

WBL Board Meeting

28 April 2010

The meeting was held at Richard Ferrin's home.

In attendance: Carole Banks, Don Berman, Ellen Cherniavsky, Richard Ferrin, Jim Geist, Clyde Kruskal, Linda Marshall, Hank Meyer, Ron Zucker, non-voting members Kitty Gottfried, Donna Rogall, Nadine Wood.

President Don Berman called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Secretary's Report

The Board approved the minutes without objection.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Fred King was not present. He circulated a revised profit and loss statement for 2009 by email. [Also by email, Fred noted that four out of five advertisers in the WBL Bulletin have paid their bills.] The Treasurer's report was approved without objection.

President's Report

President Don Berman deferred discussion of rules for allowing conventions to the New Business portion of the meeting.

May Sectional

There was some discussion of whether David Solomon, a caddy, might be able to pick up the food that will be ordered on Saturday and Sunday. Also discussed was whether a refrigerator will be available at the site, the Newport Mills School.

The August sectional will be held at the Kensington Armory. Clyde Kruskal volunteered to take the coffee pots there, to aid Hospitality Chair Kitty Gottfried. Bulletin Editor Donna Rogall passed around a flyer for the sectional which met with no objections.

Unit Game

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

Bridge in Schools

Ajit Thyagarajan was not present. Ron Zucker called for volunteers on his behalf.

WBL Bulletin

Donna Rogall had received a quote by email from Burgundy Press, which is not much more than we were paying Todd Allan. It was noted that the NVBA has plan by which members can opt out of receiving printed copies of their bulletin. Also, the NVBA only publishes four issues per year.

A call for Machlin nominees will appear in the next WBL Bulletin.

Locations for May 20 Game

While the Friday events will be held at Ohr Kodesh, that site will be unavailable to us on Thursday, May 20. Alternative sites were considered, but it was decided that despite the expense, Christ the King Church would be the best place to hold the Thursday evening game. President Don Berman will see to the arrangements.

Agenda for Annual Meeting

Don Berman has a list of the Ace of Clubs award winners, which he will read while the vote is being tallied.

Bridge for Wounded Warriors

Don Berman will contact Bob Boyd, president of the NVBA, to discuss how the WBL might participate in this effort.

Mentor Committee Party

This is scheduled to take place Saturday May 1st.

Conventions Allowed in WBL Events

President Don Berman led a discussion of what conventions should be allowed in WBL events. In our club games, e.g. the Unit Game, we can allow Mid-Chart conventions irrespective of board limits [for sectionals and above the ACBL forbids the use of Multi Two Diamonds in rounds of fewer than six boards]. It was generally agreed that Mid-Chart irrespective of board limits should be used in Flight A/X. A motion was made to allow Mid-Chart respective of board limits in B/C/D starting in August. This was passed with six in favor, two abstentions. For Novice and NLM, only the General Convention Chart will be permitted.

It was noted that no pre-alert is required for conventions such as 1N-2D showing one major and 1m-P-2H showing a two or three way bid, if an accepted defense is available. Secretary Ellen Cherniavsky volunteered to send a suggested defense for 1N-2D showing one major; Ron Zucker similarly for the 1m-P-2H sequence.

Next Meeting

The next WBL Board meeting will take place June 2, 2010 at Don Berman's house [assuming he is re-elected]. The board thanked Richard for his hospitality. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Cherniavsky,
Secretary