

Minutes
Annual Meeting Washington Bridge League
May 16, 2002

Michael Carroad Unit Director introduced WBL President Barbara Doran.

Barbara Doran called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

She welcomed everyone and introduced the officers of the WBL.

She pointed out the discrepancy on the ballot and stated that both she and Secretary Barbara Shaw were incumbents. She then turned the floor over to Peter Boyd, Election Chairman, who conducted the annual elections.

Peter Boyd informed the membership that each officer is elected for a one year term and that the office of President can be held by the same person for no more than three consecutive years. Barbara Doran is running for her third term as President.

He then began the election of officers with the Secretary. Barbara Shaw is running for the office of Secretary. He asked for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Rae Dethlefsen moved, and Eric Landau seconded, that the nominations be closed. Barbara was elected unanimously.

Steve Robinson is running for Treasurer. Peter asked for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Ann Lindley moved and Bill Hacker seconded, that nominations close. Steve Robinson was elected unanimously.

Dick Wegman is running for the office of Vice President. Peter asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Ellen Klosson moved and Betty Tannery seconded, that nominations be closed. Dick Wegman was elected unanimously.

Barbara Doran is running for her third term as President. Peter asked for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Michael Carroad moved and Bill Hacker seconded that the nominations be closed. Barbara Doran was elected unanimously.

Peter then announced that Don Berman, Fred King and Dave Ruderman will be completing their 2 year terms on the board. There are three two year positions open for election. We have five men seeking these three positions. Peter then asked for any additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Rae Dethlefsen moved and Eric Landau seconded that the nominations be closed. Each man was allowed to make a two minute speech. They did so in this order: Wei Bao, Steve Forsythe, Lee Jensen, Ben Laden, and Jason Meyer. We then took a five minute break while people got their ballots and voted.

Barbara Doran then reconvened the meeting. Rae Dethlefsen moved and Donna Rogall seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Steve Robinson then presented his treasurer's report. He briefly stated that we lost about \$3700 last year because of the purchase of the duplicating machine and printing of the Directory. We also donated \$10,000.00 to the Nationals. Jim Allen moved and Ben Laden seconded that we accept the Treasurer's report as presented. It was approved unanimously.

Barbara Doran then presented the annual awards to the Aces in Clubs winners and the Mini- McKinney winners. The list of the winners is attached to the minutes.

Barbara then asked if there was any new business. At that time Donna Rogall presented a motion before the membership that all Sunday two session games at the sectionals start at noon. Diane Walker seconded the motion. Discussion followed. It was suggested that this was an issue to be discussed at the board meeting. Jim Allen moved to table the discussion. Bob Klein seconded the motion. A straw vote was taken to get a general idea as to the membership's feeling. About 1/3 of the membership seemed to be in favor of the change but more than 1/2 expressed the desire to keep the starting time at 11:00 A.M. President Doran indicated that the issue would be tabled until the next annual meeting but promised that the board would not wait that long to make a decision. This issue will be discussed at the next board meeting. Dave Ruderman suggested that he could conduct a survey if necessary.

Barbara Doran then asked if there was any old business. Being told there was none she then turned the meeting over to Barbara Shaw who recognized and thanked the three main organizers of our dinners. Barbara especially thanked Nadine Wood, Millard Nachtway and Kitty Gottfried for the hours and days of hard work and preparation not only for this banquet, but also for the Christmas Party, the hospitality at the Regionals, and the upcoming Nationals. Barbara Doran then thanked several people who helped the main organizers with this banquet and election.

President Doran then turned the floor over to Vice-President Kathy Kruskal. Kathy presented to five of our members awards from St. Elizabeth's Bridge Group. She recognized Steve Czecka as the main organizer and participant in their bridge group. In his thank you speech he asked that any one who wishes to play bridge the first Monday of each month at St. Elizabeth's is welcome. They really appreciate our participation and without us they would have no bridge group.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Shaw, Recording Secretary

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Director Michael Carroad introduced retiring President Barbara Doran. She called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

The minutes were approved.

Steve Robinson presented the yearly Treasurer's report as well as the current monthly report. Both reports were approved.

President Doran introduced former President Jim Allen who was to conduct the election of new officers. The election committee consisted of Francis Burke, Alice Miller and Audrey Marback.

Jim Allen announced that Dick Wegman has been nominated for President. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Earl Glickstein moved and Barbara Summers seconded that the nominations cease. Dick Wegman was elected unanimously.

