

Naples Bridge Center Board Meeting
December 21, 2023 / 4:30 pm.
Bridge Center

Present: Davis; Gabriel; Gibson; Hendrickson; Henry; Levine; Loew; Schaengold; Selvin; Vega.

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

MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee Approval of Candidate Slate - Anzilotti

Marie Anzilotti presented a slate of five members who are seeking nomination to the Board for 2024. They are Rashida Bova, Reha Gur, Ron Henry, Janet Hendrickson, and Brad Sharp. Loew moved approval, Vega seconded. Motion carried. There are three vacancies on the Board. Voting will be from January 14 – 28.

By-Law Revisions – Selvin

Selvin moved and Vega seconded approval of draft By-Laws. Motion carried. Selvin and Robert Greenberg will write a cover letter which, together with the draft By-Laws, will be sent to the membership on January 17. Voting will be from January 29 to February 5. If members have questions, they should be addressed to Selvin. Draft By-Laws will be noted in the January Newsletter and a reminder to vote will be in the February Newsletter.

For both the Candidate Slate and the By-Laws, voting can be either by paper at the club or electronically on-line.

Club Operations Update – Schaengold

There are some roofing issues – gaps between old and new sections. Dumpster gate has been repaired. A/C will be inspected in week of December 28 and July 4. Ant issue has been mitigated. New white boards will be ordered.

Bridge Operations Update – Levine

Bridge mate software has been updated. Members without ACBL numbers are now recognized in the system via their 4-digit number. There will be no Monday night games on December 18 and 25, and January 1. There will be Swiss team games on December 24 and 31.

Mentor/Mentee Event – Gabriel

A Swiss teams event will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024 as a memorial for Will Burford. Nan Burford will be the director. Information about the game will be in the January Newsletter.

Sectional Tournament 2024 – Selvin/Hendrickson

A Sectional Tournament will be held on April 11-14, 2024. There will be no breakfast offered as part of the hospitality.

Holiday Party Update – Schaengold

There were 88 registered for the Holiday Party and 80 in attendance. The event was very well received with excellent food at the Bear's Paw venue. We will plan for a similar event for December 8, 2024. We should guarantee about 10% fewer dinners than anticipated. For 2023, the club funded about \$2,700 of the cost, inclusive of the sale of raffle tickets.

NEW BUSINESS:***Annual meeting date: February 6***

Board meeting to follow election of officers.

Handicap Entrance to Club – Schaengold

The current entrance doors are hurricane doors and too heavy for some handicapped members to open unassisted. During the first two quarters of 2024, Faulk will investigate design and cost of providing an entrance that is more easily utilized.

Kitchen assistance for January – April – Schaengold

Hendrickson will explore possibility of using persons who have volunteer requirements for their school/work.

BOGO January – Davis

On the week of January 8, BOGO will be offered Monday – Friday for players in the limited games.

TREASURER REPORT – Davis

Davis presented the 2024 budget. It is conservative and has a projected surplus of \$11,000. Henry moved acceptance of the proposed budget, Hendrickson seconded. Motion was approved.

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

An extensive curriculum has been developed. In January, Bruce Greenspan will teach on Mondays and Tony Cipolla on Tuesdays. On Thursdays, Ellen Gabriel and Melanie Schaengold will offer an 8-week course on Bridge 1 using Audrey Grant's materials. On Fridays, Nan Burford will offer a 4-part series on defense. May Sakr will be the director on Wednesday, January 10, 24, and 31.

Marketing – Loew

Loew presented an initiative to help the club be more welcoming to new members. It was well received and Loew will flesh out some details.

New Members – Henry

There are 26 new members for the period 11/21/23 through 12/12/23.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9 at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J Henry

Secretary