

GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2023

In Attendance (by 'Zoom')

J. Bayone, A. Davidson, B. Gellas, J. Hu, M. Jonas-Silver, M. Lawson, P. Lentz, F. Levine, S. Levine, L. Lin, R. Marchione, A. Parrish, M. Petsch, T. Romeo, J. Rothstein, W. Sigward, N. Trabulus, A. Weinshank.

Tournament Report / October 2023 Regional

Marla Lawson reported on the October Regional, to be held October 11th thru the 14th (4 days) at the Astoria World Manor facility in Astoria (Queens), New York City. The schedule for the Regional will be:

Wednesday through Saturday, October 11-14:

10:15am and 3:00pm: Two-session Open Pairs

10:15am and 3:00pm: Two-session Gold Rush Pairs

10:15am and TBD: Open Swiss

Playthrough with a short break

10:15am and TBD: Bracketed Round Robin Teams 0-3500

Playthrough with a short break

Thursday, October 12:

10:15am: Single session Newcomer, 0-199

Saturday, October 14 (Golden Countess Cup)

10:15am: Single session Newcomer, 0-199

3:00pm: Single session Newcomer, 0-199

Other key points discussed:

- ACBL Entry Express is now available to facilitate pre-registration and pre-payment for the Regional.
- Astoria World Manor will provide a la carte luncheon items for players to purchase.
- At the present time, ACBL does not require proof of vaccination, although we should be alert to any changes in that policy by October.
- We will not make or negotiate hotel arrangements for participating players; however, we will need to identify housing for our directors (housing for the directors is TBD).
- The Director in Charge of the Regional will be Alex Bealles.

Members also discussed how best to manage the “Partnership Desk” and the usual incoming requests from players seeking to find a partner. Adam Parrish agreed to set up an online “Google Forms” doc/spreadsheet to help single players identify potential playing partners. Bonnie Gellas made the point that arranging partnerships can be especially beneficial for

newcomer players, and players in the 0 to 750 MP bracket. Lee Lin agreed with Bonnie, and suggested that board members volunteer to be, and/or recruit, "house players" to help solidify partnerships. Jeff Bayone stated he would volunteer his staff from his club to help create agreeable partnerships.

ACBL Charity Foundation 2023 District Rotation Grants

Adam Parrish discussed the 2023 ACBL Charity Grants. District 24 will receive a grant from the ACBL Charity Foundation in 2023 in the amount of \$10,000 to distribute to no more than five separate 501(c)3 non-bridge related charities in the District. The distribution of the \$10,000 does not need to be evenly distributed among the selected charities. There is a deadline of October 1, 2023 to submit to ACBL the names of our charity recipients. Adam requested Board members to submit suggestions of appropriate charity recipients. We are splitting the \$10,000 with Long Island; GNYBA will have \$5,000 to distribute.

Nominating Committee

As is the case at the end of each year, a Nominating Committee will need to be formed to nominate potential candidates to serve on the 2024 GNYBA Board; and to create a slate of officers and members for the 2024 Board which in turn will be submitted for approval at the annual meeting at year-end. Adam requested that any member who wished to serve on this year's Nominating Committee should so inform him. Adam also requested members to suggest candidates to become new board members.

North American Pair Qualifiers (NAP's)

Lee Lin reported that, as previously announced, sanctions have been received to hold the 2023 NAP's on Sunday, October 15th, for flights A and C; and on Sunday, the 22nd, for flight B. Play on both dates will begin at 11:00 am. Due to logistical issues, Long Island has ceded to us the right to hold the NAP's in Manhattan, with play to be conducted Face-to-Face. The games will ideally be held at the new club on 55th Street; and Jeff Bayone confirmed at the meeting that his club could host the qualifiers.

Lee also reported that dates for the 2024 GNT qualifiers have been set for February 4th and 24th, 2024.

Other Business

The date of the next meeting of the GNYBA Board was set for Tuesday, October 3rd at 8:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted by
Bill Sigward, Secretary of the Board

August 23, 2023