

Nassau – Suffolk Bridge Association

Minutes for the meeting of

August 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Steve Lucas.

Attending:

John Abrenica, Joe Byrnes, Susan Calabro, Dori Cohen, Howie Cohen, Lesley Decker-Lucas, Susan Denenholz, Ray Elias, Shelley Fishman, Rob Gordon, Phil Grella, Jon Kirshner, Mark Krinsky, Alan Kudisch, Lee Launer, Mark Leibowitz, Steve Lucas, Carol Mathews, Laura O'Reilly, Susan Scholer, Diana Schuld, David Schwartz, Silvana Zangri

Absent:

Carole Kugler, Jack Sage, Susan Toporovsky, Christine Woodring

Guests:

Peter Barbeosch, Donna Launer, Al Levy, Rich Morici, Debra Thaw

Opening Remarks / Minutes:

Steve welcomed everyone present. The minutes for the meeting of May 12, 2015, and those of the special meeting of July 20, 2015, were approved.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Dave Schwartz circulated a financial statement indicating that for the ten months through July 31, 2015, we essentially broke even (as compared to a substantial loss the year before), due to NAP, the TAP course, a smaller Unit Party loss, and the elimination of the Khatib Sectional. Although Dave expects a small loss for the year, the outlook will improve going forward because of the shortened Regionals, and the elimination of Islander printing costs.

Bylaws Report:

Susan Denenholz put forth, and Diana Schuld seconded, the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Nassau-Suffolk Bridge Association, in the form attached hereto, is hereby adopted.

Before a vote was taken, Jon Kirshner put forth, and Joe Byrnes seconded, a motion to postpone the vote on the Bylaws to allow time, in Jon's words, to "clear up inconsistencies." Rob Gordon indicated that there were no inconsistencies in the proposed Bylaws, and that all appropriate procedures had been followed in amending and restating them. The vote on Jon's resolution was 1 in favor, 22 opposed. A vote was then taken on above-stated motion to approve the Bylaws, and the vote was 22 in favor, 1 opposed. This resolution was thereby passed. The attachment to this

resolution, which represents the new Bylaws of the Nassau-Suffolk Bridge Association, is attached to these minutes.

Tournament Report:

Lee Launer indicated that the Fall Regional has been shortened to 4 ½ days. Lee and Dave have negotiated a favorable contract with the Upsky for this fall, and for both Regionals next year (May 11-15 and Sept 14-18). Coffee and snacks will be offered every day, and all boards for pair events will be pre-duplicated. Pairs stratification will be based on the higher person.

Phil Grella indicated that the remaining Stac dates for 2015 are Oct 19-25 and Dec 18-20. For 2016, the dates are Feb 22-28, Apr 1-3, June 13-19, July 8-10 (Khatib), Oct 26-Nov 1, Dec 9-11. For 2017, weeklong Stacs will be held on Mar 21-27, June 12-18, Oct 16-22; weekend dates are not yet set.

Joe Byrnes indicated that there were no DKO matches in August.

Education Report:

Carol Mathews reported that for the upcoming school year, there will be a busy calendar of bridge education, both in schools and in adult ed programs.

Islander / Website:

Lesley Decker-Lucas reported that mailing of the Islander has ended. The possibility of printing a few copies (for distribution in clubs) was discussed, but the Board decided not to do so for cost reasons. Ray Elias indicated that we have cleaned up and added to our member email list, and now have about 1670 email addresses, representing about 2/3 of our membership.

National and District Report:

Al Levy reported that the GNYBA has been losing money, but still seems to have comfortable cash reserves. In Chicago, Al received, on behalf of Sagamore, an award for raising the most money for the Alzheimers Association. Topics discussed at the ACBL Board of Governors meeting in Chicago included: funding of the World Bridge Federation, distinguishing online masterpoints from all other points, cheating in high-level tournament events, and a change in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge regarding adjusted scores.

Membership:

Steve indicated that Laura O'Reilly will take over Liz Murphy's role as new-member coordinator.

Unit Disciplinary Committee:

Steve indicated that information is being gathered regarding accusations of cheating in a Stac event and club events. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The annual Membership Meeting will be held on Wed Sept 30, just prior to the LM/NLM game at the Regional. The next Board meeting, at which new officers will be elected, will be held on Tues Oct. 6 at Smithtown Bridge Studio.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Denenholz