

Annual Meeting NH Bridge Association June 4, 2017

The 2017 Annual meeting of the New Hampshire Bridge Association Board of Directors was held at Rivier University, 16 Clement Street, in Nashua, NH on Sunday, June 4, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President, Sarah Widhu at 11:00 AM. In attendance, were Sarah Widhu, Lawrence Cheetham, Nora Miller, Claire Gardner, Marshall Thomas, Anne McCune, Jane Verdrager, Barry Rogoff, and Wayne Burt. Also attending were nominees, Kris Jarosz and Lucia Carlisle.

Meeting with District 25's ACBL rep, Mark Aquino.

Mark addressed the group to express the thanks of the Gatlinburg, TN community for the Unit's participation in the ACBL fundraiser in support of Gatlinburg after the devastating Great Smoky Mountains wildfires of 2016, which significantly impacted Gatlinburg, the site of one of the largest annual bridge tournaments in the country. \$72,000.00 was raised throughout the country, and district 25 raised \$7,200.00 of that. Discussion also followed regarding recruitment of players to attend the Nashua Regional in June, especially players in Vermont and Maine. There was also general discussion on ways to increase attendance at sanctioned games and tournaments, including offering incentives to newer players.

Secretary's Report – Jane Verdrager

- Claire Gardner moved to approve the minutes from the winter meeting, which was seconded by Nora Miller and approved unanimously.
- Jane Verdrager presented an updated spreadsheet of scheduled tournaments through 2020.

Treasurer's Report – Nora Miller

- Nora Miller submitted the treasurer's report reflecting our current balance of \$20,135.61. All sectionals are profitable, with only the State Championship losing money.
- Anne McCune moved to accept the treasurer's report and to designate the President, Treasurer, and Secretary as authorized signers of checks with checks in excess of \$5,000.00 requiring two signatures. Marshall Thomas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

President's Report – Sarah Widhu

- All tournaments are doing well. It was noted that the Nashua Regional will emphasize Knock-Outs this year, to encourage players to participate in those events.
- The Danbury Regional will be discontinued after the 2018 tournament, since it is a NY Regional held in CT, which draws participants away from our Regional in Hartford, CT
- Claire Gardner moved that we compensate Peter an additional \$200.00 for directing the April 2017 tournament, which had record attendance and should have had two directors. His herculean efforts were appreciated. Lawrence Cheetham seconded and it passed unanimously.
- There was discussion regarding table storage. Dan McGuire has been storing and transporting tables for the Unit for quite some time, but is purchasing a new car and will not be able to provide this service in the future. Some other arrangement needs to be found. Lawrence Cheetham moved that he investigate storage options and fees. Jane Verdrager seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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- It was noted that there had been some complaints about the behavior of some board members at the April Sectional. We were reminded that Board members, especially should be observing zero tolerance at the table.
- There had been concern about the date for the Spring Tournament scheduled for April 21-22, 2018, but it will remain unchanged.

Website – Barry Rogoff

The results from yesterday's game uploaded to Pianola successfully. www.NHBridge.com should be promoted and all players encouraged to use it, since all NH games are posted there. If more players become accustomed to accessing the site, they will become more aware of other things happening in the Unit. Barry volunteered to make a sign to be displayed at tournaments, directing players to access the site for results.

By-Laws – Lawrence Cheetham

A suggested revision of the by-laws was submitted to reflect that the President is expected to mentor the Vice President in anticipation of a succession of duties and a clarification of the succession if the President's position becomes vacant. The by-laws will be revised and voted on at the next annual meeting. It was noted that the secretary should be the holder of record of this official document. It was noted, that we currently have no Vice President since Lawrence Cheetham is resigning from the Board.

Membership – Anne McCune

Anne McCune submitted a list of deceased members for the past year which is being displayed at the State Championship this weekend.

Election

Anne McCune moved that a slate of officers and members be accepted as follows:

Sarah Widhu - president
Jane Verdrager – secretary
Lucia Carlisle – treasurer
Barry Rogoff – member
Anne McCune – member
Marshall Thomas – member
Kris Jarosz – member
Claire Gardner - member

Lawrence Cheetham seconded and the slate was elected, unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned at 12:30 PM