

Next GNYBA Board Meeting is March 22, 2018. Location to be confirmed.

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2018

In Attendance: D. Moss, B. Gellas, P. Lentz, U. Ivatury, J. Bayone, F. Levine, T. Ashmore, S. Levine, M. Cole, A. Parrish, B. Weisgal, G. Wallach, Y. Sobel, A. Rudary, J. Hu

Secretary's Report

As there was no opposition to the Board/Slate presented to the GNYBA membership, the proposed slate has become effective.

B. Gellas spoke about the need for Board members to sign up for committees and consider volunteering as Chairs. D. Moss will propose the committees based on the sign ups.

Treasurer's Report

Tara Ashmore reported that the year-end financials are almost completed and as it now stands, the GNYBA shows a loss of \$7,492 (the amount we lost at the Edgar Kaplan Regional) for 2017. The total current assets of the organization are \$225,375.

Tournament Report

Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional Overview

- Based on survey results, we found that people were generally happy with the tournament.
- Sticking points were that the Wyndam New Yorker Hotel is a bad venue and there was no coffee.
- The Board will look into improving player experience, short of providing coffee, which because of union rules, makes the cost per cup \$10.00.

Eastern States Regional

Based on the financial loss the GNYBA experienced at the Edgar Kaplan Regional, the increase in costs for The New York Hilton Midtown in May and the overall current and projected decline in attendance, the Board discussed raising card fees for the Eastern States Regional.

- P. Lentz moved to increase the card fee for all events, including Newcomer Events, to \$22.50 per person per session. The motion was seconded by M. Cole. After discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.

Under our contract with the Hilton, we have the option to use a room at no extra cost on the evening of May 22 for an extra event.

- A. Rudary volunteered to chair a committee that will look into holding an event to kick off the tournament. She will report back to the Board plans that are developed at the March 22 Board meeting.

Award Night

Honors will be hosting its annual Awards Night on April 12, 2018 for players who earned the most masterpoints at Honors in 2017 and to recognized winners of the ACBL Ace of Clubs and McKinney Races.

Youth Bridge

Barbara McClendon asked the Board for \$2,000 to fund through May her Sunday youth bridge program and Youth Tournament to be held at the Eastern States Regional.

- A. Parrish moved to provide the requested funding. S. Levine seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried with 13 for and 2 abstentions.

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There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas
Secretary of the Board