

## **New Hampshire Bridge Association**

August 25, 2013

Draft Minutes

Attendees: Wayne Burt, Jim Felch, Dan McGuire, Peter Mitchell, Chuck Palaces, Lance Ribeiro, Sarah Widhu

Called to order by Wayne at 12:27pm.

### **Secretary's Report – Dan**

Handed out minutes of the June 2, 2013 annual meeting. Dan needs to add attendees. Jim moves to accept the minutes, Lance seconds, unanimous.

### **Treasurer's Report – Jim**

Current balance is \$10,732.18. July sectional did well. Small loss of \$490.56 so far this year. Peter moves to accept the report, Sarah seconds, unanimous.

### **Membership Report**

Lila absent. Sarah reports that Marsha Tarosky passed away (Dan will send a card from the organization). Lance wants us to make sure Lila knows she is still membership chair.

### **Sectionals**

Eastman wants last weekend in March. Dan will get sanction. Dan will append a list of our upcoming sectional dates to this list. Tentative 2014 dates: March 29 (Eastman), April 26, June 7 (state champ), Aug 23, Sep 27 (Lebanon), Nov 8. Sarah would like us to consider Epsom fire house, but most disagree. Sarah has heard complaints about the quality of our snacks. She thinks we could give a small discount to those who bring things. Jim will work on that.

### **Website**

Wayne would like a section of the website available for their club. Dan prefers using Google Calendar. Lance suggests looking at the EMBA website and perhaps copy their software. He will investigate this. Dan will get Google Calendar up within a week. Club managers will get permission to update entries. Sarah would like recognition of NH players who accomplish milestones and awards. Discussion of Facebook, lack of interest.

### **2014 State Finals**

Getting pricy at the Chateau. Losing \$1,200 per year. Attendance is our real problem. Can save some money without a caddy. Discussion of how to boost attendance. Peter suggests a lighter name/title. Dan will ask for a one-day sectional and see if we can get it. Peter suggests we call the consolation the "open" game. Make a flier for out-of-state for the Saturday game. Perhaps: "trophy game" and "championship game". Notify in our advertising that same-day partners not necessarily available.

### **Trailer**

Wayne and Dan would like to buy a trailer for our tables and equipment. We'll look into the cost and possible models.

### **Classes**

Rick's beginner classes start Sep 17, for eight consecutive Thursday nights.

**Big tournaments**

Nashua Regional in June, and Rhode Island National in November. Reserve hotel rooms early. Need people to attend meetings at regionals.

Next meeting Sunday, January 12, noon at Dan's house, 700 Suncook Valley Hwy (Rt 28), Epsom.  
Adjourned 2:15pm.