

**Rhode Island Bridge Association, Inc.**

**Minutes of Unit 145 Meeting**

**August 17, 2016**

Present: Linda Ahrens, Joe Brouillard, Liz Brian, Charleen Christy, Lois DeBlois, Maureen Fahey, Meg Gousie, Diane Lambert, Paula Najarian, and Marshall Williams

Excused: Julie Goulet, Bea Martini

Late: David Prentiss, Bart Buffington, Chris Soares

**Call to Order:**

President, Maureen Fahey, called the meeting to order late at 5:45, allowing for better attendance due to heavy traffic

**President's Comments:**

- Welcome and ain't the traffic a bitch

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the May 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:**

- Grassroots for both open games and 299'r games being held at September Sectional
- Carol McCullough will do the flyers going forward. She did the last BRidge Bits successfully.
- The Pro Am will not be run at the September sectional. Will review and determine if we should offer it in January. **Maureen to talk to David Metcalf regarding fees and will see if the Senior Center is available.**
- Sectional Host will be Paula Najarian on Saturday and Maureen Fahey on Sunday.
- Motion to allow beginning in 2017, full time students 26 and under to be charged \$2 at Sectionals. They must be a non-life master. Voted and approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- Bridge Teachers - There are classes on the ACBL website with resources. They have a link to Find a Teacher and currently only 3 listed for RI. Paul Pearson, Susan Miguel and

Joan O'Connell. Michael McDonald who is running the Tiverton game is also listed under MA.

- For the next BRidge Bits, we should include information about being a Bridge camp sponsor.
- Maureen Fahey to reach out to Linda Ahrens to determine Gala Menu for use in Flyers.
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### **New Business:**

- Meg Gousie will supply the Slate for the Board to Joe Brouillard for him to distribute via email along with the Gala invite. Paula Najarian will be nominated as President and Marshall Williams as Vice President.
- The Directory is published every 2 years and this is the year that we should have it available for distribution at the Gala. Paula Najarian will reach out to all new members (joined after October 2014) to get their approval to include them in the Directory. Paula Najarian and Joe Brouillard will work on having the Directory available at the October 29<sup>th</sup> Gala.
- Joe Brouillard suggested that we make some stratification changes at the next sectional to be consistent with other units. The suggested changes were 750 and under, 751 to 2000 and 2001 and over. A motion was made to vote on this and it was approved unanimously.
- In and Out Report – Paula Najarian provided the report. As of August 1 we have 531 members with 6 new members in July, 2 in June and 3 in May. There were 534 members in May so we have had a slight drop in membership.
- 2021 summer nationals has been awarded to Providence.
- Executive Obard Meeting. Lois DeBlois gave an update. There will be new schedules at our regionals and new themes for the Cromwell and Mansfield regionals. They are running another ProAm in Warwick and she would like feedback regarding folks' reactions to having one or two each year.

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

- Future meetings will be held :
  - October 1, 2016 at 10:30AM
  - November 19, 2016 at 10:30AM

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM.