

**Rhode Island Bridge Association, Inc.**

**Minutes of Unit 145 Meeting**

**May 21, 2016**

Present: Linda Ahrens, Joe Brouillard, Bart Buffington, Charleen Christy, Maureen Fahey, Meg Gousie, Julie Goulet, Diane Lambert, Bea Martini, Paula Najarian, and Marshall Williams

Excused: Lois DeBlois, Chris Soares

Absent: Liz Brian, David Prentiss

**Call to Order:**

President, Maureen Fahey, called the meeting to order at 10:38.

**President's Comments:**

- Stan Williams has offered to transport the bridge tables to the Gala.

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer's Reports were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**Tournament Information:**

- Fast Results will be used for sectional results going forward. Joe Brouillard will add a link to the RIBA website. Hand records as well as rankings will be available through Fast Results.
- There was a \$10 rate increase for the Hampton Inn and we are still waiting for the new contract
- Bart Buffington will do the lecture at the sectional and it will be called "Danger Hand". The September flyer will be updated to show the lecture at 9:00AM.
- There was discussion about offering a Grass Roots Game at the September Sectional. More points are awarded and in addition, the district will get some of the money and that will be used to subsidize the GNT teams & NAP pairs representing District 25. Unanimous decision to offer it on the Saturday to open pairs and 299'rs. The fee will be \$1 more and it will be added to the Flyer.
- Discussion about offering a Pro-Am Game on Saturday evening. We will have a sign up in advance with Paula Najarian as the contact. The game will begin at 7:30PM. **We need**

to verify that the Senior Center is available. There will be an additional \$200 Director's fee. Once we verify the Center is available it will be added to the flyer and distributed.

### **Old Business:**

- The Mission Statement developed by Lois DeBlois was accepted unanimously and will be distributed to all prospective board members prior to them joining the board.
- Carol McCullough has volunteered to do the Sectional Flyers and to assist with the bRidge Bits.
- If anyone has anything that needs to be done yearly, please send that item to Lois DeBlois so she can build a calendar. Examples would be filing deadlines for tax forms and dates of bRidge Bits and dates for sectional flyers to be sent to the ACBL.

### **New Business:**

- The bRidge bits will include an article about the ProAm and an article discussing the need for board members. There will be an abbreviated mission statement included. Marshall Williams will work with Carol McCullough and have the newsletter available for the June tournament.
- In and Out Report – Paula Najarian provided the report. As of March 1 we have 534 members with 1 new member in April and 2 in March and 1 in February
- The Longest Day is being held on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The Rhode Island Kings and queens are on the website for anyone interested in contributing or participating. Marshall Williams will reach out to the Clubs to see who will be offering games and will have that listed in the newsletter.
- It is time to begin working on the slate for the board. The current Nominating Committee consists of Marguerite Gousie, Justine Greenwell, Karen Koppersmith and Judy Beigner. Charleen Christy will be added to the Nominating Committee. There is an open position for Vice Preseident. An online announcement will be done.

### **Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings:**

- Future meetings will be held :
  - Wednesday, August 17 at 5:30PM
  - Saturday, October 1 at 10:30AM

The meeting was adjourned at 1145 AM.