

Next GNYBA Board Meeting is March 23, 2017. Location to be confirmed.

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2017

In Attendance: P. Ellis, D. Moss, B. Gellas, R. Marchione, S. Culbertson, P. Lentz, E. Friedman, R. Moller, B. Hendra, J. Hearn, Y. Sobel, D. Yoon

President's Report

David reported that there are currently 3,324 members of the GNYBA, down 74 from 2016. The average age of our unit member is 69. As a retention effort, the group discussed ways to make new members feel a part of the group.

Action Item: Ellen Friedman will contact new GNYBA members and provide them with a list of clubs and who to call with questions.

Treasurer's Report

We still have over \$220,000 in our bank account. The December Edgar Kaplan Regional lost about \$5,000. There were 1,142 tables, down from 1,255 in 2015.

Tournament Report

Eastern States Regional – May 2017 Stephannie Culbertson reported that the schedule has been finalized for the tournament and she is working with the ACBL for ads to appear in both the April and May Bulletins. She will contact BBO about placing an ad with them. The tournament will be held at the Hilton.

Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional – December 2017. Stephannie reported that the sanction request has been submitted. The tournament will be held at the Whydam – New Yorker.

Victor Mitchell Pro-Am – February 3, 2017 Phil Lentz reported that there are currently 20 Ams registered, which is on par with previous years at this point in the registration process.

Action Item: Yoko Sobel will order convention card holders and pens to be given as gifts to the Ams.

GNTs – February 2017 Phil Lenz reported that the dates are set and sanctioned for Saturday and Sunday February 11 and 12.

STaCs David Moss reported that the 3 week-long STaCs for 2017 are sanctioned and set. The dates are March 21-27, June 12-18 and October 6-12. In addition, the Newcomer Weekend (February 3-5) is sanctioned. Still undecided is when the GNYBA will hold its remaining three-day sectionals.

Action Item: David Moss will discuss dates with the ACBL STaC Coordinator, Aaron Silverstein, Jeff Bayone and the Long Island Board and will report back at the next Board meeting.

Youth Bridge

A motion was made and seconded to provide Barbara McClendon with \$1,500 for the Youth Bridge program she runs. Peggy Ellis included the caveat that she needs to provide an accounting for how the funds are used.

Publicity

Barbara Hendra suggested that the Board distribute flyers about the Eastern States Regional to university and private clubs, churches and synagogues that hold sanctioned or unsanctioned bridge games as a way to boost attendance at the May event.

Action Item: Rachael Moller will work on updating the flyer from 2016 and show a draft to the Board at the March meeting.

Action Item: Barbara Hendra will provide a list of organizations who should receive the flyer.

Awards Dinner

The Board is looking to co-host the annual awards dinner with Honors for those who won the Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney and new Life Masters and the players of the year at Honors.

Action Item: David Moss will discuss possible dates for the event with Jeff Bayone. The likely date will be March 29.

Action Item: Peggy Ellis will order the medals from the ACBL.

Action Item: David Moss will ask Jeff Hearn if he could design a poster listing all the award winners, similar to last year's poster.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas
Secretary of the Board