

New Hampshire Bridge Association

January 12, 2014

Final Minutes

Attendees: Wayne Burt, Jim Felch, Dan McGuire, Peter Mitchell, Lance Ribeiro, Barry Rogoff, Rick Weinstein

Absent: Chuck Palaces, Sarah Widhu

Called to order by Wayne at 1:35pm.

Secretary's Report – Dan

Handed out the August 25, 2013 minutes with Rick's correction. Lance moves that we accept the minutes, Peter seconded, unanimous.

Treasurer's Report – Jim

Balance \$13,133.54, a gain of \$1,910.80 for the year. Raising the card fee to \$10 worked well. The Town of Newington may still have our \$100 November deposit. Not sure we want to keep such a high balance. Could spend on tables, trailer, shuffler and/or BridgeMates. Jim will investigate the costs of renting BridgeMates and pre-dealt hand from the directors. Rick moves to accept the report, Lance seconds, unanimous. Discussion of charging more for non-members. Not for the money, but to encourage membership. Took a vote, and no one was in favor of charging extra for non-members.

Membership Report

Lila resigned as membership chair. Wayne knows of three new members. Rick knows of a couple of others. Dan suggested Jane Verdrager for the job since she has contact with a lot of new players. Wayne will feel her out. Job is mainly greeting new members and contacting lapsed members.

State Finals

Wayne asked Dave Metcalf to direct again. Seems likely. Date is June 7-8. Discussion of a location other than the Chateau. Generally happy with the Chateau. Not silver points, but all sessions are sectionally-rated black points. Discussion of how to attract more players, both in-state and out-of-state. Add the award levels (plaque or trophies) to the fliers. Lance moves that we use the same strats as sectionals: 500 and 2000, Peter seconded, unanimous. Dan suggests surveying players who didn't go last year and ask why; he will do so. Wayne will contact club managers to see if they can help with marketing. Peter moved that the "consolation" be renamed the "open" game, Dan seconded, unanimous. Keep same pricing from last year.

Sectionals

All set for 2014. Discussion of 2015. Have dates for April, July, August and November. Discussion of Eastman vs. Lebanon (for August). Problem is that Eastman wants to charge \$20 per day per person for a meal, with no charge for the room. Wayne will talk to Jane about this. Lance is strongly against requiring such a charge. Perhaps offer her July 2014 (the 19th or the 26th, conflicting with the Las Vegas NABC) letting her charge whatever she wants. Conclusion is that it is too late to change 2014.

Website – Barry

The latest district meeting was about Fast Results. NH can either do nothing or engage one of three possible alternatives, one is free, the two are paid. There are many questions. Barry is writing a proposal with some help by Bob Bertoni to present to the district board in Cromwell. If it is not

possible for the unit to participate, we should just fall back on getting data from the directors. One of the paid alternatives is from the UK. The nice thing about the Fast Results is that it will send an email directly to players. We will be updating our website quickly, so not sure of the benefit of the extra email service. As long as we can get the BridgeMate, ACBLScore and hand record files to Barry, he can post the report quickly. Lance agreed to be the backup to Barry. We won't use an outside service. We will promote the new website on our state championship fliers. Barry has done a fantastic job with the web site. Lance would like to be able to download the actual pbn file that he can use with a double-dummy solver. Barry says that is done. He suggests using a program called Bridge Captain to help your analysis. Lance uses a program called Jack. Discussion of improving communication to the members of the unit. Barry can put up a page that collects names, addresses, and suggestions for the board.

District 25 Nomination Committee

Wayne is the chair of the committee to find new officers. He needs a vice president who would move up after a year. District 25 prefers that not all candidates come from EMBA.

Nashua Regional June 17-22

Wayne needs helpers, including partnership desk, I/N program, greeters/troubleshooters, etc. Times are 10:00, 2:30 and 7:30. Susan will be helping. Volunteers can play. Barry will ask for volunteers on the website. Dan will make a restaurant list.

Unit 150 Nomination

Lance agrees to be the nominating committee. Wayne would like us to replace the past president position with a vice president position. Not a lot of support for that. Wayne wants to quit at the end of his term. Dan would also like to be replaced. Barry will talk to Sarah about becoming vice president then president. Wayne will talk to Jane about getting more involved. Other ideas?

Adjourned at 4:47pm.