Mr. Allen then said that Fred King was nominated for Vice President. He asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Earl Glickstein moved and Rae Dethlefsen seconded that the nominations cease. Fred King was elected unanimously.

Jim then announced that Barbara Shaw has been nominated for Secretary. He asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Barbara Summers moved and Earl Glickstein seconded that the nominations cease. Barbara Shaw was elected unanimously.

Steve Robinson was then nominated for Treasurer. Jim Allen asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Earl Glickstein moved and Barbara Summers seconded that the nominations cease. Steve Robinson was elected unanimously.

Jim Allen then announced that there were three positions open on the Board. Nominees were Don Berman, Steve Forsythe and Ron Zucker. He then asked for nominations from the floor. Arnie Frankel nominated John Adams and Clyde Kruskal. Both men declined the nomination. Earl Glickstein moved and Barbara Summers seconded that nominations cease. The three nominees were elected unanimously.

Jim announced that Barbara Doran will remain on the board for one year as the Past President.

Barbara then turned the floor over to the new President Dick Wegman. Dick recognized Barbara Doran the outgoing President for her outstanding work on the board for the three years in which she was President and presented her with a parting gift. He also told the membership that he hopes to build up the membership and number of players participating in our Unit games and our Sectionals. He also hopes to develop a Washington Area interscholastic competition between the High Schools.

Barbara Doran then presented the yearly awards. The Tubbs Award was presented to Charity Sack, The Cohen Award went to Ellen Cherniavsky, The Machlin Award went to Rosemary Marks and the Charles Lovenberg Award was presented to Fred Steinberg.

She then presented the Mini-McKinney Awards. The list of winners is attached to the minutes.

The President's Awards, presented each year to members who make a significant contribution to the success of the WBL were presented to Leslie Shafer, Alice Wegman and Lee Biggs.

She announced that long time tournament Chairman, Lee Jensen, was retiring from the Board. She presented him

with a special gift.

The meeting was adjourned a 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Shaw, Recording Secretary

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May 11, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Director Ted Ying at 7:15 PM. He introduced President Dick Wegman.

Dick Wegman asked for the unanimous approval of last year's minutes and the Treasurer's Report. Unanimous approval was given.

Dick recognized the assistance of the following persons who helped prepare the dinner: Carole Geagley, Kitty Gottfried, Eileen Houghton, Audrey Marbach, Barbara Shaw, Gloria Schulstad, and Nadine Wood.

Dick then introduced Jim Allen, Chairman of the Election Committee, who proceeded with the election of officers for 2005-2006. Jim presented the slate of officers running for re-election as President (Dick Wegman), Vice President (Fred King), Secretary (Richard Ferrin), and Treasurer (Steve Robinson). Jim asked for nominations for officers from the floor. There were none. Michael Carroad moved that nominations be closed. The nomination was seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Having no nominations from the floor or opposition to the slate of incumbents, Jim stated that the above-noted slate was deemed elected.

Jim then presented four candidates running for election for the three non-officer Board positions up for election this year: Don Berman, Arnie Frankel, Clyde Kruskal, and Jane Sturgis. Jim asked for nominations for officers from the floor. There were none. Michael Carroad moved that nominations be closed. The nomination was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim asked for the candidates to offer speeches. Arnie Frankel stated that he had no magic cure for the WBL's problems, but if elected, he would do everything possible to fulfill the obligations of the post. Clyde Kruskal stated that if elected, he would serve. Neither Don Berman nor Jane Sturgis were available to give speeches. Barbara Shaw stated that Don Berman has been the WBL's webmaster, has been on the WBL Board for many years, and does good work.

Jim thanked Frances Burke, Audrey Marbach, and Gloria Schulstad for their assistance with the balloting.

Dick thanked Kitty Gottfried for her good work for hospitality for the WBL, and presented her with a plaque. Dick thanked Ron Starr for his good work regarding the Bridge at Schools program, and presented him with a plaque. Finally, Dick thanked Steve and Sandy Forsythe for running the Thursday night lesson and novice game concurrently with the Unit Game. Dick noted that the Forsythes' lesson and novice game has attracted 32 to 35 players per night. Dick also noted the Forsythes' running of the Instant Bridge Player program. When last run last March, the program attracted 74 players. Ted Ying added that the Forsythes have done a lot to help the game.

