

**Next GNYBA Board Meeting is May 8, 2017. Location to be confirmed.**

## **GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2017**

In Attendance: D.Moss, B. Gellas, R. Marchione, S. Culbertson, P. Lentz, Y. Sobel, S Picus, M. Berkowitz, G. Wallach, A. Miller, W. Begert

### **Secretary's Report**

Bonnie reported that the GNYBA added 24 new members in February.

*Action Item:* Phil Lentz will take over welcoming new members from Ellen Friedman, who has resigned for health reasons from the Board.

### **Treasurer's Report (Given by D. Moss)**

We still have over \$270,000 in our bank account but have outstanding bills of approximately \$55,000 from the Edgar Kaplan Regional in December.

David also reported that the GNYBA has been a victim of fraud, costing the organization approximately \$7,500. He and Benjamin Weisgal have been working with the LAPD - who uncovered the scam - to recover the money.

*Action Item:* Bonnie Gellas will work on drafting By-Laws so that we have procedures in place for approving and paying bills going forward.

### **Tournament Report**

Eastern States Regional – May 2017 Stephannie Culbertson reported that ads for the tournament will be in the April and May Bulletins. Pedro Henriquez will make the boards and find caddies.

Newcomer Program The Newcomer Committee that met on March 6 agreed to lower the card fees for the 199 games at the Eastern States Regional to \$10. In addition, the ACBL will not charge the non-member surcharge. Phil Lentz has been working on ads with BBO to promote the newcomer discounts. Rachel Moeller developed a flyer to distribute to private clubs and organization promoting the Eastern States Regional. Discussion followed on naming contacts at these clubs/organizations to help the GNYBA distribute the flyers.

GNTs – February 2017 Phil Lenz reported that the events went well.

### **Awards Dinner**

Honors is hosting the awards dinner for ACBL masterpoint race winners and Honors players of the year winners on March 30. They are providing free plays to all honorees. As well as providing dinner. Stephannie Culbertson motioned and Phil Lentz seconded giving Honors \$200 to cover the cost of wine for the event.

### **Youth Bridge**

David Moss began a discussion about finding a person/persons who could act as our “Debbie Rosenberg” and champion youth bridge in our Unit. Board members are asked to think about possible candidates and let David know who might be appropriate.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas  
Secretary of the Board