

NHBA Summer Board Meeting 8/23/15

The meeting, held at the home of Past President Wayne Burt and his wife, Susan, was called to order by President, Sara Widhu, at 2:00 PM. In attendance were, Sara Widhu, Barry Rogoff, Nora Miller, Lawrence Cheetham, and Ann McCune.

Board Members

The first order of business was a discussion regarding open director positions. Since Jim DeRousi has resigned, there is an open spot. Jim Felch is resigning as of January 1, 2016 and although Nora Miller will take on the Treasurer's responsibilities at that time, it will leave another Director position vacant. We need suggestions for people to fill those spots and would prefer to have representation from all areas of the state. Marshall Thomas was suggested for the immediate opening.

Secretary's Report

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 2015 meeting was made by Lawrence Cheetham and seconded by Nora Miller. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was submitted in advance by Jim Felch, who was unable to attend. Lawrence Cheetham suggested that the format of the report be changed and volunteered to work with Nora Miller on that. There was also discussion about an audit of the treasurer's report and having the treasurer bonded. Nora will ask Peter Valiante, an accountant who has volunteered to help her, about auditing and Lawrence Cheetham will inquire about having the treasurer bonded as well as what, if any, tax forms the organization needs to file with the State Attorney General's office.

Discussion followed regarding the fees for the Newington Tournament location. They are going to increase and may go up from \$75.00 per day to \$350. We need to plan for that or perhaps explore other locations.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Membership Report

Discussion centered around subscribing the entire Unit to Pianola. It would give us a more accurate database of players than what we get from the ACBL, and provide a wonderful tool for our players to evaluate and track their performance. The cost would be based on table count. We need clubs to tally their table count for the previous year.

Jane Verdrager moved that the Unit subscribe to Pianola based on the estimate of 400 tables per month. Ann McCune seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Tournament Management

There was discussion about who is responsible for setting up tables and providing food for our Sectionals. Right now Dan McGuire delivers the tables to the site, and everyone pitches in, but there is some concern about what we will do if Dan is no longer willing to take on this responsibility. It was suggested that each tournament manager solicit donations of appetizers, desserts, etc. for each tournament. Having good food for the players, contributes to the success of the events.

Tournament Schedules

Jane Verdrager submitted a proposed schedule for 2017 and 2018 tournament dates, as well as June 4-5, 2016 for the State Championship.

2017 - April 8/9	Newington
April 8/9	Eastman NLM
Aug. 26/27	Newington
Sept. 30- Oct. 1	Grantham
Oct 28/29	Newington
2018 - April 14/15	Newington
April 21/22	Eastman NLM
Aug. 25/26	Newington
Sept. 20/30	Grantham
Oct. 27/28	Newington

Sarah moved that we accept the proposed tournament dates and Lawrence Cheetham seconded the motion, which carried.

State Championship

There was discussion about possible locations for the State Championship and each Board member is to inquire in their area about possible venues. We could also consider changing the format somewhat, by having it in an inexpensive location and only providing one catered meal or if possible walking to a restaurant nearby. We are flexible about making some changes in this regard.

By-Laws

It was decided that a vote on the By Laws changes should be tabled until everyone has a chance to look at the most recent revision.

Adjournment

Jane Verdrager moved that we adjourn the meeting since the four candidates for District 25 president had arrived to meet with us and discuss areas of our concern. Lawrence Cheetham seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM.