

Washington Bridge League – April 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Submitted by Lena Maman (WBL Secretary)

Attendees

Hadi Abushakra, Bob Bell, Herb Schulken, Lena Maman, Lloyd Rawley, Linda Marshall, Alex Gretsinger, Kathy Kopnisky, Ted Ying (Club Manager)

Absent: Clyde Kruskal, Mary Tenenbaum, Alex Stille

Secretary's Report

The Board approved the minutes of the March 2022 meeting.

Online Unit Game and Treasurer's Report [Herb]

- The WBL continues to maintain a strong financial foundation, although Herb reported a \$400 loss for the month of March.
- The WBL received a \$1500 check for membership payment from the ACBL. The Unit will also receive \$300-400 from Doug Grove, District 6 Treasurer, for the East Coast 99ers game.

Communications Committee Report

Linda reported sending out email blasts to WBL members about the upcoming in-person unit game. She said she will send a reminder email to members on Ohr Kodesh's VaxPass policy and WBL's mask optional policy —generally optional, but required if someone at your table requests that you wear a mask.

Preparations for Reopening on May 5

VaxPass

The synagogue will mail actual passes to WBL members on April 28. Lena reported that 57 bridge players have applied for the Ohr Kodesh Congregation's Vax-Pass.

Hadi, Bob, and Alex G. agreed to help hand out VaxPasses on May 5. Hadi will contact Ohr Kodesh for clarification on their plan surrounding in-person VaxPass distribution.

Mask Optional Policy

Ted agreed to purchase a box of 100 masks.

Herb recommended scoring average plus/minus at tables where one or more player(s) decline to wear a mask when asked to do so by opponent(s).

Snacks and Refreshments

The Board agreed to provide coffee, tea, water, and pre-packaged snacks. Linda will order pre-packaged snacks. Kathy volunteered to help purchase coffee and teabags, starting May 12.

Games

Depending on attendance, Ted recommended the following games for the unit game: AX, BC OR BCD, and 0-499. Ted will ask David Solomon to make boards and print out hand records.

0-20 Teacher

Rochelle Cohen accepted the Board's offer to teach the 0-20 lesson.

Tournament Committee Minutes

Linda submitted the Tournament Committee minutes to the Board, which state the following:

The tournament committee met on Sunday 4/24/2022 to discuss recommendations for space needs for the Sept/Oct 2022 WBL sectional and to have a preliminary discussion about tournament logistics.

Lunch: Although we might prefer to be out of the business of serving lunch, we don't see a way around having to provide an onsite lunch option for attendees. To make lunch a less interactive experience, we'd like to find a source for self-contained box lunches. Carole noted that ABA serves fried chicken box lunches from Popeyes and they're popular. Food trucks are also an option if we can find some that are willing to come to the tournament site, but we're concerned about the wait (which would be improved by the ability to order ahead).

Snacks and beverages: We recommend cans of soda, bottled water, coffee, and tea, along with pre-packaged snacks.

Time for sessions: We recommend sticking with the 11 and 3:30 schedule we had adopted before the pandemic. Alternatively, we could add 15 minutes to the break.

Time for rental: We've been renting the space from 9:30 to 8:00 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If we don't change game times, this should still be right.

Space needed: We don't think we will need the Garden Room for this tournament because of our expectation of lower attendance. The main social hall should be sufficient. If NVBA has strong attendance at their tournament next month, we could reconsider.

Director in charge: Brad needs to list someone as director in charge to finish filing his request for a sanction from ACBL. Some people at the meeting thought Ted might have been lined up for this, but upon further discussion they weren't sure whether they had the tournament confused with the unit game.]

Snail Mail Proposal

The Board voted unanimously NOT to contribute WBL funds to the NVBA snail mail projec

Longest Day

Hadi will discuss with Ted the feasibility of applying for a sanction for a charity club game event for The Longest Day.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 31st May at 7:30pm.