

Next GNYBA Board Meeting is October 4, 2017. Location to be confirmed.

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2017

In Attendance: D.Moss, B. Gellas, S. Culbertson, P. Lentz, S Picus, U. Ivatury, J. Bayone, A. Levy, D Libchaber, F. Levine, T. Ashmore, S. Levine., L. Weisbrod

Secretary's Report

David Moss reported that Tara Ashmore is joining the board and assisting Benjamin with financial matters and that Candice Kurtz has resigned from the Board.

Bonnie Gellas will be sending out the ballots for the Nominating committee to select incoming Board members for 2018. Nominees will be presented to the Board in October and the election will take place at the Annual Board Meeting at the December Edgar Kaplan Regional.

Treasurer's Report (Given by D. Moss)

We still have approximately \$171 in our bank account, and prepaid hotel deposits of \$38,000 in for upcoming regionals and approximately \$10-\$15,000 STaC in receivables. In all, we are about \$10,000 down from the beginning of the year and expect to break even for the year going into December Edgar Kaplan Regional.

Tournament Report

Edgar Kaplan Regional 2017 – The schedule has been circulated to all Board members and since there were no objections, it was accepted. Discussion then began about how to make the regional more special. Ideas were floated for offering a subsidized bar, having a hospitality suite, resurrecting the restaurant guide and reducing entry fees for the Board-A-Match (BAM) and providing pre-duplicated boards for bracketed Swiss events. In addition, Roberta Meadow will be taking over the Partnership Committee and will provide some suggestions for sprucing up the tournament for the Board to consider.

Action Item: A BAM Committee, chaired by Stephannie Culbertson and David Moss, was formed to look into ways to increase participation in the BAM.

GNTs The Board passed a motion to require Flight C players to qualify at the Clubs before they can participate in the GNTs this fall. Teams will be formed from the qualifying players. The goal is to increase awareness of this event among newer players.

Action Item: Phil Lentz will work with Long Island to support this initiative. Conditions of contest will need to be prepared.

Youth Bridge

Barbara McClendon sent her thanks to the Board for their support of the youth bridge program she is running. David Moss announced the Hunter is looking for volunteers to teach bridge in the fall. The GNYBA is working with New England to run a on line Youth tournament.

ACBL Board Report - Al Levy.

Toronto attendance was above expectations. There are people on the ACBL board who are opposed to the dues paid the ACBL to the WBF. Al believes the WBF is important to our membership.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas

Secretary of the Board