

**New Hampshire Bridge Association
Summer Meeting Draft minutes
July 14, 2019**

The 2019 summer meeting of the New Hampshire Bridge Association Board of Directors was held at The Puritan Backroom Restaurant in, Manchester, NH and was called to order, by president, Sarah Widhu at 11:30 AM. In attendance were: Sarah Widhu, Tink Tysor, Lucia Carlisle, Ross Huntington, David Lawrence, Kathy Benjamin, Kris Jarosz, Wayne Burt, and Bill Kennedy

Secretary's Report – Ross Huntington

- Lucia Carlisle moved that the minutes of the winter meeting be accepted. Tink Tysor seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Lucia Carlisle

- Lucia Carlisle distributed printouts of the units breakdown of income, expenses, and cash balances as of today's date.
- Kathy Benjamin moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted. Ross Huntington seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Membership – Kathy Benjamin

- Kathy passed out a detailed breakdown of the number of total members, new members, transfers into Unit 150, New Junior Masters (to whom she sends letters of congratulation), as well as a breakdown of the number of members in each Master Point rank. . Lucia Carlisle moved that the membership report be accepted as submitted. David Lawrence seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There was a loss of 34 members over the last year with membership now at 591. A discussion on how the organization can increase membership ensued. Bill Kennedy will look into getting more bridge players at the Derry Club to join the ACBL

Report on District Meeting @ Cape – Wayne Burt

- It was reported district capital was down \$18,500 over last year.
- Regional voucher program is being reviewed as it is costing the district money
- The Senior Regional will be at Hyannis next year but long term future of this regional is being looked into as it is costing the district money and has not been well attended.
- The Pro-Am event will be held at the Warwick Regional this year

President's Report – Sarah Widhu

- The District 25 Regional Tournaments are losing money and the Cape Cod Spring Regional may be moved or canceled.
- Barry Rogoff will return as webmaster for the unit
- Recommended that the Pianola contract be approved for another year as well as an additional \$100+ fee to make the NHBA site more secure. This recommendation was approved unanimously.
- There may be venue problems for sectional tournaments in 2020 and alternatives are being explored.
- There was discussion about recruiting new board members for next year and several names were suggested.
- Sarah reported she will be stepping down as President of the NHBA, Barb Cleveland will be stepping down as a board member, and Jane Verdrager will step down as secretary but will stay on as a board member. Lucia Carlisle will stay on as treasurer.
- It was agreed unanimously that David Lawrence will become the NHBA's new President and Ross Huntington will take over as Secretary. Ron Ouelette and Bill Kennedy were elected as new board members to replace the outgoing board members.
- The next meeting was set tentatively for the evening of September 23, 2019 at the home of Kathy Benjamin in Concord, New Hampshire
- Lucia Carlisle moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by Tink Tysor and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.