

Next GNYBA Board Meeting is December 6, 2018. Location to be confirmed.

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2018

In Attendance: D. Moss, B. Gellas, P. Lentz, J. Bayone, F. Levine, T. Ashmore, S. Levine, A. Parrish, L. Weisbrod, J. Arias, A. Rudary, U. Ivatury, M. Polowan, A. Rosenthal, M. Berkowitz, R. Moller, D. Gurvich, D. Garber, V. Apter, Y. Sobel, A. Levy, J. Hu

Secretary's Report

B. Gellas reported the results of the Nominating Committee selection process. The Committee that will nominate new board members for 2019 are: P. Ellis, B. Gellas, U. Ivatury, A. Rudary, D. Moss. Alternates are: S. Levine and P. Lentz.

The Committee will meet over the next few weeks and will present a slate of Board members and officers at the December 6th meeting. The approval of the slate will occur at the Annual Meeting during the Edgar Kaplan Regional.

Treasurer's Report

D. Moss reported that it appear the GNYBA will realize approximately a \$2,500 gain for the year.

D. Moss also reported that the Audit Committee, composed of V. Apter and A. Rudary are reviewing the 2018 tax return prior to filing.

Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional

In an effort to increase attendance at the Regional and in specific events, the following ideas were presented to the Board:

- The GNYBA will send postcards to all members (and perhaps lapsed members) who haven't been attending our regionals offering a \$10 discount on card fees to entice them to come.
- To promote the BAM, we will sponsor an ACBL-rated Bam-type game with food and drink and provide a free entry to the December BAM to the winners.
- We will do a targeted promotion for the 2-session newcomer game (with Honors' help), which will offer a trophy to the winner. The idea of naming the game the Margie Cup was discussed but no decision has been made.

Hospitality Committee

- B. Gellas will schedule a meeting of the Hospitality Committee to discuss ways to improve the player experience at the Hilton, beyond door prizes. The group will also discuss what promotional item we will give to newcomers who register to play.

- A. Rudary made the motion to allocate \$1,250 to the Hospitality Committee. It was seconded by A. Parrish. The provisional budget was approved.
- The Committee will present a full budget at the December meeting.

Eastern States Regional

D. Moss noted that the schedule for the May regional needs to be finalized by the end of December. With that in mind he also said we need to find innovative ideas to stem the year-over-year loss in attendance, which is about 8% a year. D. Moss said he was willing to chair a committee to look into innovative ideas. A. Parrish volunteered to be on that committee.

GNT Schedule

The play dates for the GNTs are as follows:

February 10 – Flight B

February 24 – Flights A and C

March 2 – Open Flight, final on March 3

February Sectional

A committee comprised of J. Bayone, P. Lentz, J. Arias, L. Levine, and D. Moss are looking into the feasibility of running a sectional at Honors from February 7 – 10. The main issue to be decided is whether it is an open sectional or a 0-750 sectional.

Conflict of Interest Policy

S. Levine presented a Conflict of Interest policy for the Board to adopt, which A. Levy said is in line with the ACBL's actions in this area. After discussion, A. Rudary made a motion to adopt the policy. A. Parrish seconded the motion and it was carried.

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There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas

Secretary of the Board