

NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2019

Board Members in Attendance:

Mark Blanchard, Joe Byrnes, Bella Chiusano, Lesley Decker-Lucas, Elliot Diamond, Bill Dinner (via telephone), Ray Elias, Allen Greenbaum, Lou Grossman (via telephone), Mark Inhaber, Mark Krinsky, Alan Kudisch, Lee Launer (via telephone), Al Levy (via telephone), Debra LaMountain, David Schwartz, and Diana Schuld

Board Members Absent:

Mark Leibowitz, Carol Mathews, Silvana Morici, Susan Scholer, Drew Tarhan, Debra Thaw, Les Toporovsky, and Susan Toporovsky

Guests:

Karen Ewald and Jon Kirshner

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

Acceptance of the Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2018 were accepted.

Opening Remarks:

Ray Elias passed along good medical news with respect to several Board members, past and present.

Financial Report:

Dave Schwartz reported that, while we have adequate cash on hand for our current operations, he is projecting a substantial loss from our upcoming Regional. His projection is based on our budgeted increased costs and expected lower attendance.

Spring Regional:

Bella Chiusano reported we are planning to have four directors. The caddies situation has not yet been finalized; she and Silvana will follow up.

After discussion, it was agreed the rental of 125 tables will be sufficient to cover our anticipated attendance.

Mark Inhaber and Allen Greenbaum will be responsible for the transportation of the boards between the Sagamore Bridge Club and the Chateau Briand.

Lou Grossman has made posters and flyers; Mark Blanchard and Alan Kudisch have, and will continue to, distribute them at various clubs and tournaments.

After much discussion, the Board voted to raise the player entry fee to \$22.50, from \$20.00, per session.

It was decided all Swiss Team games will be Bracketed Swiss events, with no Open Swiss games offered. There is a wide-spread objection among our players to play in Open Swiss Team events.

The lunch break will be between 1 hour and 1¼ hours. The majority of the Board prefer to play four rounds of Swiss events before the lunch break, and three after. This schedule, however, will be subject to the discretion of the Director in Charge.

We will use the version of the Daily Bulletin produced and distributed automatically (via email) by Fast Results. We will provide 25-50 hard copies that will be available each morning at the hospitality desk. Bill Dinner will work with Fast Results to resolve any problems with the distribution of the Daily Bulletin and the Tournament-End survey to participants.

Life Master/Non-Life Master Game:

The event will be held Sunday evening April 14th, and will again be a Swiss Team Event at the Sagamore Bridge Club. We are grateful to Lesley Decker-Lucas, who has volunteered to administer the event.

STAC Chair:

Sue Scholer has accepted the challenge of being our new STaC chairperson.

Annual Awards Dinner:

Our celebration of players' achievements in 2018 will be on held Sunday, June 2nd at the Sagamore Bridge Club. Joe Byrnes has volunteered to act as Emcee.

North American Pairs and Grand National Teams, Coordination with Unit 155:

Discussions continue with respect to the schedule of hosting these future events.

Frank Allison Knockouts (2018):

After explanation of why the competing teams did not complete this event in 2018, Alan Kudisch stated he will make every effort to have the matches completed at the site of the upcoming Nationals in Memphis. In the future, we will adhere to announced deadlines for each round, ensuring the completion of the event in a timely manner. Failure to meet committed play-by dates will result in disqualification.

Old Business:

Karen Ewald visited several alternative Regional venues, including the Comfort Hotel in Syosset. Unfortunately, it was determined that none of the facilities is large enough.

New Business:

Al Levy reported the ACBL has incurred \$2 million in non-recurring expenses, resulting from two liability cases and the disastrous financial result of the Fall Nationals in Hawaii.

The next board meeting will be scheduled as soon as practicable after the results of the Regional are available.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.