

WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

BOARD MEETING
July 15, 1998

Present: Jim Allen Barb Doran Rae Dethlefsen
Steve Robinson Don Berman David Genne
Lee Jensen Kathy Kruskal Dave Ruderman
Ted Ying Frances Burke

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm at the home of Don Berman.

Secretary's Report: Doran moved (Genne seconded) that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Robinson reported that there is \$5,970.31 in the checking account. This figure still does not reflect any StaC money. Doran moved (Kruskal seconded) that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion passed.

President's Report:

1. Allen reported that the District 6 elections had been held. The Board is: President - Andre L'Heureux; Vice President - Jim Hooven; Treasurer - Steve Robinson; Secretary - Bette Dudka. With David Rodney moving to England, the new second alternate to the Board of Directors will be Dar Afdahl. Gloria Brown was appointed to finish Afdahl's term on the Board of Governors. Rae Dethlefsen was officially appointed as the District GNT Coordinator.

2. Location Search:

a. Allen reported that he, Jensen and Ruderman were going to look at City Place, but Allen does not expect much to come of it.

b. Allen stated that we need to have a meeting with the people at the Kensington Armory to discuss our needs. Ying moved (Doran seconded) that we work up a document with our suggestions for what we would like from the Kensington Armory and have our representatives bring it to a meeting with the Kensington Armory people, and, if it appears to be appropriate, present it, the WBL committee having the authority to finalize an agreement. A spirited discussion ensued for some time. Doran moved (Ying seconded) to call the question. The motion passed.

Reports:

David Genne:

1. Standby Partners: Genne reported that he is doing poorly at rounding up volunteers.
2. Genne presented ideas for flyers and would appreciate some feedback.

Barb Doran:

1. Doran reported that the Directory Supplement should be at the unit game on July 16.
2. Doran reported that the "WBL" unit final is September 27, and the "NVBA" unit final is October 11.

Steve Robinson:

1. Round Robin: The Round Robin is on track. In the X stratum the top 2 teams have byes.
2. Charity Game:
a. Robinson moved (Genne seconded) that we give Sheila Pies \$200.00 for the potluck supper. The motion passed.
b. Robinson suggested that we attempt to do this annually; will discuss later.
3. Price Club: Need to add more people.

Don Berman:

1. Charity: Nothing to add to the above.
2. Recorder: Berman reported that he may have a matter to refer to C&E.

Dave Ruderman:

1. Election Results Question: Ruderman reported that the consensus of the Board is to keep the status quo, and Ruderman will put an article in the Bulletin.
2. Unit Game: The Armory people have promised to have the air conditioning working this week.
3. Club Managers' Breakfast: Will wait to see where our game will be before making plans.

Ted Ying:

1. Plaque for Alan Tennenbaum will cost from \$15-60.

2. Web Page:

a. Ying reported that from May to June there had been about a 10% decrease in hits on the main page, but that the results page had stayed the same.

b. New Address: Ying reported that he has not had a chance to check with Affinity but will try to get them by mid week.

c. High School Program: Ying reported that he has not had a chance to talk with Gene Thompson or find a full-time person.

Frances Burke: Cheer and Sympathy: Burke reported that Doc Brown and Diane Walker's mother have died.; she will send get-well cards to Ted Stryker, Ella Sue Chaitt and Charlotte Green.

Lee Jensen: Jensen reported that the scheduling meeting will be on August 4 (subsequently changed to August 5).

Kathy Kruskal: Kruskal reported that she will get a flyer out advertising both NAP weekends before she leaves for Chicago.

New Business: Doran reported that the climate in the MBA may be changing in regards to joint ventures with the WBL and NVBA. They especially would like to receive a copy of our schedule. Doran moved (Jensen seconded) to invite the MBA club managers to the Club Managers' Breakfast. The motion passed.

Old Business: There was no old business.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be August 19 at Dave Ruderman's. The September meeting will be at David Genne's on September 16.

Directions: to 3600 Bell Rd.; Burtonsville, MD (301-384-8825)

North on Route 29 from Beltway approximately 7 miles. Continue north on Route 29 past Route 198. There is a Giant shopping center on the northeast corner of Route 198 and Route 29. After you pass the shopping center go approximately 1/3 mile and make left on to Bell Road. There is a Meadows Farm nursery on the southwest corner of Bell Road and Route 29.

Go down Bell road to very end where the public maintenance ends. You will see a trash dumpster at the end of the road. At this point bear right down a private driveway (go to right of the dumpster). Continue to the end of the private driveway. My house is the last one on the left. Ignore the "do not enter sign" and cross two cattle crossing before you reach my house.

