

The meeting was called to order by President, Wayne Burt at 12:15 PM. Also in attendance were Jim Felch, Rick Weinstein, Pete Mitchell, Barry Rogoff, Sarah Widhu, Dan McGuire, and Jane Verdrager.

**Treasure's Report:**

Current balance is \$13,521.78. The April sectional showed a profit of approximately \$1,000.00 and a loss of between \$300.00 and \$400.00 for the state finals. ACBL costs for the state finals were \$270.00.

A discussion ensued regarding using ACBL directors which are costly and other problems experienced at the state finals. Some of the problems were out of our control, as the air conditioning broke and there was an unanticipated problem with the Bridgemates being used. However, the director was able to keep a cool head until the problems were resolved and the players were very understanding. We would use that director again, but now know what steps to take to avoid these problems for future tournaments.

There were two sets of Bridgemates and the software had not been updated on one set, so they were not compatible, resulting in scoring problems. Jane Verdrager will look into pricing of Bridgemates, so that we have our own.

Some discussion on establishing an annual scholarship with our proceeds.

Jim will check with Joe Pelonzi about conducting an annual audit and also securing a \$25,000.00 embezzlement bond.

Sarah Widhu moved to accept the treasurers report, which was seconded by Pete Mitchell and approved unanimously.

**Membership Chairperson:**

Dan McGuire nominated Sarah Widhu for this position, which was seconded by Pete Mitchell and unanimously approved.

**Sectionals:**

The dates for 2015 were approved as follows:

April 25/26	Eastman NLM
April 25/26	Newington
May 30/31	Manchester State Championship
August 29/30	Newington Aileen Houle
Sept. 26/27	Grantham Fall Foliage
Oct. 31/Nov. 1	Newington Ed Gould

Jane will clear all the above dates with the NEBA coordinator and apply for the sanctions.

After some discussion the following dates for 2016 were proposed:

April 16/17	Eastman NLM
April 23/24	Newington
June 4/5	Manchester State Championship
August 27/28	Newington
Sept. 24/25	Grantham Fall Foliage
Nov. 5/6	Newington

**Website:**

Notices will be placed at tournament tables telling players how to access the results posted on the NHBA website.

There was discussion regarding the top 150 list of players – whether to leave it as it is, or to delete a name when that person becomes deceased. One suggestion was instead of removing the name, to asterisk it when the player becomes deceased. No decision was made to make any changes at this time.

Barry will create a NHBA Facebook page.

**Nashua Regional:**

Attendance was down 13% from the previous one at Sturbridge. Discussion on how to improve attendance, but acknowledgment that a new venue can expect some initial decline in participation. The largest increase was from NHBA members (+226.19 %) and the largest decline was CBA (-73.02%). These are not surprising, given the geographical locations.

**Bylaws:** No report

**B's Needs:**

Some discussion on how to keep players interested and attending tournaments once they become Life Masters.

**Open Discussion:**

It was decided that the money received by the ACBL for hosting the Nationals, would be donated to Harbor Homes in Nashua for their "Ending Homelessness" Fund.

Adjourned at 1:45 PM. The next meeting will be Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the home of Dan McGuire