

**Summer Meeting
New Hampshire Bridge Association
September 17, 2017**

The 2017 summer meeting of the New Hampshire Bridge Association Board of Directors was held at 88 Longwood Drive in Grantham, NH and was called to order, by president, Sarah Widhu at 1:30 PM. In attendance were: Sarah Widhu, Lucia Carlisle, Barry Rogoff, Marshall Thomas, Kris Jarosz, Claire Gardner, Ryan Hickey, and Jane Verdrager.

Secretary's Report – Jane Verdrager

- Lucia Carlisle moved to accept the minutes, as corrected, seconded by Claire Gardner and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Lucia Carlisle

- Jane Verdrager moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Marshall Thomas and approved unanimously

President's Report – Sarah Widhu

- Sarah suggested we develop a job description for when we use a hospitality manager. It was then suggested that it would also be desirable to have one for a caddy. Sarah will work on one for the hospitality manager and Jane Verdrager will do the same for the caddy.
- State Championship – The new venue is the Puritan Back Room in Manchester. Kris Jarosz will look into ACBL requirements for stratification at tournaments and we will consider changing the strats for the April tournament.
- Claire Gardner volunteered to take responsibility for the State Championship flyer, with the help of Tink Tysor.
- Lucia Carlisle will take registrations.
- The LeRoy Lake committee will accept nominations every year for that award, however, it was agreed that it is not necessary to award it annually if no worthy recipient is found. Lawrence Cheetham, the 2017 recipient will be asked to be on the selection committee.
- Sarah attended the New England District 25 Executive Committee meeting. Overall, attendance was up for the Nashua Regional, but the event still lost money, largely due to the Monster Knockout being free. The MKO was quite popular, but it will no longer be a free event.
- The problem of table storage is still unresolved, but Dan has indicated his willingness to continue storing them for the time being. Barry will post a message on the website, seeking an alternative for storing the tables.

- A motion was made by Lucia Carlisle to approach Dan asking for at least a six month notice when he feels he can no longer store the tables, and also to offer him free play at all Unit 150 tournaments, for providing this service. It was seconded by Marshall Thomas and passed unanimously.

Website – Barry Rogoff

- We will continue to subscribe to Pianola and Kris Jarosz will train with Barry to learn how to manage the website. There was discussion on possible ways to drive more traffic to the site, perhaps with articles, photos, notices regarding winners, etc. Barry will post a notice inviting the submission of articles. Future flyers will be revised to include “visit www.NHbridge.com for results.” Barry will also post new rank achievements.

Membership – Anne McCune

- Anne had notified us in advance of the meeting that there was nothing new to report

Bylaws – Claire Gardner

- Suggested revisions to the bylaws were presented as well as clarification regarding the terms of service of each BOD member. Claire will prepare a document indicating the present language and the proposed revisions, which will be voted on at the next annual meeting. The terms of service will be revised so that each of the nine BOD members is elected for a three year term of service, with three terms expiring each year.
- Claire volunteered to temporarily fill the VP position on the Board, but with no intention of becoming the President in the future.
- There was discussion regarding the policy of paying officer stipends. It was noted that only the Secretary and Treasurer receive stipends and not the President. Lucia Carlisle moved that instead of stipends, all voting members of the BOD receive free play at all Unit 150 tournaments. Kris Jarosz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

- Name Badges were discussed and Kris Jarosz volunteered to look into magnetic name badges for BOD members.
- Sarah Widhu moved that the Unit purchase an electric tea pot for use at tournaments. It was seconded by Marshall Thomas and passed unanimously.

Claire Gardner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kris Jarosz, approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:25.