Allen thanked Berman for his fine hospitality, and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Dethlefsen

WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

BOARD MEETING
August 19, 1998

Present: Jim Allen Barb Doran Rae Dethlefsen
 Frances Burke Don Berman David Genne
 Lee Jensen Kathy Kruskal Dave Ruderman
 Ted Ying

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at the home of Dave Ruderman.

Wayne Goldstein, representing the Save Our Armory group, spoke with us about what his group is pursuing to keep the Armory from being torn down, including filing an appeal with the Board of Appeals. He said that there will be a hearing to review everything the Historical Preservation Commission has done with respect to the Armory. His group is trying to re-interest people in preserving the armory. Donations would be appreciated. Allen thanked Mr. Goldstein for stopping by.

Secretary's Report: Ying moved (seconded by Doran) the secretary's report be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Robinson submitted his report via E-mail prior to leaving for France. There is \$4135.77 in the checking account. The only outstanding bills are for the bulletin. He has paid the Silver Spring Armory through September 17, 1998. If we leave before then we will get the money back. Robinson still has received no money from the StaC. Doran moved (Jensen seconded) that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion passed.

2. It was reported that Robinson was again seeking a temporary loan from the WBL for the District until the MABC had reimbursed the District. There was no motion from the floor to consider this.

President's Report:

1. Kensington Armory: Allen, Jensen, Robinson and Ruderman met with Lynn Raufaste and S. Watson. The meeting produced a plan which requires work on our part. Allen reported that at a meeting of the Kensington Town Council the mayor of Kensington was opposed to our renting the Armory. Allen, who attended with Bob Kass, said that the Council members were in favor of renting to us. Allen is working to clear up any matters which may work against us.

a. Moving Day: The last day we can have the Armory is September 17. Ruderman moved (Jensen seconded) that we give the President the discretion to determine a moving date to the Kensington Armory with the direction that he select the date as soon as possible. The motion passed.

b. Allen suggested that free plays be made available to our new neighbors in Kensington to encourage them to play and that flyers be produced to hand out about lessons, etc.

c. Contract: Ruderman wants a more formal agreement. Allen will submit another draft to the Board before any agreement is signed.

2. Allen reported that the ACBL has issued a change in the code of disciplinary regulations: A person who allegedly violates his or her suspension may be suspended by management pending a review by the person's unit disciplinary committee for consideration of additional sanctions.

3. Berman attended the District 6 meeting at Hunt Valley for Allen and reported that little of substance transpired. The District 6 at large members to the MABC Board will be selected at the Virginia Beach meeting.

Reports:

Barb Doran:

1. The Directory Supplement was delivered to the Armory. Allen will handle distribution. NVBA will pick up 1,000. Doran reported that the printers will print additional copies for us.
2. Nothing else to report except, as a point of interest, the MBA has moved its NAOP unit final to November 15.

Don Berman:

1. No reports have been made to the recorder.
2. Charity game made about \$4,000. Allen commended Sheila Pies for running a great event and thanked Jerry Keller for being our

auctioneer.

Kathy Kruskal: Kruskal reported that at the scheduling meeting the following dates have been put forth:

STaC: Week of July 12

NAP Unit Finals: WBL: October 31 in MD and NVBA:

GNTs: WBL February 21, NVBA March 7.

Will get locations before the draft is put out.

Frances Burke: Cheer and Sympathy: Fred Wells and Beate Block are ill; Virginia Craig, Nancy Weiss, Ellie Ostrinsky's husband and Jim Allen's mother-in-law died.

Lee Jensen:

1. Needs to get a sanction for the Kiwanis Club charity game (will get one from the WBC).

2. Draft Schedule for 1999 will be out by the next meeting.

Dave Ruderman: Until we have a location, he can do nothing about the Club Manager's Breakfast.

David Genne:

1. Eazy Bridge: Genne reported that he had spoke with Leslie Shafer about the Eazy Bridge games. New classes will start in the fall and she wants to put out a mailing. Genne moved (Doran seconded) that we approve a \$600.00 budget for Eazy Bridge. The motion passed. Genne reported that Shafer thought she would be reimbursed for her work on the Eazy Bridge Newsletter. Genne will speak with her again and get back to us.

2. 49ers NAP: Genne reported that Jason Meyer and Shafer would like to see a district-wide event that (big blank). He will check with Meyer and get back to us. Genne moved (Jensen seconded) that we give \$100.00 for the 49er project.

Ted Ying:

1. Web Site: Hits on the site in July are generally better than June. He is still trying to reach Affinity.

2. Steve Czecha apparently is not interested in continuing at Blair, but no one has yet been found to take over.

New Business: There was no new business.

Old Business: There was no old business.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be September 16 at David Genne's. Ted Ying will host the October meeting, but we will wait to set the date until the September meeting.

