

Next GNYBA Board Meeting is January 9, 2020. Location to be confirmed.

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2019

In Attendance: D. Moss, B. Gellas, J. Bayone, V. Apter, J. Hu, A. Rhodes, R. Marchione, F. Levine, J. Rothstein, S. Levine, J. Meyers, N. Trabulus, J. Wank, L. Lin, L. Weisbrod, A. Parrish, W. Sigward, D. Garber

President's Report

D. Moss introduced and welcomed the new Board members for 2020,

D. Moss also reported on the ACBL Board Meetings that were held in San Francisco noting that the Board failed to approve a resolution on how to reduce the size of the Board. He also reported that the ACBL's 2019 financial are looking positive and are expected to remain positive in 2020. He further reported that the ACBL is raising sanction fees and director fees by about 11% next year. The increase in sanction fees is to cover the cost of processing credit card use for entry fees.

In addition, the space rental fees at the Hilton are going up 3% and the new Board will need to decide if it wants to raise entry fees to cover the cost.

Secretary's Report

B. Gellas reported that the dates for the 2020 Board Meetings are 1/9, 3/12, 4/30, 6/16, and 9/22.

Treasurer's Report

J. Rothstein reported that the GNYBA currently has \$190K in cash and receivables. The organization expects to be up a few thousand dollars at year-end, depending on attendance at the Big Apple Regional. He also requested that the Board grant access to QuickBooks to another board member.

The Board approved Joe Meyers as the back-up.

2019 Big Apple Winter Regional

- B. Gellas reported that the Hospitality Committee had completed its plan for improving player experience at the December regional and provided a flyer showing the prizes that will be awarded.
- B. Gellas also circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteering at the Hospitality, Partnership and Newcomer Desks.
- D. Moss reported that the day 1 Bulletin had been prepared and was going to be e-mailed 12/13. In addition, using our Constant contact account, the e-mail committee had sent targeted e-mails about the tournament to our District e-mail list.

- D. Moss also reported that because the May regional starts on Memorial Day and there is no good time to hold a charity event, there will not be one before the tournament starts.

Website

L. Lin reported that he has been growing the GNYBA site and has been updating content frequently, resulting in increased visits. Currently, the content is for newer players and he would like pros to become guest contributors to increase traffic to the site.

E-mail Committee

- D. Moss reported that the committee, which also includes J. Hu and K. Todd, has been looking into comparative pricing and benefits of staying with Constant Contact or going back to Pianola. He pointed out that Constant contact is more expensive, but provides better analytics. Discussion followed.
 - A. Parrish made a motion to use Constant Contact in 2020, which will cost about \$2,500, discounted by 15%. A, Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

GNTs

Rhodes reported that the flyer for the event is on GNYBA website and has been e-mailed to the District. She further said that qualifying games for Flight C players has been eliminated.

2020 Big Apple Spring Regional

- S. Levine presented the proposed schedule for the upcoming tournament, noting that the only new event is Day-long KO. Issues regarding when meal breaks will occur is still under discussion
 - Adam Parrish made a motion to approve the schedule which was seconded by S. Levine. The motion carried.
- A. Parrish brought up the issue of pros playing Flight B events because of point "averaging," pointing out that it was unfair to true Flight B players.
 - He made a motion to change from averaging masterpoints to stratification by player with the most masterpoints. F. Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Events

D.Moss reported that there is room in the schedule for a real Sectional. S. Levine asked for volunteers to help look for space.

There was no further business and S. Levine made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by L. Weisbrod.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Gellas
Secretary of the Board