is currently our representative on the ACBL Board of Directors discussed one of the motions that will be voted on at the Columbus Nationals. The proposal is to reduce the number of board members from 25 to 12 or 13. He will vote in favor of the reduction.

There was also a discussion about the bridge game dying on Long Island, the differences with the Manhattan clubs and the effect of online bridge. There were no suggested solutions.

StaCs:

Sue Scholer presented the following StaC dates for 2020

Week long: 3/9-3/15, 8/10-8/16 and 10/19-10/25 Week-end: 8/28-8/30

and 12/18-12/20

NAP Finals:

The North American Pairs finals will be held at Sagamore this year. The exact date has yet to be determined.

Old and New Business:

Mark Blanchard brought up three issues.

1. The idea of holding District Board meetings. Ray assured us that there is currently no need because unit 155 and 24 work closely together.
2. The disciplinary issue that fell through the cracks. David Moss assured us this will not happen again.
3. The possibility of combining StaCs. David Moss will bring up this issue at the next GNY Board meeting.

The board meeting was adjourned at 9pm.