Directions to 1209 Knoll Mist Lane; 301-987-0695:

270 North to Exit 11 (Montgomery Village Avenue); the exit has a light before merging with the main road; stay left. Make a left at the next light, 355 North. About three lights later, there will be a Hechenger's on your right. Turn right at this light, onto Travis. (If you travel on 355 until you see a restaurant called The Flaming Pit, you have gone too far.) Travis winds behind Hechenger's and comes to a four-way stop. Make a left at the 4-way stop and follow the road for 100 yards until it ends at Knoll Mist Lane. You are now facing 1209 Knoll Mist Lane. Park in the spots labeled 182 and 183, or any un-numbered spots up and down the block.

Allen thanked Ruderman for his fine hospitality, and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Dethlefsen

WASHINGTON BRIDGE LEAGUE

BOARD MEETING

September 16, 1998

Present: Jim Allen Barb Doran Rae Dethlefsen
Steve Robinson Don Berman David Genne
Lee Jensen Kathy Kruskal Dave Ruderman
Ted Ying

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. at the home of David Genne. Sven Pride was also present.

Secretary's Report: Doran moved (seconded by Kruskal) the secretary's report be approved pending correction. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Robinson reported that there is \$4527.86 in the checking account; and a total of \$40,219.16. Two thousand is earmarked for next year's regional. Robinson still has received no money from the StaC. Kruskal moved (Doran seconded) that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion passed. Ying moved (Doran seconded) that we get the financial report for the StaC from Carroad. Dethlefsen moved (Kruskal seconded) to table the motion. The motion passed.

2. Robinson reported that he had been asked by the NVBA to cancel the Slam Line and has done so.

President's Report:

1. Allen reported that the Woolridge trophy has been replated at a cost of \$120.00.

2. Allen reported that the ACBL had notified him that we should have received \$2,725.55 as our reimbursement for dues.

3. Allen reported that we have applied for two promotion grants from the ACBL/District for fliers, advertising, etc. for Eazy Bridge. We have received one check. We have not been reimbursed any money from the District.

4. Kensington: Allen reported that he is working on the move. The contract will be coming no later than Friday, September 18. We need to give the Kensington people a \$500.00 deposit for security and "tranquility". Some of the moving issues are:

a. Signs: No parking; be quiet; extra handicapped spaces.

b. Working with Lee Biggs to move the tables, chairs and trash cans. Allen wants to budget money to pay him \$50.00 per run.

c. Kruskal is handling publicity and maps; announcements about transportation.

d. Training the Kensington Community Center staff how to set the room up.

e. Need a refrigerator and ice machine.

f. Need volunteers to direct people to the other parking areas once the site lot is full.

Reports:

Steve Robinson:

1. Robinson reported that the KO phase of the round-robin is proceeding.

2. Sheila Pies has reported that we raised \$4,471.00 was raised by the charity event. Robinson stated that we need to start thinking about doing it again next year.

Lee Jensen: Nothing to report.

Kathy Kruskal: Nothing to report; still trying to get dates for NAP unit finals for next year.

Don Berman: Reported that he had received a complaint about cell phones ringing during the game. Ruderman will talk to people individually.

Dave Ruderman: Reported that the Club Manager's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday of the October Sectional. Ruderman reported that there is no place in the immediate Kensington area to hold the breakfast. The Golden Flame wants 10% more than we paid the year before last. Baggios in Wheaton wants \$10.00 per person.

Barb Doran: Nothing to report.

Ted Ying:

1. As he has been out of town for 3 ½ weeks, he has nothing to report.

2. Teacher for Blair: Nothing to report; Werner Goldschmidt is interested in teaching at BCC but there is nothing going on there.

David Genne:

1. 49ers NAP: The first annual Trophy Pairs will be held November 19.

2. Genne suggested a Ride Board where people could sign up. Kruskal will call Metro about a Ride-On bus.

Cheer and Sympathy: Kent Goulding's father died. Gary Dimchev is in the hospital.

New Business: Dethlefsen brought up thinking about changing the starting time of games because of the curfew. Jensen reported that the Friday evening start time has been changed to 7:30 p.m. and proposed that we change our Saturday times to 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This will be addressed at a later time.

Old Business: There was no old business.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be October 21 at Ted Ying's. The November meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 18.

Directions to 13203 Claxton Dr., 301-490-3154:

From WASHINGTON: I-95 to exit 29-A, MD-212, East towards Beltsville. Go about 1.5 miles to the third traffic light and turn left onto Rte 1 North. Follow Rte 1 about 4 miles to Contee Rd (there is a Marlo furniture showroom on the left). Turn right onto Contee Rd. Go to second traffic light and turn right onto Claxton Drive.

