

Rhode Island Bridge Association, Inc.

Minutes of Unit 145 Meeting

September 7, 2019

Present: Linda Ahrens, Joe Brouillard, Charleen Christy, Lois DeBlois,
Meg Gousie, Diane Lambert, Megan Mihara, Paula Najarian, David Prentiss,
Don Rankin, Chris Soares, Marshall Williams
Guests: Cindy Modell, Mike McDonald,
Excused: Bart Buffington, Maureen Fahey, Julie Goulet, Stan Williams.

Call to Order:

President, Marshall Williams, called the meeting to order at 10:50.

President's Comments:

Welcome to our guests, Cindy Mottle who comes to us from Albuquerque NM and was on her Home Owners Association Board and did a newsletter there. And Mike McDonald who runs the Ocean State Bridge Club game on Monday which is growing and runs a game in Tiverton.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the last meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was passed and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Reports were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Reports:

- Paula Najarian presented the In/Out report stating that Unit 145 had 509 members as of September 1, 8 less than the July 1 membership number of 517.

- Lois DeBlois presented the Executive Board update.
 - Great Regional over Labor Day in Warwick.
 - Included a new event, titled Knock In/Knock Out for all players which resulted in more individuals receiving gold. Players from District 25 have reached out to the Board of Directors encouraging the Board to continue to allow Districts to offer this event. This event resulted in increased tables as Districts are struggling to get attendance at Regionals.
 - NAP qualifier will be held in November at the Mansfield Regional for all levels, A, B and C players. There will be the Knock In/Knock Out event held there as well. It has been approved for Cromwell in February as well and is on the website and flyer.

Old Business:

- Mentoring – The first mentoring event held in Warwick in June was very successful. Kudos to Bob Garfinkle, Sue Miguel and Marshall Williams who worked very hard to make this event a success. They are considering planning another even soon.
 - Feedback was discussed regarding who should participate as a Mentor and what guidelines should be used to consider someone a Mentee. More discussion will be done prior to the next Mentoring game. It was determined that in this game, the Mentors should be using the Mentees card, even if there are no conventions used by the mentee. Also, time should be added so that a post mortem can be done for some of the boards. Something to be considered that some mentors did, was to email feedback on boards played afterwards.
- The Gala will be held in Johnston on October 19th. It is a Unit Championship game and will offer extra points. There will be hospitality in the morning; pastries and coffee. Maureen will be the contact person on the flyer for the event.
 - The Slate of Officers is all set with an email to go out. Maureen Fahey will be nominated for Secretary and will begin serving as of the Gala. Linda Ahrens will continue to create and forward the Sectional flyers while we look for a replacement.
- Our next sectional is September and Maureen Fahey and Stan Williams will do the set up both days. Meg Gousie and Marshall Williams will be the hosts both days. Meghan will do the shopping and drop it off prior to the event. Sunday will not have a Swiss event for 299'rs, but

will have a Pairs game for 99'rs. An email blast will go out, written by Marshall Williams with pre-registration. It will go out to everyone in District 25.

- bRidgebits will become an online newsletter which would include the in'/out report. Meg Gousie will contribute an article for it and Meghan Mihara will take a stab at working on it with Marshall Williams.

New Business:

Open Discussion

Add to the next agenda, guided play to help promote newer players to play in duplicate games.

Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Future meetings will be held :
 - November 2, 10:45 AM in Warwick
 - January 11, 10:45 AM in Warwick with snow date of January 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 AM.