

New Hampshire Bridge Association Minutes

May 16, 2010

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Attendees: Lila Berry, Wayne Burt (Chairman), Joan Cook, Joe DeGaetano, Jim Felch (Treasurer), Ron Mak, Carol McGuire, Dan McGuire (Secretary), Peter Mitchell, Geoff Phipps, Tom Provost, Lance Ribiero, Magnus Weiman, Maureen Weiman, Rick Weinstein

Called to order at 12:02pm.

Secretary's Report

Dan handed out the minutes of the Dec 12, 2009 meeting. Geoff moved to accept minutes, Lance seconded, unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

No formal report as Jim's computer recently crashed. 2009 was an extremely good year. All sectionals were profitable, and Newington was very profitable. Ended 2009 with \$8980. Now have over \$10,000. Geoff suggests that we audit the books. Maureen is an accountant and volunteered to head the audit committee. Rick will also be on the committee. Will start the audit ASAP and report at the August board meeting. Also, Jim should be bonded. Rick moved to go forward with the audit, Peter seconded, unanimous.

Sectionals

Discussion of advisability of holding a 0-49 pairs, which only drew three pairs at Newington. Geoff suggests sending an announcement to EMBA's Quick Trick newsletter. Wayne suggests raising the strats to 0-99. Discussion of whether to go higher. No consensus for this. Peter suggests fewer boards (21?). Rick says we need to qualify the announcement with "tables permitting" or similar language. Consensus is to go forward with 0-99.

Lance brought up that if B strats at sectionals go up to 1499, then the state championship should also go that high. Lila suggests we talk up the sectionals, not just hand out fliers.

Rick wants to change the name of the Windows 1.0 sectional (August) to the Ed Gould sectional. Maureen seconded, unanimous.

Ongoing Trophies

Wayne showed the Leroy Lake trophy, which now has the Teich's names on it, but it is out of room. We could mount it on a wooden block so there will be more name space. It is awarded for the player who has done the most for the unit in the past year. Wayne will get an estimate of the cost of improving the trophy.

Unit 150 Website

Discussion of the website. Still has Firefox problems. Needs some knowledgeable person to edit the page. Information is now current, which is good.

2011 Finals

Chateau is a good location. Turnout only fair. Only one lighting complaint.

Nashua Regional

Wayne is the chairman of the Nashua Regional, and Maureen is his assistant. Sept 1-6, 2010.

Other Business

Ron wants to congratulate the board on improving the Unit's finances. However, the attendance in the

state game has not been good. Ron has an idea for how to make the state game more attractive. He suggests the Unit sponsor the top two A, B and C pairs into the Sturbridge GNT finals (pay their entry). New Hampshire is rarely represented in the GNT. Lance has done well, but playing with some Massachusetts players. Peter suggests the real problem is that at 47 years old, he's the youngest at the state championship. Dan suggests that NAP qualifier might be more appropriate than GNT, since the state championship is a pairs game. Lance agrees. Wayne suggests that doing well in unit games be required to be qualified to play in the state championship. Postponed until later.

Magnus brought up rudeness to caddies.

Maureen suggests we have a nominating committee.

Election of Officers

Peter moved that Secretary and Treasurer be retained. Ron seconded. Unanimous. Maureen moved that we have a nominating committee. Dan disagreed. Lance seconded. No vote taken. Dan nominated Chuck Palaces for director. No second. Wayne nominated Rick Weinstein and John Cook to replace the expiring John Maxwell and John Cook, Peter seconded. Unanimous.

Next meeting in August at Wayne's house, date TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56pm.