

Rhode Island Bridge Association, Inc.

Minutes of Unit 145 Meeting

May 17, 2015

Present: Linda Ahrens, Lyn Bradford, Joe Brouillard, Barton Buffington Lois DeBlois, Will Everett, Maureen Fahey, Julie Goulet, Meg Gousie, Beatrice Martini, Paula Najarian, Fredda Sharfstein, and Marshall Williams

Late: David Prentiss

Absent Liz Brian

Call to Order:

President, Maureen Fahey, called the meeting to order at 4:00.

President's Comments:

- Maureen thanked everyone for coming.
- Nancy Rosenbaum and Brenda Iemma have resigned from the board.
 - There are three Unit Members interested in joining the board. Bea Martini and Julie Goulet were unanimously approved. Maureen will be reaching out to Chris Soares to confirm she is interested in joining.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved unanimously.
- Sinking fund is paid in full.
- IRS 990N has been filed with the State of RI

Tournament Manager's Report:

Sectionals:

- Fredda Sharfstein and Will Everett will post the dates for the sectionals and will review for any conflicts, including the World Wide Game. Maureen will research and move the date of the sectional if it conflicts with the World Wide Game.
- The fee for the Sunday full Swiss was increased to \$92 from \$88 per team. This was approved unanimously.
- Bidding boxes and coffee pots will now be stored at the senior center going forward.
- Discussion about changing the name to lunch and beverage for responsibilities for the pizza and Saturday sub ordering responsibilities at the sectional.

- Each sectional someone will need to call the owner of the sub shop (Roumany) and confirm the 10% discount and free sodas.
- Voted unanimously to only order 1 topping pizzas going forward. The formula to be used for ordering the pizzas is the # of tables +10%.
- Voted unanimously to offer chips with both subs and salads on Saturday.
- Receipts are to be kept for the Saturday subs to verify what we are being charged.
- No free subs for anyone on Saturday. Everyone including caddies and directors must pay if they order. There is free soda for the caddies.
- Maureen is going to touch base with the Aherns Brothers about ordering and delivering subway subs for the Saturdays at the sectionals.
- David Prentiss with Maureen Fahey will be managing the June sectional.
- Looking for hosts to sign up to manage the sectionals when Meg is not available. A spreadsheet will be made available for future dates. Responsibilities include?
 - Not being available to play
 - Setting up the room
 - Emptying trash, being available for spills, clean up, ensuring there are sufficient paper towels in the rest rooms, pizza set up and food delivery

Gala:

- A motion was made to discontinue mailing hard copy invitations to the Gala. This was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Maureen Fahey and Joe Brouillard to review Gala and Director Fees.
- 30 tables are needed for the Gala. Paula Najarian will ask Randi to bring the coffee pots, bidding boxes and tables from storage and get a quote for this from him.
- Paula Najarian will be responsible for getting the bridgmates needed for the Gala lined up and delivered there.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Due to changes in the responsibilities of the Unit Secretary's position a motion was made to discontinue paying this position. This was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Meg Gousie recommended ordering name tags for the board. The cost will be approximately \$200. There was a motion to order name tags which was seconded and approved unanimously. Maureen Fahey to research. The name tags will either say RIBA Board Member or RIBA Board Member with the individual's name on the tag.
- In and Out Report - Paula Najarian reviewed the In and Out report for membership in RI.
 - As of 5/1/15 RI has 549 Members
 - Between 3/1 and 5/1, 5 additional members became paying members of Unit 145
- The next BRIdge Bits will be publicizing The Longest Day. The following BRIdge Bits will be for the Gala.

- Longest Day – Marshall Williams presented the list of clubs and their games that would be dedicated to the Longest Day.
- Joe Brouillard made a motion for Rhode Island Bridge to take over the Providence NABC website and convert it for Rhode Island Bridge’s home page and website. The cost will be \$107 per year. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Future meetings will be held on Sundays except for the summer meeting. The future dates are as follows:
 - Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30PM
 - Sunday, November 15 at 4:00PM

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.