

Next GNYBA Board Meeting is May 14, 2018. Location to be confirmed.

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2018

In Attendance: D. Moss, B. Gellas, P. Lentz, J. Bayone, F. Levine, T. Ashmore, S. Levine, A. Parrish, L. Weisbrod, J. Arias, A. Rudary, P. Ellis

Secretary's Report

B. Gellas reported that the current membership in the GNYBA still stands at 3,197, despite the addition of 45 new members and transfers in.

B. Gellas also presented the new logo options and a revised flyer for the May regional. Both were adopted at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Tara Ashmore presented the financials that compare 2016 and 2017 and reported that our financial information is now available in QuickBooks, which will make it easier to monitor. The balance sheet remains basically unchanged from one year to the next, The total current assets of the organization are \$225,083.98.

GNYBA Priorities for 2018

Steve Levine presented priorities that will guide our activities for 2018 as follows:

PRIORITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GNYBA In order to provide guidance to the decision-making of the organization, the Board finds that the priorities of the GNYBA are:

1. To secure the long term financial stability of the organization.
2. To organize and run free-standing sectional and regional bridge tournaments within the Unit.
3. To support and promote organized bridge, including at clubs within the Unit, to the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing priorities.
4. To assure that the unique difficulties confronting organized bridge in New York City are presented to and, to the extent possible, addressed by the ACBL.

After discussion, a motion to adopt these guideline was made by Allison Rudary and seconded by Adam Parrish. The motion passed.

Charity Event at the Eastern States Regional

Allison presented a proposal for the charity game that has been added to the May tournament schedule. The charity selected is City Harvest because they are having a childhood hunger campaign in May. In partnership with the organization, we will be able to have a portal that allows people to contribute even if they don't attend the event.

The group proposed that the event have both a 0-299 section and a stratified open section. Raffles will be sold on-site for donated prizes. We will place donation envelopes on the tables to augment the sale of raffle tickets. Doors will open at 6:30; game will start at 7:00. Card fee will be \$30.

Zeus made a motion to adopt these proposals. It was seconded by P. Ellis. The motion passed. A. Parrish was against, arguing for a higher card fee.

There will also be an open bar at the event, funded by the GNYBA. Participants will also receive a "goody bag" as a thank you. Allison will work with her committee on publicity which will include flyers and postcards. She asked for \$300 to get the publicity and goody bags started.

S. Levine made a motion to provide Allison with the funds. It was seconded by D. Moss. The motion carried.

Further decisions on allocation of funds for this event will be approved by the Executive Committee.

Awards Dinner

Honors will be hosting an awards dinner for Ace of clubs and Mini-McKenny winners, along with new life masters and Honors players who won the most masterpoints in 2017.

D. Moss requested that the GNYBA give Honors \$400 toward the cost of the event. A. Rudary made a motion that was seconded by A. Parrish. The motion carried.

Hospitality Committee

B. Gellas presented ideas that the Committee adopted for the May regional, which include:

- Reusable new signage for Hospitality, Partnership, Newcomers and Welcome. "Entries" is another possible sign.
- Twice daily door prizes
- Newcomer registration package
- Candy
- Stickers
- Name tags for Board members

To cover the cost of these items, she requested and received a budget of \$3,000.

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There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas

Secretary of the Board