

## GNYBA Board Meeting Minutes 2024-11-19

Attendees: Alan Davidson, Lee Lin, Stephannie Culbertson, Barbara Ullman, Bill Sigward, Adam Parrish, Jeff Bayone, Melanie Petsch, Jeffrey Rothstein, Tom Romeo, Steve Levine, Phil Lentz, Amy Rhodes, Marla Lawson, Rachael Moller, Abigail Weinshank, Deborah Tormey, Mee Warren, Gail Wallach, Jin Hu

When I arrived (on time, I thought?), Phil was already in the middle of an update on the December regional:

- The loading dock looks good: we should be able to get all our stuff into and out of the hotel.
- We need people to station the partnership desk, hospitality desk, etc. Look for a sign-up sheet over email soon.
- Should there be a prize for section tops? There was once one, but players don't seem to miss it particularly. No consensus on whether to bring it back.

We'll be back in Astoria for a regional over Memorial Day Weekend:

- Need to put something in the Bridge Bulletin by January 1.
- How long should the tournament be? Consensus was 5 days (Thursday through Monday, May 22-26).
- Stephannie: we used to have a 2-day event, the Goldman Pairs, which might bring back more attendance.
- Jeff B: do we want a side game at Honors as part of the regional? Consensus was no: off-site side games are frowned upon by the ACBL, plus the extra cost of another director's hotel/travel.

Lee gave an update on NAPs:

- Rui, the director in charge, says we need an actual ACBL director or Alan Miller next time in Long Island: their club director was not enough.
- Jeff B wants to bring it back to Manhattan, because it was so poorly attended by Manhattanites. but it *\*was\** very well attended, just by Long Islanders.
- Alan thinks we should organize a carpool list for next time. Stephannie expanded this to a list of Long Islanders willing to pick folks up from the LIRR station.

Pro-Am-Am-Am:

- The next one will be the evening of Friday March 28. The one after that will be somewhere between late September and early November. Try to avoid scheduling it the same day as the NYC Marathon.
- Stephannie wants to do 2 pro-am-am-am's. David Moss (not present) wants to do one and a pro-am pairs game. If we do the latter, we need to recruit more pros.
- Barbara can help find pros.

- Jeff B says the pro-am attracts nasty Ams that the Pros don't like
- Alan: if we have as many ams as last time, there won't be room for everyone if it's just 1 am per pro: the more pros we have, the fewer ams we can accommodate.

Lee:

- There is a pipeline problem with C players who are intimidated by the fancy-sounding GNT and NAP events.
- Motion approved: GNYBA will cover first-round card fees for C players who have never played in the GNT before but were Ams in the recent Pro-Am-Am-Am.

The nominating committee will send an email about the slate of new board members.

Jeff B will send an email about making a Zeus league, wants GNYBA board members to be team captains.

Alan will email out a 5/5/5 update.