

NHBA Annual Meeting, June 7, 2015

The meeting, held at The Chateau in Manchester, was called to order at 11:30 AM by Sarah Widhu, as President Wayne Burt, was running a bit late. In attendance were:

Sarah Widhu,	Jane Verdrager	Barry Rogoff
Jim Felch,	Lawrence Cheetham	Wayne Burt
Rick Weinstein,	Nora Miller	

Secretary: The minutes of the January meeting were accepted and approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was submitted and accepted. The profit from the April Newington tournament was \$1,054.00, bringing our current balance to \$17,648.28. Since Jim will be resigning as treasurer, Nora Miller has volunteered to take his place. Peter Valiante, a CPA, has offered to assist her if needed. Lawrence Cheetham also volunteered his assistance. It was decided that year end would be the ideal time for the transfer, so Nora will assume the position as of January 1, 2016.

Membership: There was some discussion on how to keep our membership list up to date. Currently there is no system for either keeping track of new members as we are notified by the ACBL, or of removing names of deceased members.

Tournaments: A discussion was held regarding the location change of the VT sectional on October 31 – November 1, 2015 from Burlington to White River Junction, which conflicts with the Newington Tournament. All agreed that we can understand how VT innocently made this change of location, not realizing the problem it created, or the proper procedures to follow. In good faith, Unit 150 will not oppose this; however, VT will have to pay compensation for the anticipated loss of income to our unit. Wayne Burt has been in negotiations with Bob Bertoni the NE district officer, as well as Luke Gillespie, the scheduling coordinator, suggesting our Unit be compensated \$320.00. Sarah Widhu will follow up on this and come to an agreement with the VT unit.

An effort will be made to schedule our tournaments and apply for sanctions, three years in advance so that we have our proposed dates firmly in place.

There is a need for volunteers for the Nashua Regional. Shifts would be for one hour previous to each session. District 25 will be promoting a Pro/AM game Saturday evening. A Pro is defined as a Life Master, an Am is a Non-Life Master with fewer than 500 mp's.

Discussion regarding the 2016 Open Pairs Tournament: Barry Rogoff moved that a committee be formed to explore venues and other issues in this regard. Sarah will appoint Barry and others to the committee.

Sarah Widhu moved that we purchase 16 more card tables, which was seconded by Jim Felch. The motion was carried.

Website: Barry will write a "How to" for other units since the website he has created for our Unit is getting rave reviews, not just by us, but by other units, as well.

The advantages of using Pianola were also discussed and we will look into this further to see how it might improve our website

By Laws: Acceptance of the complete revised bylaws has been postponed until our next meeting. However, Wayne Burt moved that we elect a VP today, as well as designating that the Past President be a nonvoting member of the future board. This was seconded by Jane Verdrager and the motion passed.

Elections: The following nominations were made and members elected

Sarah Widhu	President
Lawrence Cheetham	Vice President
Nora Miller	Director, replacing Chuck Palaces
Nora Miller	Treasurer as of Jan. 1, 2016
Jim DeRuosi	Director, replacing Pete Mitchell
Anne McCune	Director, replacing Sarah Widhu
Wayne Burt	Past President (non-voting)

Lawrence Cheetham moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Sarah Widhu.