

**Next GNYBA Board Meeting is June 5, 2019. Location to be confirmed.**

## **GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2019**

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

### **President's Report**

D. Moss reported that Bill Sigward will be joining the Board in June.

### **Secretary's Report**

B. Gellas announced that the election for District Representative is coming up and potential candidates have until May 31 to enter the race. She added that the GNYBA will use electronic voting so all Board members are reminded to make sure the ACBL has their current e-mail address. Candidates will address the Board at our next meeting on June 6. Voting will take place in August.

### **Treasurer's Report**

T. Ashmore reported that the 2018 GNYBA financials have been completed and show a modest profit for the year. The results are in line with the 2017 financials. The P&L for the regional tournaments is flat: there is a profit from the STaCs. Tournament losses were offset by membership income from the ACBL.

### **2020 December Regional**

D. Moss reported that there are 3 possible dates for the 2020 December regional:

- November 8 – 12
- December 16 – 20
- December 26 – 30

After discussion of the pros and cons of each set of dates, B. Gellas made a motion to poll the Board to see which dates were preferred, which was seconded by K. Todd. The results of the poll eliminated the December 16-20 dates. K. Todd made a motion to accept November 8 – 12 as the dates for the 2020 Edgar Kaplan Regional. The motion was seconded by Andrew Rosenthal. The motion carried with 17 in favor, 3 opposed.

### **Eastern States Regional**

K. Todd presented an update on the status of the charity event.

- There will be 3 sections: 0-300, open and casual shuffle and play.
- As of the Board meeting, there were 36 people signed up for the event.

- Each attendee will receive 2 drink tickets with the option to purchase more at a subsidized rate
- Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event
- Many pros have agreed to serve as raffle prizes

B. Gellas presented an update on the hospitality/newcomer activities and circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the hospitality, partnership and newcomer desks.

- In addition to coffee vouchers and door prizes, there will be cash awards for winners of featured events and top masterpoint winner. There will also be a “frequent player” drawing at the end of the tournament that will provide free entries to the winner for the any subsequent GNYBA tournament. Flyers have been distributed at the clubs and posted to the website and FB.
- Newcomer registration gifts have been purchased, along with trophies for the 2-session newcomer game. Targeted newcomer flyers have been distributed at the clubs and to newcomer teachers/directors and posted to our website and FB.
- New stickers have been made for the regional and the usual candy will be on hand.

### **2019 Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional**

P. Lentz presented proposed schedule for the 2019 winter regional, noting that committee tried to create a balance of current and new events. The committee will evaluate the new events it plans to add after the May regional where they will be introduced.

- K. Todd will develop an “on-the-spot” survey for feedback on the new events and potential other new events.
- D. Moss will make sure questions about the events are included in our post-tournament survey

### **2020 Regionals**

D.Moss reported that as of the meeting we do not have a location for the 2020 May regional.

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There was no further business and B. Kimmel made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by S. Levine and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas  
Secretary of the Board