Dick announced the winners of the mini-McKinney races for the WBL for 2004:

- Rookie of the Year, Raghavendra Rajkumar
- Junior Master of the Year, Roma Chandra
- Club Master of the Year, Shlomit Rind
- Sectional Master of the Year, James Andre
- Regional Master of the Year, Rama Kapur
- NABC Master of the Year, Jason Rosenfeld
- Life Master of the Year, Reese House
- Bronze Life Master of the Year, John Lowe III
- Silver Life Master of the Year, Tim Crank
- Gold Life Master of the Year, Peggy Allen
- Diamond Life Master of the Year, Mark Shaw

Grand Life Master of the Year, Steve Robinson

Dick announced the winners of the Ace of Clubs races for the WBL for 2004:

Rookie of the Year, Steven Nessler
Junior Master of the Year, Eric Beard
Club Master of the Year, Tsung Lee
Sectional Master of the Year, Neal Rosenthal
Regional Master of the Year, Steven Schatzow
NABC Master of the Year, Arthur Podolsky
Life Master of the Year, Marshall Kramer
Bronze Life Master of the Year, John Lowe III
Silver Life Master of the Year, Allen Lord
Gold Life Master of the Year, Leo LaSota
Diamond Life Master of the Year, Rossi Lindstrom
Grand Life Master of the Year, Steve Robinson

The final results were announced after ballots were counted. The new members of the Board are Don Berman, Clyde Kruskal, and Jane Sturgis.

Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ferrin, Secretary

**Minutes
WBL Annual Meeting
May 11, 2006**

Director Ted Ying introduced retiring President Dick Wegman. President Wegman called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Thanks for Hospitality

President Wegman thanked the many members who helped prepare the meal. On Wednesday: Lee Ann Jensen, Barbara Shaw, and Ron Zucker. On Thursday: Barbara and Jim Summers, Audrey Stern, Audrey Marbach, Saul Penn, Francis Burke, Steve Robinson, Gloria Schulstad, Bob Stearns, and Bill Colligan. President Wegman offered a special thanks also to Millard Nachtwey, Kitty Gottfried, Nadine Wood, and Dana Wood (Nadine's son), all of whom helped with hospitality at the last WBL sectional.

Secretary's Minutes and Treasurer's Report

President Wegman asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Secretary's minutes from the 2005 annual meeting, or the 2005 Treasurer's report. (A copy of the 2005 Treasurer's report is attached hereto.) Rosemary Marks inquired as to the status of the WBL building fund. Steve Robinson replied that the fund has not yet gotten off the ground.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Departing Words from President Wegman

President Wegman stated that it has been a pleasure to serve as President for the past three years. The WBL is thriving, with several improvements in the past year, including a good location for sectionals and a guaranteed partnership program.

Election

President Wegman introduced former President Jim Allen, who conducted the election of officers and board members. Mr. Allen thanked President Wegman and Alice Wegman for their service to the WBL.

Mr. Allen announced that Fred King had been nominated as President, Don Berman as Vice President, Richard Ferrin as Secretary, and Steve Robinson as Treasurer. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to close nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All four were elected by voice vote.

Mr. Allen then announced that there were five open positions on the Board, two of which were one-year terms due to early resignations from the Board, and the remainder two-year terms. The following five persons have been nominated to the Board: Barbara Ames, Ellen Cherniavsky, Bob Levey, Shlomit Rind, and Barbara Summers. Mr. Allen noted that Barbara Ames and Barbara Summers wished to be considered for the one-year positions, but Article VI.4(iv) WBL Constitution provides that of those elected, those with the lowest vote totals shall be assigned the positions of directors who vacated office before their terms expired. Peter Boyd moved to suspend the rules and elect Barbara Ames and Barbara Summers to the one-year terms, and elect Ellen Cherniavsky, Bob Levey, and Shlomit Rind to the two-year terms. Noting that a motion to suspend the rules requires a two-thirds vote, Mr. Allen asked for a show of hands. Mr. Allen determined that the motion passed by more than the necessary two-thirds majority.

Mr. Allen then reintroduced President Wegman.

