

**Rhode Island Bridge Association, Inc.**  
**Minutes of Unit 145 Meeting**  
**Annual Meeting / Gala**  
**October 25, 2014**

**President's Comments:**

- Lois commented that this was her last Membership Meeting as President and how proud she has been to serve for the past two years.
- She also thanked Board of RIBA – each one making time to provide their own expertise to the Unit. She asked the board members to stand up.
- Thanked the many non-board members that contributed baked goods - cookies, biscotti; those that came early to help set up, for example Everett, whenever in town.
- It has been a challenging year for this board as so many members also have National Committee appointments
- Thank you to Sue Miguel for her directing skills
- Thank you to Joe Brouillard who is not here today – Co-Chair of the Nationals – he asked me to remind you all that volunteering does not mean not playing. You also get an invite to the hospitality suite or \$5 off your play for just a couple of hours of volunteering. You would never miss a game. Forms are available here and also on the website.
- She recognized Nancy Rosenbaum who has been a rock – who always came early to our Sectionals and asked if she could help and then said that she felt bad she could not do more.
- Lois wanted to recognize Jane Clancy who has been her partner for the last dozen years. She always made multiple pumpkin breads for every Sectional whether she was attending or not. What makes her special is that she doesn't belong to RIBA – she is an EMBA member! A gift and certificate were given as a thank you.

**ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS ITEM #1**

**Nomination Committee:**

- Lois introduced Karen Kupersmith who filled in for Meg Gousie, Chair of the Nomination Committee.
- Karen proposed the slate of officers for 2015. The proposed slate is as follows:

President:	Maureen Fahey
Vice President:	Paula Najarian
Treasurer:	Joe Brouillard
Secretary:	Linda Ahrens
- Karen also introduced the members of the board that had joined since our 2013 Annual Meeting/Gala. They are: Will Everett, Diane Lambert and Fredda Sharfstein.
- Karen asked for a vote to accept the candidates as nominated by the committee. *Motion to accept Slate of Officers as presented by the Nomination Committee; Motion Seconded; majority show of hands*

## **ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS ITEM #2**

### **2015 Gala:**

- Lois noted that at a recent board meeting it had been asked that we take survey of this group of regular Gala attendees if there was any interest in having a team event at the 2015 Gala. For instance – a Swiss Team game rather than a pairs game. The vote was a nearly unanimous No

### **NEW LIFE MASTERS**

The following Unit 145 Members were recognized for Life Master and Life Master Milestones since our last Gala:

#### NEW LIFE MASTERS – In attendance

David Crossley, November 2013

Marshall Williams, January 2014

Norbert Fessel, September, 2014

Arlene Sequin, September 2014/Silver at same time

Albert Sequin Jr., September 2014/Silver at same time

Carole Goldman, January 2014/Bronze in March

#### LIFE MASTER MILESTONES

##### **Emerald** (7500 MP)

Joyce Regan, May 2014

##### **Gold** (2500)

Albert Feinstein, December 2013

##### **Silver** (1000)

Gail Borod, March 2014

Arlene Sequin, September 2014

Albert Sequin Jr., September 2014

Miriam O'Neill, February 2014

Lillian Holmsen, July 2014

##### **Bronze** (500)

Beverly Nill, February 2014

Clinton Wright, September 2014

Raymond Cieslak, June 2014

Steven Myerson, August 2014

Carole Goldman, January 2014

Lois recognized those four members of Unit 145 that have accumulated thousands of masterpoints. Phyllis Chase reached Emerald Life Master status last October and Joyce Regan did the same this past March. She also recognized Walter Fontaine and John Malley that have amassed over 10,000 masterpoints. Congratulations to these exceptional players.

### **Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney Award Winners for 2013**

The following RIBA Unit 145 members were recognized for the achievement of top in their rank as follows. Certificates and Medals were distributed:

<i>Level</i>	<b>Ace of Clubs Certificates</b> Goes to player that earns the most masterpoints playing in club games in his/her unit during a calendar year (2013).	<b>Mini McKinney Medals</b> Goes to player with the highest masterpoint achievement in his/her category during the calendar year (2013).
<i>0-5</i>	Hassan Naguib	Hassan Naguib
<i>5-20</i>	Janice Ward	Lynne Fitzpatrick
<i>20-50</i>	Marjorie Tucci	Catherine Hillery
<i>50-100</i>	Karen Kupersmith	Karen Kupersmith
<i>100-200</i>	Peter Buonfiglio	Joe Russo
<i>200-300</i>	John Lombardo	John Lombardo
<i>300-500</i>	Clint Wright	Lois DeBlois
<i>500-1000</i>	Gail Borod	Gail Borod
<i>1000-2500</i>	John Urciuoli	John Urciuoli
<i>2500-5000</i>	Nancy Rosenbaum	Bart Buffington
<i>5000-7500</i>	Joyce Regan	Joyce Regan
<i>Over 10000</i>	Walter Fontaine	John Malley

### **Moment of Silence**

Lois asked for a moment of silence for the friends and bridge partners we have lost in the last year.

In particular, she mentioned that Jean Pollack, a close friend of Susan Mastrolla sent an email asking if we had a scholarship fund that she could donate to in Susan's name. Since we did not, Jean sent a check, made payable to RIBA and asked that we use it in some special way. Lois indicated that it would be included in the check when the yearly Unit charitable donation is made, either to food bank or homeless shelter, whatever is decided on.

### **Results:**

Lois congratulated the morning top scorers:

299ers A tie between the pairs of Lyn Bradford/Lynne Fitzpatrick and Fredda Sharfstein/Will Everett (60% games)

Flight A      Joan O'Connell/Gail Borod

Flight B/C    Marshall Williams/Clint Wright

Thank you Sue: She will post the results to her website in Joe's absence.

### **Maureen Fahey Presentation**

Maureen Fahey spoke of this being Lois' last meeting as President of Unit 145 and presented her with flowers and a plaque as a thank you for her service to the Unit. Maureen also mentioned that Stan Williams will be leaving the board at the end of the year and asked for a round of applause for his service over the last few years.