

Attending: April Apfelbaum, Jay Apfelbaum, Ellen Berkowitz, Mark Bolotin, Mark Cohen, John Dickenson, Ellen Luchette, John Nothdurft, Jeff Rohrbeck, Cathy Strauss
Not Attending: Pam Scalamandre

This meeting was held online. Cathy Strauss called the meeting to order at 5:30.

1. Tournament Chair Expectations: Jay raised the question of “what are the responsibilities of the tournament chair.” The following list was suggested in discussion:
 - a. In charge of running the days at the event
 - b. Create flyers, emails, etc.
 - c. Answering questions
 - d. Find chairs for hospitality, partnership, etc.
 - e. Find a director

Jay’s observation is that some decisions need to be made at gametime, on the fly. We do not want the tournament director to make decisions that are the province of the tournament chair.

In discussion, it was again postulated that 27 boards are too much for a regular tournament but might be desired by more advanced players. There was a general discussion of the role of the board and the tournament chair in discussing the tournament. It was suggested that committee chairs should make decisions in cooperation with the board.

A motion was made: The board should clarify the role of a tournament chair in the planning of future tournaments by creating a document. Motion seconded and passed. It was suggested that this be given to the tournament subcommittee.

2. Annual Meeting: John N., Ellen B, Jane Hileman, April Uhlenburg, Anne-Marie Corner, Preliminary schedule created. Dupli-Swiss, am pair and pro pair. Two rounds, then commentary, then two more rounds, commentary. Teams formed at the tournament.
3. Education Coordinator - Ellen L. talked to the district education coordinator. There is a list of current educational opportunities that needs to be updated. KOP is considering a mentor/mentee arrangement with an associated game. Similar to the current 4IE at North Penn. This is something that we may promote this kind of game to other clubs in the unit.
4. 555: We received a letter from Bronia, circulated prior to the meeting. Ellen B. described the process of communicating with members. Email is the first choice, calls if no email available. We are currently contacting all members who have not renewed. Some on the list are quite elderly – not much buy-in for that age. Our thanks to the board members who are contacting these players.
5. NAP Qualifying: Limits have changed. C qualifiers are now 0-750 NLM; we will need to communicate this information to the clubs. We will mention this in the district newsletter.
6. NABC Philadelphia – there was a discussion of restaurant recommendations and discount codes for the upcoming tournament.

The next meeting will take place online, September 11, 5:30.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:51.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Rohrbeck
Secretary