

New Hampshire Bridge Association Minutes

August 22, 2010

FINAL

Attendees: Lila Berry, Wayne Burt (Chairman), Lar Cheetham, Jim Felch (Treasurer), Kevin Griffin, Dan McGuire (Secretary), John Maxwell, Chuck Palaces, Lance Ribeiro, Magnus Weiman, Maureen Weiman, Rick Weinstein

Called to order by Wayne at 12:25pm.

Unit 150 E-mail List

There are many on the list who are no longer associated with the unit. Wayne will make his own list just for board members. And add Bruce Downing, Peter Mitchell and maybe others to the more general list.

Secretary's Report

Dan handed out the minutes of the May 16, 2010 meeting. Lance wanted to add information about confusion over who is on the board. Jim moves to accept the minutes as modified. Rick seconded. Unanimous. Please look over sectional fliers for changes.

Treasurer's Report

Jim handed out an up to date report. We are breaking even this year, not as good as our big income last year. Current balance \$8,950.49, very similar to the beginning of the year. Lance moves we accept the treasurer's report, Rick seconds. Unanimous. Maureen audited the books for 2008 and 2009 and handed out a report. Some corrections made. Open issues: some invoices not dated, and we no longer have a bond for our treasurer. Jim thinks the district is bonding us so we stopped getting our own. We need to ask Demartino if this is the case. Wayne will attend a gathering with him on Friday and will ask about bonding. If we need bonding, it will cost about \$100. Thanks to Maureen for doing such a thorough job.

Sectionals

Dan handed out the proposed fliers for the upcoming two 2010 sectionals. Would like someone to write a paragraph about Ed Gould for the November sectional. Will ask Fred Graf. Discussion of strats. Rick thinks that we might get more people if we flighted the game. Not sure why this is successful for EMBA but not for us. Kevin is sure that it is a mistake to advertise a game that we don't have. Had poor turnout in White River, maybe due to a Montreal regional the same weekend. Change the 499 to 500, 1999 to 2000, etc. With the current strats the field are relatively balanced between A's, B's and C's. Lila says that Seacoast players think the Hudson sectional players are rude. John thinks the clock at the sectional are intimidated by the timing clock. Further discussion of the idea of a flighted sectional: A/B and C. Lance moves that we eliminate separate sections and just have a single stratified event. Lila seconded. Passed with three opposed.

Jim would like to eliminate the White River Junction Sectional in 2011. We had a very bad experience this year. We were impacted by Montreal, but was that the whole issue? Maybe see what Tom Kurtz thinks? Do we need a different location, at Lebanon College? They can hold 16 tables inside their room, plus about 6 outside the room in the corridor. John would like to try one more time at the current location. Others disagree. Tabled for now, subject to discussion with Tom Kurtz.

Website

Kevin is upset that he was called the "enemy" of NH bridge, considering that he started from scratch and has been running the website for nine years. Some people are unhappy that Firefox don't show the site correctly. Kevin is incapable of fixing it. Lance says he can do it. Kevin has been in the hospital five times in six weeks, so this hasn't been a priority lately. Proposes that for \$200 one-time and \$80 a year, we can have a simple website like griffinbridge.com. Larry others would be able to change it.

Discussion of features. Wayne, Dan and Lar will talk with John Cook to make a decision.

Trophies

Wayne had a base added to the Leroy Lake trophy. The base has room for 24 more years worth of names. The Lake trophy is given on occasion to that person or persons who has been an outstanding contributor to New Hampshire bridge. Question is whether the recipient should take possession of the trophy? Or maybe they should get some plaque, certificate or other item to show they got it. Thought that the unit should keep the trophy.

Should we perhaps make a trophy for the state championships and add all the names to it? To have it on display at some events. Wayne will investigate the cost of such a trophy.

2011 Finals

The Chateau is a nice location. Food and playing site all good. We can't save any more money on the trophies. John moves that we use the Chateau in 2011, Lila seconded. Unanimous. We lost \$1300 this year with no increase in fees. Wayne thinks we should charge a little more, perhaps \$75, to lose less. We'll ask for the same mid-May weekend next year.

Nashua Regional

Wayne needs volunteers to help with hospitality at the regional. To run the partnership desk arrive at 8:30am. Maureen will head up the partnership desk. Volunteers must have a cell phone.

Officer Search Committee

Discussion of who is on the board and their expiration dates. Suggestion that we have a nominating or search committee to find new board members. No conclusions.

Sectionals (revisited)

Lance moves to have a single stratified event at sectionals. Jim seconded. Motion passed with three opposed.

Membership Chairman

Rick receives lists of members. The job is to recruit members, and work the list of those who have moved or dropped out to try to grow the unit. Rick is is going to become the recorder when Magnus moves, so should we have a new membership chair? Lila volunteers for the job, and is appointed by Wayne.

Classes

Things are going well. Rick will start classes in Manchester on Sep 23, for eight weeks. Currently has a list of 27 people who are interested. Linda Cardone was a help as a second instructor, but her health isn't great. Ava & Howard Shutzman will come and help for a week. Rick's looking for others. The class does a mini-duplicate on the last day of classes. Larry has classes in Hampton. His classes are smaller, but they will get built up.

Nomination for 2011 Goodwill Member of the Year

Please think about this to see if we want to make a nomination.

State Championship stipend

Ron Mak made a suggestion that the unit should sponsor a New Hampshire GNT team. Wayne not in favor of the idea. Makes more sense for NAPs, since our state championship is a pairs event. No great support for this idea. Dan moves that the top pair in each strata (A, B, C) of the state championship have their entry fees paid for the NAP district and national finals if they go as a pair and represent New Hampshire, starting with the 2011 winners. Lance seconds. We expect that in most years this would be under \$250 total expense. Motion carries 4-2. Should be advertised in the flier for the state game.

Discipline

There was an incident in the Manchester game where one player assaulted another. There is a recorder form for this purpose. Anyone involved can fill out the form and send it to Magnus. However, the form has to be filed right away.

Strats

Lance suggests that the strats at the state championship should be raised to be the same as sectionals. No support for this. Jim thinks we should vary the strats for every tournament based on the population of players. We need to consult Kevin to get a guide for the upcoming tournaments.

Adjourned at 3:40pm.