

**Winter Meeting
New Hampshire Bridge Association
January 7, 2018**

The 2018 winter meeting of the New Hampshire Bridge Association Board of Directors was held at 253 Myrtle Street, Manchester, NH and was called to order, by president, Sarah Widhu at 1:10 PM. In attendance were: Sarah Widhu, Lucia Carlisle, Jane Verdrager, Claire Gardner, Kris Jarosz, Marshall Thomas, and Wayne Burt.

Secretary's Report – Jane Verdrager

There was discussion regarding slight revisions to the minutes of the prior meeting.

- Claire Gardner moved that the minutes be accepted with the suggested revisions. It was seconded by Lucia Carlisle and approved unanimously.
- Dates for 2021 Sectionals were decided and Jane will apply for the sanctions.

Treasurer's Report – Lucia Carlisle

Following a discussion, it was decided that a statement should be posted to the website that the financial statements are available to unit members upon request. Lucia will also look into establishing an interest bearing account for the Unit.

- Claire Gardner moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Marshall Thomas and approved unanimously.

President's Report – Sarah Widhu

- Dan McGuire will purchase plastic storage bins for the bid boxes as the cardboard ones are falling apart. He will continue to store the tables for us.
- There was discussion regarding stratification at our sectionals and it was decided to keep them consistent for all tournaments.
- We are seeking nominations for the Leroy Lake Award. The President will request nominations for the LeRoy Lake Award in her next general email to Unit 150.

Website

- The website needs to be updated to reflect dates for our sectionals and also to change the date for the State Championship.

Membership – Anne McCune

- The BOD was notified prior to the meeting via email from Anne McCune, of the deaths of two members.
- There was discussion on who might be willing to serve on the BOD as there will be four positions to fill. The terms for Ryan Hickey, Claire Gardner and Marshall Thomas are expiring and none of them is choosing to run again. Anne McCune is resigning a year

before her term expires. A number of possible candidates were mentioned and they will be approached.

State Championship – Claire Gardner

- A rough draft of the State Championship flyer was presented and revisions were discussed.

Bylaws – Claire Gardner

- The suggested revisions to the bylaws were presented, along with the prior wording. There were a few more suggestions for clarification and a final draft will be sent to the Board for final approval before being voted on at the annual meeting. Members will be informed in advance.

Old Business

- Kris Jarosz presented different options for magnetic name badges for BOD members. He will survey BOD members to determine which is preferred and order them for each continuing member.
- There was discussion of the previous policy of free play at all tournaments for BOD members. It seems to be much more costly than previously anticipated. Alternative “perks” were discussed.
- Lucia Carlisle moved that the “free play” policy be rescinded. It was seconded by Claire Gardner and was approved unanimously.

New Business

- There was discussion of ways to compensate the president when attending district meetings requiring her to represent our Unit.
- There was discussion regarding the purchase of an AED for emergencies. Lucia will look into the costs involved.
- The possibility of awarding two \$500 scholarships was briefly mentioned, but was tabled until we decide on adequate reimbursement of expenses for representatives to the District Meetings, and for free play consideration for the Officers of the Board.

At 3:45 PM Claire Gardner moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by Marshall Thomas and approved unanimously.