

Next GNYBA Board Meeting is August 9, 2018. Location to be confirmed.

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2018

In Attendance: D. Moss (by phone), B. Gellas, P. Lentz, T. Ashmore, S. Levine, L. Weisbrod, J. Arias, A. Rudary, P. Ellis, B. Weisgal, R. Marchione, B. Kimmel, U. Ivatury

Secretary's Report

B. Gellas reported that she, U. Ivatury and P. Lentz had sent welcome letters to all new ACBL members who joined our unit since January, 2018. The letter had been updated by P. Lentz to include information about the Eastern States Regional, esp. the charity event and newcomer efforts.

Treasurer's Report

T. Ashmore reported that our financials remain the same. She is currently truing up STaC dollars. She also announced that the GNYBA has files an extension for the Form 990.

Eastern States Regional

Charity Event

A. Rudary reported that as of May 14, there are 15 tables pre-registered for the open section of the charity game and about 7 tables for the 299er section. Seven NY pros have volunteered to be raffled at the event. In addition to receiving a raffle ticket in the goody bag, raffles will be sold for \$10 each at the game.

Allison will send an e-mail to gather a group to stuff goody bags for the event on the afternoon of May 22. The bags will include branded hand sanitizer, a raffle ticket, cookies, info about City Harvest and candy.

Allison requested that the Board make a special effort to talk up this game to encourage more sign-ups, especially among the 299er group. Flyers and post cards were distributed at the meeting.

Newcomer Desk

A. Rudary reported that tri-fold convention card holders have been purchased for the newcomer gifts. The gift bag will also include a sticker, the Daily Bulletin, candy and a door prize ticket.

B. Gellas will coordinate with Allison on a time to stuff newcomer bags on May 22.

Hospitality Committee

B. Gellas reported that T. Ashmore had purchased the new signage for the tournament, which she will deliver to the Hilton on May 22. In addition, all the door prizes have been purchased and

P. Ellis reported that the candy and new stickers have been purchased. A. Parrish had the name tags for Board members manufactured and they have been distributed for Board members to wear at the tournament.

B. Gellas circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the partnership, hospitality and newcomers desks. Most slots have been filled, but there is still a need for coverage on some days.

The group then discussed whether or not to pay the Hilton for use of a sound system during the tournament for a cost of about \$300 a day. Arguments for the use were that the room is quite large and it would bring some order to the directors' announcements, would facilitate welcome remarks from the GNYBA President and would be useful in calling the numbers for the door prizes. Arguments against were the cost and that it is a "nice to have", not a "need to have." After P. Lentz called the question, a motion was made by S. Levine and seconded by U. Ivatury to rent sound equipment from the Hilton for the tournament. The motion carried with 9 in favor, 1 opposed and 3 abstentions.

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There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas
Secretary of the Board