

Next GNYBA Board Meeting is October 22nd, 2019 with Annual Board Dinner following. Locations for both to be confirmed.

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2019 (prepared by A. Rhodes in absence of Secretary B. Gellas).

Attendance: D. Moss, J. Bayone, A. Parrish, V. Apter, , A. Rhodes, K. Todd, A. Rosenthal, , W. Sigward, G. Wallach, D. Garber; P. Lentz; F. Levine; G. Minitier; J. Rothstein; A. Rudary; A. Silverstein; M. Warren, B. Kimmel

Secretary's Report (given by D. Moss in B. Gellas absence):

- D. Moss noted District Director ballots will be sent to board members 8/15 and urged everyone to vote. Discussion of duties of District Director followed.
- B. Gellas will be sending out a ballot with all 28 current bd members for purpose of selecting a 7 person nominating committee which will meet in October to choose slate of new officers and potential new board members. D. Moss introduced two new board members Bill Sigward and Jeff Rothstein; Rothstein has taken on treasurer role since Tara moved to DC.

Treasurer's report:

- A. Rosenthal asked why entry fees for GNT appear to be lower and D. Moss explained it was just a shift in the way they accounted this time. Current total assets are \$225,000.

President's Report:

- Unit did very well at the Nationals with a number of significant wins.
- D. Moss discussed controversy at ACBL regarding size of the board. There will be a vote to reduce it from 25 to 9 but no one expects it to pass. They may try to create an executive committee instead but the last attempt to do so failed.
- Starting Jan. 1, the ACBL will no longer have Unit recorders; only at the district level.

Marketing Committee Report:

- G.Minitier presented the new flyer for the December regional. The tournament name is now changed to Big Apple to clarify the location. They plan to take a half page ad in the October Bulletin and plan a number of postcard mailings with Save the Date messaging. The tournament may also get mentioned in an international bulletin. They also plan to provide a banner for display at various regionals. Some discussion of needing flyers with a full schedule and suggestion by A. Silverstein that the online version of the schedule work well when printed out as he gets dozens of requests for this. A. Parrish suggested putting the pricing for junior attendees clearly on the flyer as well.

2020 GNT and STaC scheduling:

- D. Moss explained that the Common Game will no longer send emails to those who qualified for the NAP so he and J. Bayone agreed they would work to identify qualifiers and notify them somehow.
- GNT conditions of contest are due 8/31. Open teams are set for Sat-Sun Feb. 22/23. B flight will also be Feb. 23rd and A and C dates will be confirmed shortly. A. Rhodes and J. Bayone will also decide which clubs will host each flight.
- G. Miniter raised the idea of reinstituting the Von Zedwitz competition that involves a multi month team knockout but A. Silverstein and D. Moss said that it had proved to be a scheduling nightmare. An alternate idea of using Sunday night for team events was suggested and K. Todd and A. Rudary will work with J. Bayone to propose a format.

Other Business:

- D. Moss discussed the board dinner scheduled for October 22nd (after the board meeting). Cognac has closed so we need a new venue. M. Warren volunteered to find a place near to one of the clubs. D. Moss suggested the GNYBA could subsidize the dinner (up to \$750 or \$1000); A. Rhodes so moved and the motion carried.
- Rosenthal moved to adjourn; A. Silverstein seconded.