



New England Bridge Conference of the American Contract Bridge League

Minutes Executive Committee Meeting Harvest Regional Holiday Inn, Norwich, CT Friday, November 22, 2024

Present: Officers: Susan Miguel, President; Denise Bahosh, Vice President; Joseph Brouillard, Treasurer, Curtis Barton, Past President; Paul Harris, EMBA; Neil Montague, EMBA and Database Manager; Bill Segraves, CBA; Jonathan Klinker, RIBA(Joyce Haley alt.); John Pieper NHBA William Kennedy alt.; Dan Morgenstern, MBA; Sally Kirtley, Tournament Manager, David Metcalf, DIC; Gary Peterson, Webmaster
Absent: Carolyn Weiser, Secretary; Mike Kagen, CMBA; Peter Marcus, CBA; Joyce Haley, RIBA; William Kennedy, NHBA; Steve Ackerman VBA; Sheila Ryan, WMBA; Mark Aquino, RR;

Call to Order

Presidents opening remarks: Susan Miguel

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Secretary's Report - Carolyn Weiser - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at the Ocean State Regional on Friday, September 6, 2024 as sent.

Treasurer's Report - Joseph Brouillard

Our Current Assets are relatively good shape. This is primarily due to the fact that our Fidelity assets have done extraordinarily well. For the last 20 months, our Strategic Projects Fund showed a healthy increase and commensurate year to date increase. We received a check from the from the ACBL for the Grass-Roots Fund. We will be reimbursed for the cost of the new bidding boxes by Peter Marcus by the end of the year.

Operating Income Statement shows total 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.

The decision regarding the renewal of MailChimp was discussed.

Tournament Manager's Report - Sally Kirtley

You should have received the Tournament Comparison Report for 2024. The proximity to Thanksgiving and the recent increase in norovirus has had an affected on attendance. We were unaware that the ACBL was going to schedule an on-line regional for the same weekend. We will be back in Norwich again in 2025 for the Harvest

Regional but the earlier dates, projected as 11-16 should be better. We will again have the NAP finals as part of the regional schedule.

Regional Director's Report – Mark Aquino - Absent - Report sent to members under separate cover.

Old Business - none

New Business

Special Commendations

Scholarship Program- Bill Segraves

B. Segraves brought up the work begin done by Thomas Ye in fostering bridge at college. A commendation will be sent.

As there were no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.