

Next GNYBA Board Meeting is August 3, 2017. Location to be confirmed.

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2017

In Attendance: D.Moss, B. Gellas, S. Culbertson, P. Lentz, Y. Sobel, S Picus, J. Hearn, G. Wallach, B. Hendra, D. Libchaber, S. Weaver, R. Moller, U. Ivatury

Secretary's Report

Bonnie reported that the GNYBA added 50 new members in April. She then presented the By-Laws and Constitution for ratification. After a discussion of wording changes, and a concern that having 100 District members approve GNYBA business at the Annual Meeting may be too aspiration, PLentz made a motion to adopt the By-Laws and Consttution. It was seconded by SPicus. The vote did not meet the requirements for a quorum, so the By-Laws and Constitution will be e-mailed to all Board members and those who have not voted will be asked to vote for or against in an e-mail response.

Action Item: Bonnie will e-mail the documents to the Board members with a note explaining the need for their vote.

Treasurer's Report (Given by D. Moss)

We still have over \$230,000 in our bank account and our Citibank accounts are now up and running.

David reported that the GNYBA is still out about \$7,600 from the wire fraud. Citibank is still working on trying to recover the money.

Action Item: David Libchaber will work with David Moss to develop an Audit committee as a safeguard going forward.

Tournament Report

Stephannie Culbertson reported that contracts have been signed with the NY Hilton for the 2017 Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional and the 2018 Eastern States Regional.

Eastern States Regional – May 2017 Stephannie Culbertson reported that everything is ready for the May tournament with the exception of the Newcomer Program. Susan Weaver asked for volunteers to work the various desks throughout the tournament, including the newly formed Newcomer Welcome Desk.

Action Item: Susan will reach out to all Board members to solicit volunteers.

GNTs – February 2017 Phil Lenz reported that the Open and A teams have been determined. Flight B is still to be completed.

NAP qualifiers will be run at the clubs starting in June. The actual NAP games to determine who will represent the District will be held in October.

Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional – David Moss will gather a group to finalize the schedule for the winter tournament after the Eastern States Regional is completed. The goal is to get the schedule to the ACBL by June 30.

Youth Bridge

David Moss reported that to date, no one has stepped forward to serve as the overall coordinator of the Youth Bridge program. Benjamin Weisgal suggested getting a roster of youth programs from the ACBL so that we can contact them to see how they got off the ground. After some discussion it was decided to table the program until someone steps forward to run it.

Replacement Board Member

Uday Ivatury was voted in as a replacement Board member to fill the spot vacated by Ellen Friedman.

Other Business

David Libchaber reported that the GNYBA website has been renewed.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas
Secretary of the Board