

New Hampshire Bridge Association

Draft Minutes

Feb 4, 2012, revised Feb 8, 2102

Attendees: Wayne Burt, Jim Felch, John Maxwell, Dan McGuire, Peter Mitchell, Lance Ribeiro, Rick Weinstein (late)

Called to order by Wayne at 12:16pm.

Secretary's Report – Dan

Passed out minutes from Aug 23. Looks incomplete, but perhaps we just adjourned and that wasn't recorded. Jim moves we accept the minutes. Lance seconded. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report – Jim

Jim handed out a report. We almost broke even in 2011, loss of \$179.93 due to the cost of the new championship trophy. Member dues, August, November sectional made up for small losses in other tournaments. Ending balance was \$10,769.10. Question about errors and omissions insurance policy, Jim investigating. John moves to accept the report, Peter seconded. Unanimous.

Sectionals – Dan & Jim

All sectionals have sanctions. We have reserved sites for the state championship and Hudson. Discussion of continuing in Lebanon, since it was a small loss. General feeling is that the loss is manageable. Need to reserve Lebanon College and the New Castle Rec Center (Dan will contact Tom and Will). Discussion of an earlier sectional such as April 21-22 in Hudson or May 12-13 New Castle. We will try a Mother's Day Sectional in New Castle. Dan will apply for the sanction and contact Will. Discussion, resulting in 2013: Apr 20, Jun 1, Jul 13, Aug 10 (Lebanon), Sep 28 (Hudson), Nov 2 and 2014: Apr 12, May 31, Jul 12, Aug 9 (Lebanon), Sep 27 (Hudson), Nov 1. Lance moves we accept this schedule, Jim seconded. Unanimous. Dan will submit the sanction requests.

Newsletter

No newsletter yet. Bruce is willing, but has no computer. Would need special fonts or software for displaying bridge hands. Anything would be better than what we have now. Wayne suggests we buy a laptop and loan it to Bruce to use for this purpose. Would cost a few hundred dollars. We'd print some to hand out at sectionals. Jim moves that we spend up to \$500 on a laptop for this purpose (editing the newsletter) initially Bruce, Dan seconds. Unanimous. His email will be editor@nhbridge.com.

State Championship

Discussion of rules for who can play in the state championship. Qualifying day and consolation would be a sectional open to everyone. Finals would be restricted to pairs with one current Unit 150 member, and one current or former Unit 150 member. Discussion of who qualifies. Will take an equal number of pairs from each section, but if some cannot play in the finals, then fill in with highest-scoring pairs. Peter moves to implement these rules, John seconded, unanimous. Dan will talk to the Chateau, and raise prices up to \$65 if our costs have gone up significantly, including the cost of the World Wide Pairs. Dan moves that the strata be changed to the same set we use for sectionals: A=2000+, B=500-2000, C=0-500. Peter seconds, unanimous.

Nashua

Rick read a letter from a Sarah Widhu, asking for approval for a game in Nashua. There is normally a one-month waiting period, but we can waive that. Wayne has contacted ACBL in support of a Nashua club. They have made a positive response and are waiting on Ms. Widhu's application. She wanted a loan of bidding boxes, but not much enthusiasm for that. May be able to sell some excess boxes.

Leroy Lake Trophy

Wayne is keeping it at home, but would like someone else to take charge of it. No takers. The trophy hasn't been awarded too recently. Discussion of how it will be awarded. Recipients were selected for this year. Wayne will get the trophy updated.

Classes

Rick's classes will start up again Feb 16. Details are on the web site.

Board

Expiring board members are Lance, Dan, Jim, Rick and John Cook. Since John doesn't attend most meetings, suggestion that we replace him with Chuck Palaces. Wayne has been in contact with John Cook and he has no problem with being replaced. His name will remain on the list of friends and will continue to receive meeting notices.

The next meeting will be at noon on Sunday, June 3 at the state championship. The summer meeting will be Sunday, August 12 at Wayne's house.

Adjourned at 2:45pm.