

# **New Hampshire Bridge Association Minutes**

Aug 12, 2012

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Attendees: Lila Berry, Wayne Burt, Larr Cheethan, Jim Felch, Kevin Griffin, Alex McCallum, Karen McCallum, Dan McGuire, Peter Mitchell, Chuck Palaces, Lance Ribiero, Rick Weinstein

Called to order by Wayne at 12:24pm.

## **Secretary's Report – Dan McGuire**

Dan presented the June 3 minutes. Minor corrections. Rick moves to accept the corrected minutes, Larr seconds, unanimous.

## **Treasurer's Report – Jim Felch**

Jim handed out the current state of the treasury. We are down \$1,355.33 so far this year. Jim expects that by the end of the year this will turn into a small loss or break even due to a couple of factors. We are owed a payment from the ACBL and we expect that the November Sectional will change from a \$400 loss (a deposit), to a profit. The state championship loss was under \$300, and the current bank balance is \$9,453.01. Dan moves that we accept the treasurer's report, Lila seconded, unanimous. Books have been given to Wayne to be audited. Wayne says we can't afford a full audit, but John Cook will do a review, at almost no cost. Kevin reports that Hudson wants to raise our rent from \$600 to \$800. The August sectional will still be \$600, but starting next year it will be \$800. Jim thinks he can talk them down somewhat.

## **Sectionals**

Wayne raises the issue of raising our card fee to \$10 per session from \$9. All other sectionals are \$10 or more. Dan moves that we raise our fee to \$10 starting in 2013, Peter seconds, unanimous.

Wayne visited the Lebanon Elks Club which has a very large space that could work for a sectional. The space is on the second floor, but Wayne doesn't think there is an elevator. This was not thought to be a good idea since players are often elderly and we would have to move tables and other equipment up and down stairs. Wayne will investigate further.

Dan handed out a spreadsheet showing proposed sectional dates through 2015. Some of these dates have been approved by Carolyn Weiser, but others have conflicts with Vermont or Maine. Dan and Carolyn are talking with those other states to try to resolve the conflicts. In particular, the state championship is a problem because May is very popular and it has both Memorial Day and Mother's Day. Discussion of whether the state championship should be a sectional, which awards silver points and is open to everyone, or is an "other" category which can be invitational. Thought was that only the Sunday finals should be "other", while Saturday and consolation should be a sectional. Lila says that all tournaments listed as New Castle will be in Newington.

Eastman wants an I/N sectional April 20-21, 2013 which is the same date as our Newington Sectional. Lila moves that we charge them \$100 for the right to use that date. Jim seconds. Unanimous except for Dan & Lance.

## **Unit Games**

Is it OK for out-of-state pairs to win unit events? Apparently a non-New Hampshire pair just won the

mixed pairs. Peter moves that players from any unit will be eligible to win these awards, Larr seconded, unanimous.

### **Unit Website**

Larr wants to be trained on how to edit the website. Dan thinks that the others who have permission to edit the website (Larr, Kevin and Lance) have simply not tried it and that training is irrelevant. Larr and Dan will get together to document the procedures for updating the sectional results.

### **Newsletter**

Larr has produced a two-page sample newsletter, and created a Yahoo group to be a forum for submitting information for the newsletter. Larr will be the editor, but needs content from others. Will include winners from events. Discussion of content. Some want a few printed copies to be mailed to clubs. Wayne thinks it should be online-only. Lance moves that we distribute 20 copies by mail to each NH club at an approximate cost of \$100 per year, Chuck seconded, unanimous.

### **State Championships**

Paying winners' entries into the NAOP has failed as no one has taken advantage of that perk. Wayne wants to return to the system of giving free plays to sectionals. He wants to give the same number of non-transferable free plays (two) to winners in all three strata. Lance prefers that A's get more free plays than B's, etc. This and other state championship topics, such as limits on the carryover, will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **Membership – Lila Berry**

Will have two sectionals per year at Newington. Dan will see to it that ACBL sends membership updates to Lila.

Karen McCallum thanks us for inviting her to the meeting.

Next meeting at noon on Sunday, Dec 9, location TBD. Next August's meeting will be tentatively Aug 11, 2013.

Adjourned at 2:24pm.