

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2018

Next Meeting is Wednesday October 17. Location TBD. Dinner to Follow

In Attendance: D. Moss, P. Lentz, T. Ashmore, A. Rudary, B. Weisgal, U. Ivatury, G. Wallach, A. Rosenthal, V. Apter, B. Kimmel, J. Hu, M. Berkowitz, J. Bayone, J. Zeus Arias, R. Marchione, A. Silverstein

Treasurer's Report

T. Ashmore submitted financials for the full year 2017 through the first half of 2018. There was a net loss of approx. \$3,200 in 2017. Assets as of August 9 are \$233,000 with a net year to date gain of approx. \$3,500. Moss asked for people to contact him if interested in serving on the Audit committee which will review the 2017 Tax return. Rudary volunteered.

BoD Membership

Moss noted changes to the Board of Directors. Roberta Meadows and Rozanne Pollack have resigned. Vicki Apter has joined. Peggy Ellis will manage Partnerships. In August Gellas will be sending out the board list so that people can vote for the Nominating Committee in the next few weeks. Please be sure to return your ballots.

Moss noted that the District 24 ACBL Board Member comes up for election next year. 2019 GNYBA board members will eligible to vote for the ACBL board position.

ACBL Nationals in Atlanta

Moss highlighted the many events in which our players did well at the Nationals including the Spingold, the GNT, and the Columbia teams.

GNTs

Steve Levine, Andrew Rosenthal and Phil Lentz are the Conditions of Contest Committee for the upcoming GNTs. Events will be in Manhattan.

Winter Regional

Lentz presented the schedule noting changes to Newcomer events and Side Games. Moss indicated that Side Games had been held for the Eastern States Regional at Honors rather than at the tournament. The Schedule for the Winter Regional as proposed did not include Side Games. Moss noted three potential outcomes to be discussed before the Schedule would be finalized; eliminate side games, hold side games at the Regional in the Hilton, hold side games away from the Regional at Honors.

Arias proposed that GNYBA hold side games at Honors and Rudary seconded. Notable comments during the discussion were:

Ivatury summarized the issue as using a regional sanction to update a club game.

Bayone stated if it was an issue of awarding gold points at the club that he doesn't care about the gold points, "red is fine". He is interested in a regionally rated event.

Weisgal asked for a cost benefit for the options; Moss asked that the decision not be driven by the economics which could be sorted out.

Logistically, while the prior event did not conform with ACBL guidance to have an ACBL Director and TA present at all times, this is now a requirement. This requirement applies to any ACBL sanctioned event.

Rudary noted that there are a lot of things we can do to make the side games at Honors feel like they are part of the regional.

When the motion was put to a vote it carried by 11 votes to 2 with 3 abstentions.

Moss noted that our tournament committees including Hospitality/Partnership, Publicity, Special Events will be convening after Labor Day to develop specific ideas and actions for the Regional

ACBL Charity Designations

Lentz reported Steve Levine's recommendation for allocation of donations from the ACBL Charity Foundation. The Board voted to agree to the recommendation to donate \$10,000 to City Harvest and \$5,000 to the Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York.

Sectionals at Clubs

There was brief discussion of holding Sectionals which has not been done by the GNYBA in some time. Moss noted the ACBL requirement to have ACBL Tournament Directors and TAs which Bayone acknowledged and indicated Honors is developing TAs from its staff and they may need some time to develop. Folks noted other districts that run Sectionals for players with limited point ranges and other formats or prizes that might make a Sectional attractive. Lentz will determine how we get an ACBL sanction for a limited points Sectionals and Regionals

GNYBA Web Site

The web site frequently is hacked because it is on a free hosting service that makes it difficult to secure. Ivatury will lead a committee to recommend alternatives.

Educational / New Player Proposals

Moss asked that members should submit specific proposals to request funding for educational and related programs to promote bridge in New York City

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There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Ashmore, Treasurer

for Bonnie Gellas

Secretary of the Board