Awards

President Wegman announced the following winners of the Mini McKenney awards, which is awarded to the WBL members in each category compiling the largest total number of masterpoints during 2005:

Rookie of the Year: Shawn Stringer

Junior Master of the Year: Michael Berard

Club Master of the Year: Linda Marshall

Sectional Master of the Year: Katherine Rabenstein

Regional Master of the Year: Lily Andre

NABC Master of the Year: Jason Rosenfeld

Life Master of the Year: Michael Gill

Bronze Life Master of the Year: Eugene Fisher

Silver Life Master of the Year: James Geist

Gold Life Master of the Year: Peggy Allen

Diamond Life Master of the Year: Fred King

Emerald Life Master of the Year: Les Bart

Platinum Life Master of the Year: Earl Glickstein

Grand Life Master of the Year: Steve Robinson

President Wegman announced the following winners of the Ace of Clubs awards, which is awarded to the WBL members in each category compiling the largest total number of masterpoints earned at clubs during 2005:

Rookie of the Year: Robert Claypool

Junior Master: David Desjardins

Club Master of the Year: Alfred Caponiti

Sectional Master of the Year: Alex Goldenberg

Regional Master of the Year: Alexander Gottesman

NABC Master of the Year: Malvern Sheffield

Life Master of the Year: Mark Rosen

Bronze Life Master of the Year: Wallace Ashby

Silver Life Master of the Year: Juline Glaz

Gold Life Master of the Year: Eileen Theimer

Diamond Life Master of the Year: Dalia Kende

Emerald Life Master of the Year: Rossi Lindstrom

Platinum Life Master of the Year: Eugene Kales

Grand Life Master of the Year: William Cole

Other Business

President Wegman asked if there were any questions or comments by the members. Ellen Klossen asked if there is money in the WBL's budget to improve the lighting. President Wegman replied that the WBL will push Christ the King church to install fresh lightbulbs. He added that Barbara Ames is heading a project to purchase more lamps.

President Wegman announced the beginning of a new weekly club game in the District for persons with less than 300 masterpoints. The game will be held Sundays at the Methodist Home, on Connecticut Avenue, N.W. just off Nebraska Avenue, N.W. The first game will be held on June 4, 2006.

Honoring Retiring President Wegman

Incoming President Fred King thanked retiring President Wegman for his great help to the WBL, and commented that his will be a hard act to follow. On behalf of the WBL, President King presented President Wegman with a gift certificate to Wegman's and a Wegman's shopping bag for Alice Wegman.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Whereupon, the annual meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Ferrin, Secretary

Minutes of the Washington Bridge League Annual Meeting
May 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Fred King at 7:00 PM.

Fred expressed thanks to the volunteers who contributed to the production and set-up of the dinner and meeting: Nadine Wood, Dana Wood, Kitty Gottfried, Millard Nachtwey, Barbara Doran, Barbara Shaw, Matt Czecha, Audrey Marbach, Gloria Schulstad, Steve Robinson, Ellen Cherniavsky, Frances Burke, Audrey Stern, Shlomit Rind and Eileen Houghton.

The minutes from last year's meeting were approved by the membership.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Steve Robinson, and approved by the membership.

Fred turned the meeting over to Jim Allen, Election Chair, who conducted the election of unit officers and directors. Dick Wegman moved (Barbara Doran seconded) that the policy of open one-year terms for Unit Directors going to the lowest vote getter(s) be suspended as Linda Marshall had volunteered to take the open one year term. The motion was approved. As no position was opposed, both slates were elected by acclamation. The new officers are: President Fred King, Vice President Don Berman, Secretary Richard Ferrin and Treasurer Steve Robinson. The new Unit Directors are: Ellen Rosenthal, Clyde Kruskal, Carole Banks and Linda Marshall (one-year term). Jim turned the meeting back to Fred.

Fred gave thanks to the many volunteers who make the WBL run so smoothly. He made special mention of the fantastic hospitality provided by Nadine Wood and Kitty Gottfried, the tireless work of the directing staff headed by Ted Ying, the hard work of the caddies, with a special mention for Alan Crank for his work setting up the playing area and duplicating the boards, the wonderful work Steve and Sandy Forsythe do with our new players, the efforts of Jim Geist in helping with set up and tear down, Lee Jensen for the repair and maintenance of the duplicating machine and the Barbara Doran for her work on the Partnership Desk and Guaranteed Partner program. He then presented the President's Award for Exceptional Service to the WBL to Barbara Shaw for the many and varied jobs she has taken on during the year, many on her own initiative.

Fred then presented the Mini-McKenny and Ace of Clubs awards, assisted by Charity Sack.

Jim Storms moved (Fred Steinberg seconded) to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18.