

WBL Board Meeting

5 April 2010

The meeting was held at Nadine Wood's home.

In attendance: Carole Banks, Don Berman, Ellen Cherniavsky, Richard Ferrin, Jim Geist, Fred King, Clyde Kruskal, Linda Marshall, non-voting members Donna Rogall, Nadine Wood.

President Don Berman called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM.

Secretary's Report

The Board approved the minutes without objection.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Fred King circulated a profit and loss statement. He noted that advertisers in the WBL Bulletin have not paid their bills, despite having been sent invoices. The Treasurer's report was approved without objection.

President's Report

President Don Berman said that Jim Allen will emcee the Annual Meeting. Since this will be held at Ohr Kodesh, we must provide kosher food. Ron Zucker will check into prices for sandwiches at nearby establishments. He was authorized to commit to up to \$12 per sandwich.

May Sectional

Friday events will be held at Ohr Kodesh. The Newport Mills School will be the site for Saturday and Sunday.

Tournament Chair Nadine Wood will be away. Richard Ferrin volunteered to coordinate the hospitality for Sunday of the sectional. Ron Zucker volunteered for Saturday.

Jim Geist proposed mandating gloves for food handlers. Nadine Wood said she would quit if this motion was passed, as she is allergic to the latex. The motion was defeated by five to one with three abstentions.

It was noted that if we can hold events at the new Silver Spring Armory we can cut back on food as there are many restaurants in the area.

It was also noted that WBL sectionals have a higher ratio of directors to players than NVBA sectionals.

Unit Game

Chris Miller was not present but sent a report by email.

We need to talk to Jerry Kiewe of Ohr Kodesh about Thursdays in May. In September all four Thursdays are unavailable. Carole Banks will check on the availability of the Seventh Day Adventist church for September.

Bridge in Schools

Ajit Thyagarajan has received notes from Ellen Rosenthal. He needs help from people who have time during weekdays. A call for volunteers will be placed in the Bulletin. Don Berman, Webmaster, will create a website for Bridge in Schools where people can register.

WBL Bulletin

Donna Rogall said that Todd Allan will print the next issue of the Bulletin. A new printer will be needed around the beginning of May. Mailing costs will go up. The cost to print is about \$1450 while the cost to mail is \$395 not including postage. Discussion ensued on whether to eliminate mailing the Bulletin and instead circulate it via email, while making a number of printed copies available at the Unit Game. It was decided that this question should be on the ballot for the annual meeting. A straw vote on eliminating the mailing of printed copies was passed six to one with two abstentions.

Wireless Electronic Scoring Devices

Fred King reported that due to transmission problems, BridgePads will probably not be recommended by the MABC committee which is evaluating wireless scoring devices. BridgeMates will probably be preferred.

New Locations for Sectionals

The August sectional has to be held at another location than the Schweinhaut Center. The facilities manager there was not happy with the cleanliness of the site while the event was in progress, and refuses to deal with certain WBL representatives in the future. In any case, the Schweinhaut Center is booked for August. Don Berman will look into the availability of the Kensington Armory.

The large room in the new Silver Spring civic building is smaller than the one at Ohr Kodesh. There is two tier pricing, and a concern about whether we will be able to obtain the lower tier price. Saturday evenings may be a problem.

Joint NVBA-WBL Board Meeting

NVBA President Bob Boyd suggested we hold a joint meeting. The Board felt that any issues requiring a joint meeting could be taken care of more informally at the regional in July.

Mentor Committee Party

Gene Fisher has generously offered to host this again on Saturday May 1st. Lately there have not been many people signing up for this program; it is time to poll the mentees again. A budget of \$100 for the party was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next WBL Board meeting will take place April 28, 2010 at Richard Ferrin's house. The board thanked Nadine for her hospitality. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Cherniavsky,
Secretary