

**Naples Bridge Center Board Meeting**  
**October 24, 2023 / 4:30 pm.**  
**Bridge Center**

Present: Davis; Faulk; Gabriel; Hendrickson; Henry; Levine; Loew; Schaengold; Selvin.  
By Zoom: Gibson

Schaengold called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Quorum established.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 2023 BOG meeting were presented. Davis moved to accept the minutes; Gabriel seconded; motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***NBC Fall Sectional Update – Hendrickson***

Was well organized but table counts were down significantly due to early October date.

***By-Law Revisions – Selvin***

Robert Greenberg is writing the first draft.

***Club Operations Update – Faulk***

New signage is in place. Flood lights are installed. Concrete has been pressure washed. Ants are still a problem.

***Bridge Operations Update – Levine***

Janet Tutera is trained on Swiss Team games. Christie Copeland is ready to observe. Cipola's classes started with 83 new people. Need to consider how to attract them to NBC since many just return to play at their country clubs.

There was an incident of trespass which needs to be reported to the Sheriff's office. To increase safety, a panic button will be installed at the director's desk and a doorbell camera. Also, the Sheriff's department will be asked to brief directors on dealing with trespass.

***Program for Ranking the Daily Game Field***

The task force has yet to meet with Paul Michaels. The consensus is that the program is probably too cumbersome to be implemented by the directors.

***Covid Protocol 2023-2024 – Schaengold***

There will be no announcement of COVID cases. Members who self-report will be counseled to stay away until recovered.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Sit outs/director policy – Schaengold/ Bridge Advisory Committee***

Directors may elect to play to form a pair to avoid a sit out only for games with up to 9 tables. The partner of the director needs to understand that s/he will not earn any master points. For games with more than 9 tables, the director cannot play.

***Mentor/Mentee Event – Gabriel***

A Swiss teams event will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024 as a memorial for Will Burford. There will be a drawing to match the teams, with mentors NW and mentees SE.

***Nominating Committee – Schaengold***

Marie Anzilotti will chair the Nominating Committee for 2024 BOG candidates. The slate of candidates will be approved at the December Board meeting.

**Charity Donations – Davis**

Proceeds from our Charity games will be divided among David Lawrence Center, Providence House, AVOW Hospice, and Grace Place for 2023. Discussion centered around a replacement for the Community Foundation which we gave to last year in response to Hurricane Ian. It was suggested that we donate to the American Jewish Defense League or something similar in light of what is happening in the Middle East. However, since the David Lawrence Center is our neighbor, consensus was to donate to it.

**Sectional Tournament 2025 – Selvin**

Selvin and Vega have sent a proposal to ABCL to request a Sectional Tournament in January 2025. The dates proposed are on the second, third or fourth week.

**TREASURER REPORT – Davis**

Table fees for first 9 months are ahead of budget and 2022 receipts. There will be a significant increase in expenses for October due to the completion of many ignored improvements that have now been completed. The Summer membership ends October 31 – it appears to have been a great success.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Education – Gabriel**

Bruce Greenspan's classes start on October 27. It is suggested that some games with a 750 maximum be offered. Also, we need to investigate the possibility of 99er, 199er, and 299er games. The membership list will be probed to find out how many members fall into the various strata.

**Ethics and By-law update – Written report - Vega**

One member has been issued a warning.

**Marketing – Loew**

No report

**New Members – Henry**

There are 10 new members for the period 5/18/23 through 10/25/23.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 21 at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J Henry

Secretary