

Rhode Island Bridge Association, Inc.

Minutes of Unit 145 Meeting

August 19, 2015

Present: Linda Ahrens, Liz Brian, Lyn Bradford, Joe Brouillard, Barton Buffington, Lois DeBlois, Will Everett, Maureen Fahey, Julie Goulet, Meg Gousie, Diane Lambert, Beatrice Martini, Paula Najarian, David Prentiss, and Fredda Sharfstein

Absent Marshall Williams

Call to Order:

President, Maureen Fahey, called the meeting to order at 6:40.

President's Comments:

- Maureen Fahey distributed ballots for District Director. She provided instructions on how to complete and seal the envelope and to give her the completed ballot at the end of the meeting.
- Maureen Fahey distributed the name tags for the board members and asked that if there were any errors to let her know.

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved unanimously.

Tournament Manager's Report:

Sectionals:

- Thank you to David Prentiss for a job well done at the June sectional.
- Fredda Sharfstein and Will Everett provided the dates for the sectionals. January 30 & 31 2016, March 19 & 20, 2016, June 4 & 5, 2016 and September 24 & 25, 2016. Maureen will research and move the date of the June sectional if it conflicts with the World Wide Game.
- September sectional will be covered by Marshall Williams on Saturday and Paula Najarian on Sunday.
- Education at the Sectionals – Maureen Fahey would like to run another educational day, but will first reach out to Senior Citizen Centers. Will look to doing this for the January sectional.

Old Business:

Gala:

- Maureen Fahey is to reach out to Sue to ask her to direct the Gala.
- Paula Najarian spoken with Randy who has agreed to bring the tables to the Gala at the same rate that he charges for the Johnston sectionals.
- The date for 2016 will be reserved by Maureen Fahey and it is 10/29/16.
- 10/24 is the date of this year's gala.
- Some minor tweaks to the menu will be made including changing the dessert.

Document Retention Policy:

- Submitted by Paula Najarian and approved by the Board unanimously.

Longest Day:

- \$2,200 was raised by Rhode Island.

New Business:

- In and Out Report - Paula Najarian reviewed the In and Out report for membership in RI.
 - As of 8/1/15 RI has 561 Members, up from 549 as of 5/1/15
 - Between 6/1 and 8/1, 12 additional members became paying members of Unit 145
- The following BRIDGE Bits will be for the Gala and will announce the Gala and the slate of candidates. They will be distributed at the Gala and will go out electronically beforehand. Message from the President will be included in addition to upcoming events.
- The slate for the Board will be the existing board members, no changes at this time. Meg Gousie to provide the information to Joe to distribute.
- Joe Brouillard spoke about the upcoming regional in Warwick and the partnership desk. He has folks on standby to help.
- BridgeMates – There is a new release out and since RIBA owns them we are responsible for updating. The updates must be done before the September sectional. Joe Brouillard volunteered to handle the updates. He needs the BridgeMates and the computers and will reach out to all the Clubs to ensure everything is updated.
- The 2021 NABC will not be coming to Providence. Austin, Texas was awarded the slot.

Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Future meetings will be held on Saturdays except for the summer meeting. Maureen Fahey will confirm with Bob Garfinkle that we can use his Club. The future dates are as follows:
 - Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Bob's in Warwick at 10:00AM
 - Saturday, January 9, 2016 at Bob's in Warwick at 10:00AM

- Additional dates will be selected at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.