

Naples Bridge Center Board Meeting
January 10, 2024 / 4:40 pm.
Bridge Center

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

Schaengold called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m. Quorum established.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 2023 BOG meeting were presented. Gabriel moved to accept the minutes with a change to correct the date; Davis seconded; motion carried.

New Members – Henry

There are 19 new members for the period 12/13/23 through 1/10/24.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Law Timeline – Selvin

A cover letter which, together with the draft By-Laws, will be sent to the membership on January 24. Voting will be from January 24 to February 5. If members have questions, they should be addressed to Selvin. A reminder to vote will be in the February Newsletter.

Voting can be either by paper at the club or electronically on-line.

Club Operations Update – Faulk

A list of Upcoming Known and Potential Costs was presented that totaled approximately \$54,000 for 2024.

Bridge Operations Update – Levine

Mae Sakr will not be available as a director for the foreseeable future.

Answering the telephone is an issue. Messages will be noted in a book and Levine will follow up on them.

Board of Directors Election Timeline – Schaengold/Davis

Voting will be from January 14 to January 28 and can be either by paper at the club or electronically on-line.

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. Sign-up sheets are available at the club. There will be a random draw for teams.

Sectional Tournament 2024 – Schaengold

A Sectional Tournament will be held on April 11-14, 2024. Lunches will be available on Friday, April 12, via Food Truck; on Saturday, April 13, via Jason's Deli; and on Sunday, April 14, via Publix subs.

New player welcome program – Loew

An ad hoc committee, chaired by Loew, will be formed to flesh out some details of the program.

High School Kitchen Support Program – Schaengold

No progress has been made. Gibson suggested contacting the Catholic Schools.

BOGO Program January 8th – Levine/Davis

Monday, January 8 was encouraging with 5-6 tables in morning and 7 in afternoon. Tuesday, January 9 was discouraging with only 1.5 tables [so merged with Open game]. Going forward, depending on Thursday's experience, we will cancel the Tuesday 750 game and maybe cancel the Thursday one.

Coupon Update – Selvin

We have obtained 12,000 new coupons from a different vendor. The coupons are significantly larger than those in current use and will have to be stored separately from the cash box.

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

Board meeting to follow election of officers.

Joining SE Carolina Online bridge – Levine/Davis/Schaengold

As discussed previously, the Board prefers to keep its affiliation with a local entity rather than joining the SE Carolina Online bridge unit. Vega proposed, Selvin seconded, a motion that we decline the invitation to join the SE Carolina Online bridge unit.

Eating at tables – Schaengold

We will continue to forbid eating at the bridge tables.

TREASURER REPORT – Davis

There was a profit of over \$50,000 for 2023. Table counts were up approximately 1,300.

The Meeting moved into Executive Session at 5:50 PM.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 6 following the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J Henry

Secretary