

Next GNYBA Board Meeting is August 6, 2019. Location to be confirmed.

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2019

In Attendance: D. Moss, B. Gellas, J. Bayone, T. Ashmore, A. Parrish, U. Ivatury, V. Apter, J. Hu, A. Rhodes, K. Todd, A. Rosenthal, L. Weisbrod, R. Marchione, W. Sigward, G. Wallach, M. Berkowitz

President's Report

- D. Moss noted that our Unit was well represented at the USBF Trials and congratulated all the GNYBAers who have secured spots to represent the USA in China in September.
- D. Moss announced that Tara Ashmore will be leaving the Board as she has accepted a new job in Washington, DC. She will continue to handle the GNB financial matters until a suitable replacement is identified.
- In T. Ashmore's absence, D. Moss reported that the GNYBA experienced a financial loss on the Eastern States Regional, but indicated that with ACBL membership revenue, STaCs and GNTs, full year 2019 losses are expected to be small.

Charity Game Recap

K. Todd reported that the Girls Who Code event raised approximated \$7,500 for the organization. There were 32 tables in play, down from 2018 but donations were significantly increased.

D. Moss formally thanked the Committee for their hard work and the pros for donating their time and expertise.

Eastern States Regional Recap

D. Moss reported that the table count for the recent regional was down 4.5%, a number in line with the ACBL is experiencing overall.

Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional

Adam Parrish presented the proposed schedule for the December regional. It includes

- A flighted team event and a flighted pair event, as was scheduled in May. All agreed our marketing needs to explain how these events work much better.
- Single-session newcomer games and a 2nd Annual 2-session Countess Cup for newcomers

- After discussion, A. Rhodes made a motion to keep the 2-day Board-A-Match event for another year. If the event has less than 13 tables, the event will be eliminated going forward. U. Ivatury seconded the motion, which was passed by the Board.

A motion was made by A. Parrish to adopt the schedule; it was seconded by A. Rosenthal. The motion carried.

2020 Contracts

D. Moss reported that the GNYBA has secured contracts with the Hilton for the 2020 regionals for the following dates:

- December Regional is moving to November and the tournament will run from November 8 – 13.
- May regional will start on Memorial Day (May 25) and through May 30.

Because of the start dates for the tournaments, there will not be an opportunity for a kick-off charity event the night before the tournament starts. A committee will be formed to see what other creative ideas they can come up with to continue this new tradition. There is an overall increase of 2.8% for the contracts. The GNYBA is not responsible for a block of rooms.

District Representative Election

B. Gellas reminded Board members that the voting for District Rep will take place electronically in August. Each Board member should make sure the ACBL has their current e-mail.

There was no further business and M. Berkowitz made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by R. Marchione and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas
Secretary of the Board