

Rhode Island Bridge Association, Inc.

Minutes of Unit 145 Meeting

June 1, 2019

Present: Linda Ahrens, Joe Brouillard, Bart Buffington, Charleen Christy, Lois DeBlois, Maureen Fahey, Meg Gousie, Diane Lambert, Paula Najarian, Don Rankin, Chris Soares, Marshall Williams, Stan Williams

Excused: David Prentiss, Julie Goulet,

Call to Order:

President, Marshall Williams, called the meeting to order at 10:32

President's Comments:

- Carol McCullough has resigned from the board. Thank you to her for all her contributions. Her final RIBridge bits is complete. Flyers will now be done by Linda Ahrens and they will be sent out two months in advance. Marshall Williams will take on the responsibility of future RIBridge Bits.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the May 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 521 members as of June 1, 2019 an increase from the May 1 membership number.
- No Executive Board update.

Old Business:

- Mentoring: The first Mentor/Mentee game will be held Sunday, July 14 at 1:00PM. Sue Miguel will be directing and Bob Garfinkle will also be present.
 - Marshall has completed the flyers.
 - Sue Miguel has suggested a Swis game for a future mentor game.
- June 7, 8 Sectional:
 - Maureen Fahey and Stan Williams will take the lead for the set up on Saturday.
 - Chris Soares will be the host on Saturday with Meg Gousie and Marshall Williams as the hosts on Sunday.
 - Thank you to Lois who is standing down from Hospitality. Further discussion will occur next meeting regarding who will take on those responsibilities. her recommendation was that board members each take a part of the hospitality

responsibilities. Most things will be stored at the Senior Center. Reminder that someone needs to be there both Saturday and Sunday to start coffee at 7:30AM. Most food is purchased at BJ's.

- Sectionals are scheduled out to 2023. Joe Brouillard will add the 2020 Sectional dates to the RIBA website. All others can be found on the ACBL website at this time.
 - There was discussion regarding the 299 Swiss and lack of tables. A decision was made that instead of wrapping the players, if they want, into the open Swiss, a 299'r pair game will be held if there are not enough tables for a Swiss. However, in order to promote more tables, Meg Gousie will speak at Clint's to offer partnership help for potential teams for the Swiss. Also, we need the Club Directors to help promote the sectionals and the Sunday Swiss for 299's. We will also have the Sunday host available to help with scoring, if needed.
 - A decision was made to discontinue the 299'r Swiss on Sundays and replace it with a 299'r pair game.

New Business:

- After the September 7 Meeting, Linda Ahrens will be resigning as the Rhode Island Secretary and Maureen Fahey will be nominated to replace her.
- For the Gala, calendars should be ordered as the favor; 100 is what will be needed.

Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Future meetings will be held:
 - September 7 at 10:45
 - November 2, at 10:45

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.