

Next GNYBA Board Meeting is January 17, 2018. Location to be confirmed.

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2017

In Attendance: D. Moss, B. Gellas, S. Culbertson, P. Lentz, U. Ivatury, J. Bayone, F. Levine, T. Ashmore, S. Levine, L. Weisbrod, M. Cole, R. Meadow, A. Parrish, M. Berkowitz, S. Gingold, R. Marchione, B. Weisgal, F. Levine, J. Byrnes,

Secretary's Report

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of Board members and officers for 2018. The general election will take place at the Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional.

Treasurer's Report

David Moss reported that the GNYBA is still on track to finish the year financially even.

Tournament Report

Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional 2017

- Roberta Meadow (the incoming Partnership chair) circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist at the Partnership and Hospitality Desks at the Regional.
- The tournament will reintroduce a Daily Bulletin that will be e-mailed to District members and available in hard copy at the tournament. The Day 1 bulletin will be e-mailed on or before December 15. Julian Fernandez will be responsible for getting the paper copies of the bulletin to the tournament site.
- David Feldman and Crystal Henner are preparing a restaurant guide that will be available at the tournament and Steve Levine has secured 10% discounts at 4 restaurants in the area.
- ACBL CEO Bahar Gidwani will be attending the tournament December 26 and there will be a "meet and greet" session with him at 1:45.
- Rachel Moller has organized an adjunct social barometer game to be held at Aces Bridge Club at 7:00 on Saturday, December 30. The game will be advertised in the Daily Bulletin.
- Uday Ivatury moved to allow all IDed college students and youth up to age 18 to play at the regional for free. Michael Berkowitz seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Players will be allowed to purchase entries using credit cards. The Directors will handle the transactions and at this time the ACBL is not charging the Unit for this service. After much discussion, the GNYBA Board agreed to advertise the use of credit cards with the caveat that this is experimental. Tara Ashmore volunteered to negotiate any future credit card processing fees with the ACBL.
- At the January Board meeting we will look at finances and player turn out to decide if the GNYBA needs to increase card fees for May.

Eastern States Regional

The Scheduling Committee recommended two modifications to the May tournament schedule:

- Afternoon and evening Side Games will be played at Honors Bridge Club. David Moss and Jeff Bayone are working out the details, including revenue sharing between all clubs.
- A Fast Pairs event is being added for the final day of the tournament. Sol Weinstein will be responsible for coordinating with the Directors.

GNTs

Participation from Flight C players remains very low. Further discussion is required.

Pro-Am

No date has been established for the 2018 Pro-Am. Given the crowded tournament and club events calendars, it may be pushed to June 2018. Further discussion is needed.

Other

Adam Parrish reported that he and Jeff Bayone are starting a Youth Program at Honors in January which will provide bridge lessons to kids in 5th to 8th grade along with a parent/grandparent. The classes will run on Saturday mornings.

Additionally, Adam is starting an "Under 40" bridge program at Aces on Tuesday nights.

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There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas
Secretary of the Board