

**NHBA Winter Meeting  
January 11, 2015**

The winter meeting of the NH Bridge Association Board was called to order by President, Wayne Burt at 1:10 PM on January 11, 2015 at the Home of Dan McGuire. Wayne Burt, Dan McGuire, Sarah Widhu, Jim Felch, Barry Rogoff, Rick Weinstein and Jane Verdrager were in attendance.

Secretary:           The minutes of the summer meeting were approved and accepted

Treasurer:           Jim Felch reported that the income for 2014 was \$3,000.00 above the previous year. All sectionals made money due partially to the fact that entry fees were increased. The report was corrected as the July sectional on the report was actually August. There is a current balance of \$16,594.28.

Jim Felch announced that he would be resigning as Treasurer as of June, 2016. Jim has already resigned as Tournament Manager so the Unit is faced with finding someone immediately for the Newington April event and then subsequent Newington Sectionals. Wayne Burt has ideas and already made some contacts.

Bylaws Committee: Rick Weinstein reported that some changes were needed specifically regarding the board officers. The committee will have suggestions in early April. There was discussion regarding whether the bylaws should include specific job descriptions for each office or should they be in a separate document.

Each officer will submit a general list of duties and responsibilities for his/her position including Tournament Manager, Tournament Chairperson, Tournament responsibilities and publicity.

There was a suggestion that all delegates should be informed of meetings. After a brief discussion, it was determined that they are already.

Dan McGuire moved that the unit purchase four new tables, which was seconded by Wayne Burt. The motion carried. Wayne will purchase them and we will decide later if we like that kind of table or not.

State Championship: We do not have the Chateau in Manchester this year as they are being sold and not taking bookings at this time. Dan will investigate an alternate location, several of which were suggested,

all in the Concord or Manchester area including the new owners of the Chateau location. The date has changed to June 6 & 7, 2015. It seems that whenever there is a fifth weekend in May, EMBA takes that for a tournament, so we prefer to not be in conflict with that event.

There was discussion about the publicity and it was decided to ask Tink Tysor to work on a snazzier notice/flyer, and also to urge club managers to promote attendance to the State Championship. Some consideration may be given to changing the title from "State Championship" to "NH State Open Pairs Tournament," or something similar, in order to make it sound less intimidating to newer players.

Board of delegates: The current delegates are Dan McGuire, Wayne Burt, Sarah Widhu, & Bob Eachus. Jane will ask Tink Tysor if he is interested in becoming a delegate and Claire Gardner if she will consider being an alternate.

NH top 150 list will be revised to reflect living members only.

Scholarships: Jim will work to develop criteria for a \$500.00 scholarship to be awarded to graduating high school seniors. He will also investigate subsidizing bridge instruction in the schools to attract and develop new players

Grass Roots Games: Grass Roots games are held in the spring and the money collected goes to the district which then distributes the proceeds to the Units. Barry moved and Rick seconded that we designate the Sunday of the April Newington Sectional to be a Grass Roots game.

Partnership desk: Susan Burt will again work and coordinate the partnership desk at the Nashua regional. We need volunteers to commit to be at the desk about one hour prior to game time. There should be 2-3 people for each session and there are at least 18 slots that need to be filled. We will reach out to the individual clubs for volunteers

At 4:25 Jane Verdrager moved the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by Barry Rogoff.

Respectively submitted,

Jane Verdrager