

**New Hampshire Bridge Association  
Winter Meeting Draft minutes  
January 11, 2020**

The 2020 winter meeting of the New Hampshire Bridge Association Board of Directors was held at Lucia Carlisle's residence 35 Oak Street Manchester, NH and was called to order, by president, David Lawrence at 11:15 AM. Those in attendance were: Lucia Carlisle, Jane Verdrager, Ross Huntington, David Lawrence, Kathy Benjamin, Ron Ouellet, Bill Kennedy, Alice Eberhardt, John Pieper, and Sarah Widhu (by phone).

**Secretary's Report – Ross Huntington**

- Lucia Carlisle moved that the minutes of the summer meeting be accepted. Kathy Benjamin seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report – Lucia Carlisle**

- Lucia Carlisle distributed a three-year lookback spreadsheet of the unit's breakdown of income, expenses, and cash balances. Lucia also distributed a printout of a three year look back at tournament and grass roots expenses. Some discussion of the printouts followed. The NHBA had a net income gain in 2019 of \$537.00.
- Kathy Benjamin moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted. Jane Verdrager seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Membership – Kathy Benjamin**

Kathy passed out a detailed breakdown of the number of total members, new members, transfers into Unit 150, new Life Masters, and New Junior Masters (to whom she sends letters of congratulation), as well as a breakdown of the number of members in each Master Point rank. The NHBA membership now stands at 565.

Ross Huntington moved to accept the membership report as submitted. Bill Kennedy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Unit Games**

Ross Huntington reported that Unit 150's 24 unit games for 2020 have been scheduled. The schedule has been reviewed by the club managers for edits. The approved schedule has been sent to the ACBL and approved by them.

## **Tournament Schedule Discussion**

Jane Verdrager distributed a spreadsheet for the New Hampshire sectional tournaments through the year 2023. For 2020 the schedule is:

The Spring Sectional will be Apr. 25-26 @ The Elks Lodge in Dover, NH

The John & Joan Cook Sectional will be Aug. 22-23 @ Rivier College in Nashua, NH

The Fall Foliage Sectional will be Sept. 26-27 @ The Grantham, NH Town Hall

The Ed Gould Sectional will be Nov. 14-15 @ The Bow, NH Community Center

Draft Tournament Flyers, distributed by Jane Verdrager, for all four tournaments were reviewed and edited.

There was discussion about the sectional tournaments and additional cost at each tournament for the grass roots fund. Kathy Benjamin made a motion that the sectional tournaments for 2020 have no special fund games. John Pieper seconded this motion. It passed by a vote of 5-3.

## **Leroy Lake Award**

The board discussed the procedure for nominating a NHBA member for the Leroy Lake Award for 2020. The criteria for the award was reviewed. A request for nominations will be sent to all club managers. Lucia Carlisle will notify the Leroy Lake Award winners from the previous three years that they will serve as the awards selection committee.

## **Pianola**

There was a discussion concerning the use of Pianola as the platform for the NHBA website. It was agreed that David Lawrence would instruct Barry Rogoff, the NHBA web site manager, to find a new platform for the NHBA website and terminate Pianola as soon as possible. (The board did note that the NHBA could use Pianola until August when the contract runs out.)

## **State Tournament**

The board had a long discussion on the state tournament including ways to get more "C" players involved, location, director, number of sessions, and costs. It was decided to move the State tournament from July in Manchester to October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in Grantham, NH. The new date was chosen in hopes a fall date would increase attendance over a midsummer date. The site used for the state tournament would not be available in October. The Eastman clubhouse in Grantham was chosen as the new site due to cost and support from the Grantham area. A motion was made by Bill Kennedy to accept the new site and time. Jane Verdrager seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.

Alice Eberhardt then made a motion the state championship be a charity game. Bill Kennedy seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously. Lucia Carlisle then made a motion the charity be the ACBL designated charity. This was seconded by Alice Eberhardt and it was approved unanimously.

The board also agreed that the winners of the “B” strat (500-2000mps) and the winners of the “C” strat (0-500mps non-life masters) will be recognized at the banquet on Sunday. After further discussion it was decided to make no additional changes to the State tournament format for 2020.

### **NHBA Board of Directors**

Since the last meeting of the NHBA board Alice Eberhardt has joined the board replacing Chris Jarosz and John Pieper has joined the board replacing Tink Tysor. Their terms of office will end in 2023. David Lawrence requested all board members to actively canvas the NHBA members for candidates interested in becoming members of the NHBA board.

- The next NHBA board meeting was scheduled for Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00am at the home of Lucia Carlisle in Manchester, New Hampshire.
- The annual meeting of the NHBA was set for Sunday morning October 25<sup>th</sup> the day of the State Tournament in Grantham, NH.
- Ross Huntington moved that these meeting dates be accepted. Bill Kennedy seconded the motion and it was accepted unanimously.
- Ron Ouellet moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by Bill Kennedy and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.