

## **Next GNYBA Board Meeting is January 10, 2019. Location to be confirmed.**

### **GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2018**

In Attendance: D. Moss, B. Gellas, P. Lentz, J. Bayone, F. Levine, T. Ashmore, S. Levine, A. Parrish, L. Weisbrod, U. Ivatury, D. Garber, V. Apter, J. Hu, A. Rhodes, K. Todd, G. Wallach, P. Birnbaum, B. Weisgal

#### **Secretary's Report**

B. Gellas presented the slate of candidates and proposed Board Officers for 2019 (the slate is attached) and introduced the new members in attendance.

The approval of the slate will occur at the Annual Meeting during the Edgar Kaplan Regional.

She also distributed the calendar of events for 2019 (attached)

#### **Treasurer's Report**

T. Ashmore reported that the tax returns have been filed and the GNYBA is up about \$5,000 for the year before the Edgar Kaplan Regional. .

#### **Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional**

- U. Ivatury reported that he sent about 500 postcards to all members who haven't been attending our regionals offering a 50% discount on card fees on the first event they play.
- B. Gellas reported the ideas agreed to by the Hospitality Committee and asked the Board to approve a budget (attached) of \$2,100 to provide door prizes, coffee vouchers, a newcomer registration gift, trophies for winners of the Countess Cup, prizes for top masterpoint winners in the 0-300, 300-750 and 750-2000 ranges, cash and other prizes to winners of featured events, plants and hand sanitizers,
  - After discussion, A. Parrish moved to approve the \$2,100 budget. L. Weisbrod seconded it. The motion passed.
- D. Moss said there may be a "Gurvich" game one evening after the tournament. He will work with D. Gurvich and R. Moller to set it up.
- The idea of changing the dates of our regionals was brought up as a possible way to stem the decline in attendance. A committee made up of A. Parrish, P. Lentz, S. Levine and D. Moss will look into it.

#### **Eastern States Regional**

- P. Lentz reminded the Board that the schedule for the 2019 tournament needs to be finalized by January 2019 to meet the advertising deadlines of the ACBL. The schedule is almost set, but he is waiting to see how the newcomer events are received in our upcoming tournament before setting that schedule.

- D. Moss took an informal poll of the attendees about changing the start time for games to 10:30am. The majority wanted to keep it at 10:00.
- K. Todd volunteered to chair a committee that will look into possible charities the GNYBA can support at a charity game before the May regional. S. Levine and P. Birnbaum volunteered to be on the committee. They will report back at the January Board meeting.

## **February Sectional**

Honors, in partnership with the GNYBA, will be hosting a 0-500 masterpoint (including Life Masters) Sectional February 7 – 10. Limiting the masterpoint eligibility greatly reduces the administrative costs of running the sectional, making it feasible to run.

Holding an additional sectional in 2019 is still a possibility.

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There was no further business and A. Parrish made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by P. Lentz and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas  
Secretary of the Board