Naples Bridge Center Board Meeting November 12, 2024 / 4:25 pm. Bridge Center

Present: Davis; Dewey; Gabriel; Gur; Hendrickson; Henry; Levine; Lewis; Loew; Schaengold; Selvin.

Schaengold called the meeting to order at 4:25p.m. Quorum established.

MINUTES

The minutes of October 15 BOG meeting were presented. Davis moved acceptance, Gabriel seconded: motion carried.

New Members – Henry

There are 18 new members for the period 10/15/24 through 11/11/24.

In addition, 178 members have already renewed for 2025, including 49 who renewed through 2027, 16 through 2029, and 3 new life members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Operations Update – Lewis

The Christmas tree is being assembled. This year, the club is soliciting gifts for an organization that supports people with mental and/or physical disabilities.

Bridge Operations Update – Levine

Carol Booth and Janet Tutera will be directing the 750 game on Saturdays. They are not available on Mondays or Wednesdays. When Cheryl Gorman returns, she will assist with those 750 games.

Levine is away from November 27 to December 7 and has made arrangements for director coverage. STAC week begins December 8.

Sectional Tournaments – Selvin/Hendrickson/Lewis

There will be 2 sandwich and 1 deli choice for sale for Friday and Saturday lunch.

Holiday Party - Schaengold/Lewis

It is likely that the Holiday party will be a sell-out.

A raffle includes an opportunity for 4 people to play golf and have lunch at Bear's Paw. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. There are additional prizes.

2024-25 Fund Raising Campaign – Selvin/Davis

The kickoff campaign will commence by December 2024 with a goal of \$100,000. A donor has pledged an amount that will be used as a match towards the goal. Selvin and Davis will provide the rationale for the campaign in the communication to the members. By beginning in 2024, members can obtain a charitable deduction for this fiscal year, if they are eligible.

Estate Planning Program – Davis

Information will be placed regularly in the Newsletter to request members to consider NBC in their estate plans.

Longest Day October 31 Event – Lewis/Schaengold

\$6,195 was raised. The event was well received and should be repeated next year.

2025 February Robert Todd Program – Schaengold

The event will be held on February 17. Cost is \$75 for 2.5 hour morning lesson by Robert Todd and also includes lunch that will commence at 11:30 AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Composition 2025 – Gabriel

Following discussion of a suggestion by Gabriel, a motion was made by Henry and seconded by Hendrickson, to reduce the size of the BOG from 9 to 7 members, effective February 4, 2025. Currently, board members serve a minimum of 3 years. Members appear to prefer a shorter time commitment so they will be included more in committee work. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee 2025 Board of Directors Election

Hendrickson will chair the Nominating Committee. Selvin and Vega will have completed their maximum consecutive years and are ineligible to serve in 2025. Davis is eligible for re-election.

Flood Insurance Coverage – Davis/Lewis

Coverage is being increased to include building contents with a resultant increase in annual premiums from \$1400 to \$4000.

TREASURER REPORT - Davis

October table income was down from 2023 partially due to hurricane closure for 3 days and also there was a sectional tournament in October 2023. It is anticipated that November 2024 will significantly exceed November 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ethics committee

Nothing to report

Marketing committee

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 10 at 4:30 PM

Future meeting dates: January 7

Respectfully submitted, Ronald J Henry, Secretary