

MINUTES

NHBA Annual Meeting - July 15, 2018, Nashua

Members present: Kathy Benjamin (newly elected), Wayne Burt (exofficio, past president), Lucia Carlisle, Barbara Cleveland (newly elected), Claire Gardner (outgoing), Ross Huntington (newly elected), Kris Jarosz, David Lawrence (newly elected), Sarah Widhu, Tink Tysor.

The meeting was **called to order**, by president, Sarah Windhu at 11:31AM.

Secretary's Report and the Minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Lucia Carlisle

Following a short discussion, the report was approved unanimously.

Law Revision (distributed earlier) – Claire Gardner

After a brief discussion was approved unanimously.

President Report & Announcements from Sarah; some of the items followed by a discussion:

- The non-LM sectional and the camp associated with that sectional and organized by Jane Verdrager will be no longer offered due to diminished interest,
- Rivier is raising the price (was \$150/day now \$250/day and we must promise to increase food spending from \$350 to \$500 as of September 2018). We should look for other possible venues; no obvious choice; we may explore places closer to the coast. In August we still play at Rivier.
- *Discussion points: Rivier is less work, it works well for players from Massachusetts, Rivier did not change the price for the last 3 years. Several members suggested to increase the price by \$1/session to cover the increased cost; Rivier can provide hospitality to reach the required \$500 food minimum; Sarah will talk with the Rivier. No decision about the date of the next State Championship.*
- Sarah agreed to serve one more year as our president and would like to step down in 2019.
- Sarah attended a bridge camp for children and found it to be very interesting.
- Sarah requested that we encourage people to help with the tournaments.

AED purchase was discussed and approved unanimously. Cost: \$1,500 approximately for the unit plus training \$25/person (?), plus battery replacement approximately \$200 every 2 years.

Reimbursement

Sarah suggested that the President should get a one-night hotel reimbursement for each tournament he/she is expected to attend. Approved unanimously.

Our bank account – Lucia

Lucia suggested that we put \$12,000 into an interest-bearing account with Jane, Lucia, and Sarah as signatories. It was approved unanimously after a brief discussion.

Website

Tink and David will manage our web page.

New members of the Board: Barbara Cleveland, Ross Huntington, and David Lawrence were elected unanimously

The **next Board meeting** will take place in Grantham on September 29 before the Sectional.

The **meeting adjourned** at 12:25PM.