

## New Hampshire Bridge Association Winter Meeting

January 24, 2016

The winter meeting of the NHBA was held at the home of Sarah Widhu 25 Syracuse Street Nashua, NH. In attendance were, Sarah Widhu, Anne McCune, Rick Weinstein, Marshall Thomas, Lawrence Cheetham, Nora Miler, Barry Rogoff, Jane Verdrager and Wayne Burt.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM, by president, Sarah Widhu.

### Board Members

Open director position There was much discussion regarding the open position on the board and who might fill it. It was decided to post a notice on the NH website as well as sending an email via Pianola to see if anyone steps forward. Claire Gardener was suggested but we want to give the Eastern part of the state an opportunity to serve, in order to balance representation.

Nominating Committee There is a need for a chairman

Membership Anne McCune will chair and Wayne Burt will redirect the in/out report to her

Unit Game Chair Wayne Burt will continue to act as chair and organize the Unit game schedule

Tournament Chair This will continue to be a shared responsibility. Pam Robinson will continue to run the Newington tournaments, Jane Verdrager the Grantham tournament and Sarah Widhu the State Championship.

Education Barry will maintain a list of bridge teachers on the website and also post them on the ACBL site

By Laws A **motion** was made by Barry Rogoff, to revise the bylaws to include both a vision and mission statement which Barry and Lawrence Cheetham will work on. It was seconded by Nora Miller and unanimously carried.

### Secretary Report

The minutes of the special meeting on September 26, 2015 had been approved via email

### Treasurer Report

Nora Miller informed us that the ACBL insurance coverage has changed and the policy now includes bonding of the position of Treasurer. The coverage is up to \$25,000.00 with a \$5,000.00 deductible. Inquiries to her own insurance agent revealed that the same coverage would be available at a cost of \$100.00, so it was decided that additional bonding was unnecessary. Nora will request a copy of the policy including the provisions and declarations pages, for our records.

ACBL procedures for handling tournament money has changed. They will no longer provide seed money for the tournament director, and the cash from entries will now be turned over to the tournament chair, who will then write a check to the ACBL instead of the director taking the fees out of the entry money and giving the tournament chair the rest in cash, which had been the previous policy.

Each tournament chair will be provided with a cash box and \$100.00 in seed money, in small bills, in order to make change. Two cash boxes will be purchased for this purpose. The Unit will be given a receipt from the TD for the ACBL fees.

A **motion** was made by Lawrence Cheetham to increase the caddy compensation to \$60.00 per day and that of the tournament chair, to \$220.00 per tournament. It was seconded by Barry Rogoff and passed unanimously.

Jane Verdrager **moved** that we come up with a job description for the caddy, so that they do more than just move the boards. Barry Rogoff seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Nora Miller **moved** that any check over \$5,000.00 require two signatures. It was seconded by Jane Verdrager and carried unanimously.

Rick Weinstein made a **motion** to approve the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Marshall Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

**By-Laws:** Lawrence Cheetham made a **motion** that the current revision of the by-laws be accepted as a base line document enabling the committee to further revise them using change/track. This was seconded by Anne McCune and the motion carried unanimously. Discussion followed that the by-laws should reflect the treasurer's recommendation requiring two signers for checks over \$5,000.00 as well as clarification of when elected officers actually take office. Right now officers are elected in June and don't take office until January.

**Venues:** Barry Rogoff **moved** that we contact wedding planners regarding venue suggestions for an amount not to exceed \$200.00 per contact. The focus would be south and east of Concord. Jane Verdrager seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The fee for the Newington location has increased substantially and we need to investigate alternatives. The Bow firehouse was suggested as a possible location, as well

Barry informed us that Pianola can set up club contests.

**Delegates:** The report of delegates informed us that District 25 did a little better financially this last year. They attribute this to having done more PR and focusing on better communication. There has been discussion of creating more strata, which would gradually introduce players to higher levels of competition, so we don't lose players once they become life masters.

There is also a continued focus on the Zero Tolerance Policy and Sarah shared with us, flyers that will now be posted at tournaments as well as on tables regarding the acceptable conduct of players.

Sarah Widhu **moved** that we revise and laminate copies of these for our sectionals and that they become part of the tournament equipment like the bid boxes are. It was seconded by Anne McCune and the motion carried unanimously.

Barry Rogoff **moved** that we adjourn, which was seconded by Rick Weinstein and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

