

Nassau-Suffolk Bridge Association
Minutes of February 6, 2017 meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Byrnes at 7:08pm

Attending

Phil Grella; John Kirshner; Bella Chiusano; Alan Kudish; Sue Scholer; Lewis Grossman; Lesley Decker-Lucas; Allen Greenbaum; Ray Elias; Mark Inhabor; Bill Dinner; Diana Schuld; Joe Byrnes, Lee Launer; Anita Goldman; Debra Thaw

Opening remarks:

Art Brodsky: suspension changed to one year which ends January, 2018, to be followed by 5 years of probation

Minutes of October 6th meeting were accepted.

Financial Report:

David Schwartz was absent

Joe Byrnes will contact David to clarify the STAC table count and STAC income

Tournament Report:

We lost \$8000 on the spring 2016 tournament and \$5000 on the fall tournament. We are instituting a new schedule to help decrease the losses. Spring 2017 the Master/Non-master will be held at Sagamore Bridge Club on Tuesday, April 25. The regional will run Wednesday, April 26, to Saturday, April 29. There will be no Sunday games. The new schedule is to be published on the web site

Anita Goldman and Lew Grossman are on the tournament planning team.

Radison Corporation is taking over the Upsky hotel.

We have signed a 2018 contract with Radison but it contains a \$7000 increase in cost.

We negotiated a cancelation fee of \$100 as long as we cancel 6 months in advance.

The Chateaubriand has been contacted and part of the planning team went and looked at the space. It would cost less than our current space, but we would need to vacate the space by 5:00pm on Friday for the spring 2018 tournament, and we can't have use of the space at all for the fall 2018 tournament. It was proposed that for 2018 we change the days of the tournament to Start on Monday and end on Thursday, with the Master/Non Master held Sunday eve at Sagamore Bridge Club

John Kirshner proposed a motion that the tournament team be allowed to change the venue and days for 2018. Motion was approved.

Web Site:

A bold notice of the schedule change and the location of the Master/Non master game will be placed as a banner.

Content of web site will be "cleaned up"

Islander:

Mark Shaiman Is ill but Islander should be out on time

Education:

Carol Matthews will investigate running a TAP class at either regional in 2017.

The cost to run TAP is \$1700 but teachers are needed

STAC and KO

2017 and 2018 will have 3 week-long STAC's and 3 weekend STAC's each.

KO: It was recommended that each team have more than 4 members to avoid scheduling issues. Play should commence in April and finish by October. There will be 6 matches in all.

Unit Party:

New date is June 11 at 5:00pm at the Sagamore Bridge club.

New Business:

Player of the Year team:

Mark Leibowitz and Mark Inhabor

Membership:

Sylvana Zangri

Recorder:

Rob Gordon

NAP and GNT

Bella Chiusano

Next meeting April 17, 2017, at Smithtown Bridge Club

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Goldman