

**Next GNYBA Board Meeting is March 13, 2019(NEW DATE). Location to be confirmed.**

## **GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2019**

In Attendance: D. Moss, B. Gellas, P. Lentz, J. Bayone, T. Ashmore, S. Levine, A. Parrish, U. Ivatury, D. Garber, V. Apter, J. Hu, A. Rhodes, K. Todd, R. Marchione, G. Minitier, A. Rudary, A. Rosenthal, P. Ellis, F. Levine, M. Warren, W. Sigward, S. Weinstein

### **President's Report**

D. Moss announced that there have been changes to the officer roster for 2019. Steve Levine has assumed the role of Tournament chair. A. Rhodes has assumed the role of GNT and NAOP coordinator. Partnership will be co-chaired by V. Apter and D. Garber.

### **Secretary's Report**

B. Gellas circulated a sign-up sheet for board members to volunteer for the various committees that support the GNYBA tournaments.

### **Treasurer's Report**

T. Ashmore reported that the tax returns have been filed and the GNYBA will likely finish 2018 in a positive financial position. The 2018 tax return will be filed in May.

### **Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional**

- B. Gellas reported that the player experience at the tournament was improved with the addition of prizes, coffee vouchers, masterpoint races, newcomer care and Facebook posts. She indicated that the Hospitality Committee for the May Eastern States Regional will try to be even more innovative.
- D. Moss reported that the tournament was successful on many levels, including lower attrition than expected, an exceptional number of student players attending, bigger newcomer games and a successful Countess Cup.
- The idea of changing the dates of our winter regionals was brought up as a possible way to stem the decline in attendance. A "Future Regionals" committee made up of A. Parrish, P. Lentz, S. Levine and D. Moss will look into changing the dates for the Edgar Kaplan Regional.

### **Eastern States Regional**

- K. Todd and A. Rudary (event co-chairs) presented two charities to consider for the pre-regional game: Girls Who Code and Children's Aid Society.
  - After discussion, A. Parrish made a motion to bring the issue to a vote. P. Ellis seconded it.
  - The Board voted to support Girls Who Code with our pre-tournament game.

A committee composed of K. Todd, A. Rudary and G. Miniter will present a proposal about the details of the game to the Board at the March meeting

- P. Lentz presented the schedule for the tournament for the Board's approval. He noted that based on the e-mail discussions, new events including Flighted Swiss Teams and evening Horizontal Fast Pairs were added. The start time of games was also changed to 10:30 a.m. and the break between sessions will be 15 minutes shorter.
  - A discussion followed about how many boards should be played in the pair events to still finish these events by approximately 6:00 p.m. A. Parrish moved to reduce the number of boards in all pair events to 24, except The Goldman Pair. Andrew Rosenthal seconded the motion. The Board voted to change the number of boards in all pair games to 24.
  - A. Rhodes suggested changing the start time of the evening sessions to 7:30 so that those who played in the afternoon had an adequate dinner break. After discussion, the board voted to change the start time of the Horizontal Fast Pairs to 7:15 p.m.
  - A proposal was made to change the Friday Stratified Pairs to IMP pairs for A/X and regulars pairs for B/C. Phil Lentz made a motion to make this change. It was seconded by A. Rudary. The Board voted to accept the change.
  - S. Levine made a motion to adopt the schedule as revised. It was seconded by A. Parrish. The Board voted in favor of accepting the new amended schedule.
- G. Miniter asked if there were ways to attract players from other states/cities by offering discount parking and better distribution of tournament information. The Board will make reference to parking discount site on the Web and will try to negotiate a deal with the local garage. G. Miniter will work on a marketing strategy.

## **February Sectional**

D. Moss reminded the Board that Honors, in partnership with the GNYBA, will be hosting a 0-500 masterpoints (including Life Masters) Sectional February 7 – 10.

## **Meeting Date Change**

Because of scheduling conflicts, the March 12 Board Meeting was changed to March 13.

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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