

NHBA Annual Meeting

Draft Minutes

June 8, 2014

Attendees: John Banker, Wayne Burt, Robert Eachus, Jim Felch, Ron Mak, John Maxwell, Pete Mitchell, Dan McGuire, Chuck Palaces, Joe Pelonzi, Geoff Phipps, Tom Provost, Lance Ribeiro, Barry Rogoff, Murray Scott, Tink Tysor, Rick Weinstein, Sarah Widhu

Called to order by Wayne at 11:30am.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept by John Maxwell, seconded by Lance, unanimous. Discussion about audit timing. Lance moved that we have an official audit every three years (the last was in 2012) and an annual informal audit. Tom Provost seconded, unanimous. Joe Pelonzi volunteered to do the 2014 informal audit. Jim will make sure we have a \$25,000 bond against embezzlement.

Membership

We need Membership Chair. We need to define the role better before we fill it.

Secretary's Report

Discussion of the Jan. 12 minutes. Some corrections. Lance moves to approve, Peter seconds, unanimous.

Sectionals

All set for 2014, including Grantham (not Eastman!). Dan will work with Jane to apply for 2015. Sarah volunteers to help with distribution to Massachusetts, particularly Woburn and sectionals.

Website

Suggestion to put up obituaries. Barry will make a page for this. Volunteers will be needed to write them as they come up. Peter appreciated the use of Paypal.

Nashua Regional

Susan Burt is taking over the partnership desk and isn't even a bridge player. She could use help. Lance suggests Tony Wolf would be a good person to help. Sarah will be helping with meet & greet with the novice players. Tuesday is not a compact KO, it is Swiss. All games are 10:00, 2:30 and 7:30. Will use the hotel's restaurant list. Mark Aquino asked Sarah to collect money for The Longest Day. She will put donation cans in the rooms. Geoff suggests that an announcement be put regularly in the bulletin.

Unit 150 Bylaws

Wayne: We have no way to move people up through the ranks. We need a permanent vice president. All the bylaws I examined from other units have vice presidents or president-elects. Sometimes they have more than one. I would like someone to review our bylaws and look hard at the past president section and see about adding a vice president. Tink moves that we appoint a committee to review the bylaws, Tom seconds. Other comments: Why not have both Vice President and Past President? Vote in favor. The committee will be Rick Weinstein, Peter Mitchell, and Bob Eachus.

Elections

Lance: I will be stepping down as vice president, and Dan will become past president, Jane Verdrager

has volunteered to be Secretary, to continue is Chuck Palaces, Rick Weinstein and Jim Felch. Tom seconds that slate. Unanimous.

Nationals

Lance: The last New England national had a New Hampshire Day. Are we doing the same thing?

Wayne: we might want to donate some money to the tournament to memorialize one of our deceased members...

Adjourned at 12:40pm.