

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2022

In Attendance (by 'Zoom')

J. Bayone, A. Davidson, B. Gellas, J. Hu, M. Lawson, P. Lentz, F. Levine, S. Levine, L. Lin, D. Moss, A. Parrish, M. Petsch, A. Rhodes, J. Rothstein, A. Rudary, W. Sigward, N. Trabulus, J. Wank, A. Weinshank.

Tournament Committee / Hilton Report

Tournament Chair Marla Lawson reported on initiatives undertaken by the Tournament Committee, including plans designed to create enthusiasm among newer players and those with less than 500 masterpoints.

- Will create an event on March 25 designed for newer players who are not familiar with team play and how team games work. The idea on 3/25 will be for these players to learn how to play in teams;
- The March 25th event will be followed on April 3rd by a 2-session Swiss Teams game, designed for these newer players actually to participate in a real Swiss event;
- On April 22-24, there will be a Sectional Tournament held for players with less than 500 masterpoints;
- Plans are proceeding to hold a Regional Tournament this fall at the Hilton Hotel. The current plan is to hold the Regional on October 6-10, which is a Thursday to Monday. Additional work is required before we sign a contract with the Hilton.

President Adam Parrish thanked Marla for the considerable amount of work she has devoted to make these events happen, and that we are moving forward to make them happen.

David Moss added that it is important to get F-t-F bridge back in play.

Amy Rhodes suggested having a class in IMPs scoring, in conjunction with the Swiss Teams initiatives.

Bonnie Gellas suggested creating a recording or podcast to explain why teams are so good and enjoyable. Adam and others stated that Bonnie's idea was an excellent one.

District Rep Report

David Moss reported on developments at ACBL --

- New events will be added at the upcoming Reno NABC geared toward 0 to 2500 players;
- The Royal STAC went well and will likely become a permanent event;
- Online bridge remains popular and is not going away; ACBL would like to design some kind of 'hybrid' game which would include Face-to-Face players with online players in the same event. Not clear how to make that happen.
- ACBL wants to take steps to maintain and grow traditional F-t-F bridge.
- ACBL is working to streamline the disciplinary process by having its own panels; specifically is working with the American Arbitration Association ... the goal is to create within ACBL certified AAA arbiters in order for decisions to be made by ACBL people, thereby saving a step in the appeals process and closing off arbitration appeals.

2022 GNT

GNT Chair Lee Lin reported on the status of this year's GNT.

- 'A' and 'C' Flights will play on May 14-15;
- 'B' Flight will play on April 30/May 1;
- Championship Flight: May 7/May8 (Semi-final if needed on May 15th). Logistics require the Championship Flight to play on Mother's Day Weekend, May 7-8;
- Whether we play Face-to-Face or Online is yet to be determined;
- Teams surviving the first two days will play in a final KO on Sunday, June 5th.

Club Update

Jeff Bayone reported Cavendish Club has seen an uptick in attendance. There was discussion regarding the reservation system with suggestions for improvement. There was also discussion concerning the presence of professional players playing in the club, and whether that discouraged less experienced players from playing, or not.

Other Business

Adam Parrish stated that the next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd, after the conclusion of the Reno NABC.

Respectfully Submitted by
Bill Sigward, Secretary of the Board

March 9, 2022