



New England Bridge Conference of the American Contract Bridge League

Minutes
Board of Delegates Meeting
Harvest Regional
Holiday Inn
Norwich, CT
November 23, 2024

After determining that the required quorum has been reached, the meeting was called to order at 8:40 AM.

President's Opening Remarks – President Susan Miguel welcomed the delegates.

Secretary's Report – A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the Board of Delegates Meeting held at the Granite State Get Away in Nashua, NH on Sunday, June 16, 2024 . The motion was seconded and so voted.

Treasurer's Report - Joseph Brouillard

Our Fidelity Assets have done extraordinarily well. For the last 20 months, our Strategic Projects Fund showed an increase. We received a check for \$3816 for the Grass-Roots Fund. We will be reimbursed by Peter Marcus for the cost of the bidding boxes, by the end of the year.

(Lynn Duncan) Do you make the financial decisions or is there a financial advisor that makes the decisions.

(J. Brouillard) I worked at Fidelity for 23 years.

Operating Statement shows total tournament income and non-tournament income to date that is a decrease from last year. Our total expenses are just under \$20,000. For the year, we have a loss of \$2,167. We do not anticipate making any money at this tournament.

(P. Clay) Why was there a decrease in the STaC games?

(J. Brouillard) This is due to a change in way the STaC is handled. Now the money goes directly to the ACBL.

Tournament Manager's Report - Sally Kirtley

You should have received the Tournament Comparison Report for 2024. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as sent.

Election

President Miguel noted that the Joyce Haley, the chair, was unable to attend. I did not have a relative on the committee, but asked Jonathan Klinker to give the report that she (Joyce Haley) prepared.

Nomination Committee Report - Jonathan Klinker

The Nominating Committee voted to present the following slate of candidates for 2025:

President - Susan Miguel - RIBA

Vice President - Denise Bahosh - CMBA

A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of candidates as presented. The motion was accepted without dissent.

A delegate was brought up the negative impact of the ACBL 5-5-5 rule on the Units. Discussion followed. President Miguel reviewed the current situation and acknowledged that the requirements are unevenly onerous depending on the size of the Unit. She added that the formula is under review.

Approval of the update of the District 25 Bylaws

A quorum being present and after discussion, the update of the current bylaws, as sent, with the amendments therein was approved.

The question of cheating on-line and the use of monitoring programs (EDGAR) was discussed by Bill Seagraves. General discussion followed.

As game time was approaching, a motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Carolyn Weiser, Secretary, D-25
From notes provided. Absent from meeting