From WASHINGTON: MD-295 to MD-197. Turn left at the traffic light at the bottom of the ramp. Go to the fifth traffic light and turn left onto Contee Rd Shell gas station on the corner). Go to the first traffic light and turn left onto Claxton Drive.

From BALTIMORE: MD-295 to MD-197. Turn right at the traffic light at the bottom of the ramp. Go to the third traffic light and turn left onto Contee Rd (Shell gas station on the corner). Go to the first traffic light and turn left onto Claxton Drive.

From BALTIMORE: I-95 to exit 33-A, MD-198, East towards Laurel. Go to the first traffic light and turn right onto Van Dusen. Follow Van Dusen until you see the Laurel Hospital on the right. At the next intersection (a 4-way stop sign) turn left onto Contee Rd. Follow Contee Rd to the third traffic light and turn right onto Claxton drive.

All directions: From Contee Rd, 13203 is the 7th house on the left (Blue Front).

Allen thanked Genne for his fine hospitality, and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rae Dethlefsen

WBL Board Meeting
December 16, 1998

Present: Jim Allen Barb Doran Steve Robinson
Rae Dethlefsen David Genne Lee Jensen
Kathy Kruskal David Ruderman Bryan Coleman

Due to the fact that I was late, the Treasurer's Report and the President's Report are courtesy of Barb Doran

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Treasurer's report:

1. We have \$5047.08 (includes the December Sectional, but not the Unit Games), which is \$4000 less than we had last year. Since the Directory cost about \$4000, this was essentially a break-even year. There is about \$1200 in roofing expenses still to be paid (\$1400 has already been spent), in addition to \$300 in installation fees). These expenses will be reimbursed by Kensington at the rate of \$500 a month. The next Bulletin and rent and the bulletins for the January Sectional have been paid for. Kruskal moved (seconded by Doran) to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

2. Allen raised the issue of increasing the recompense for hosting board meetings. Robinson will look into the issue and report at the next meeting.

President's Report:

1. The District Executive Committee raised GNT fees at the club level to \$7.00 (\$6.00 to District and \$1.00 to the ACBL).

2. Rosemary Marx donated a stove and refrigerator to the KCC. (The stove is not hooked up yet.)

3. We need to appoint a Parking Chairman to help regulate the parking situation at the KCC. It was suggested that we publish our parking regulations in the NVBA Bulletin, and that we place no parking signs on Armory Place where our players should not be parking. We may be able to get the Warner Building (just across Conn. Ave) on Saturday and Sunday for additional parking.

4. The sound baffles are scheduled to be put up January 19th.

Secretary's Report: Doran moved (Robinson seconded) that the November minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

Reports:

David Genne:

1. Genne reported the results of the survey on the LM-NLM game favor keeping the game in pairs format.

2. The NLM Sectional will be June 3-6, 1999; the LM-NLM game will be June 10th.

David Ruderman: Ruderman reported that he has received the sanction for the STaC.

Lee Jensen: Jensen reported that there were 465 1/2 tables at the December tournament. He would like to have a restaurant guide for the January tournament. We will hold a joint roast for Beth Palmer and Bill Pettis at the March tournament, and we need an MC.

Ted Ying (by Kruskal):

1. Web Site: Our new web site address will go into effect on or about January 1: <http://www.wbl-unit.org>. Ying will maintain both accounts as long as he can expect the original server to go down about the end of the year. Hits are up by a lot for the last month.

2. Education: Barbara Summers and Bill Colligan are teaching at Redlands. They have incurred \$83.83 in expenses. Summers thinks there is someone to teach at Blair.

3. Signs: Ying has two No Parking signs to put out at the unit game and materials for three more. If not on there already, the signs need to read No WBL Parking.

4. Computer: The keyboard and floppy disk drive need to be replaced.

Kathy Kruskal:

1. Kruskal reported that she is working on GNT flyers.

2. The Non-Lm tournament has been scheduled at the Kensington

Community Center.

Frances Burke (by Kruskal): Cheer and Sympathy: Paul McMullin had surgery; Charlotte Borasky is ailing; Al Rosenthal has died.

Steve Robinson: Robinson reported that the last match is being played tonight.

Barb Doran: Doran reported that Kitty Gottfried thinks that everything is under control for the Christmas Party. Gifts for outstanding volunteers will be presented to Allen Tennenbaum, Frances Burke and Madge Gallant. Allen reported that members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Kensington Fire Department may help serve dinner.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: There was no new business.

The next meeting will be January 20, 1999, at the home of Frances Burke. The February meeting will be on the 17th at a place to be determined.

Directions: Take Beltway to Exit 30, north toward Columbia on 29. Left on Greencastle; left on Old Columbia; left on Perrywood to 14517. Phone (301) 384-6103.

Allen thanked Robinson for the fine hospitality, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

submitted

Respectfully

Rae Dethlefsen