

**New Hampshire Bridge Association
Annual Meeting June 1, 2025
Held at the Alpine Club
175 Putnam Street
Manchester, NH 03102**

Board Members: Bill Kennedy, Lucia Carlisle, Jane Verdrager, Rick Weinstein, Mary Atwood and David Lawrence (non-voting member)

Excused Board Members: Sharon Kace, John Pieper, Peter Kingsley, Alice Bruist-Mak

Attendees: Wayne Burt, Larry Mann, David Atwood, Mary Barry, Donna Devlin, Kathy Benjamin, Alan Carpenter, Vincent Messina, Peter Mathews

Bill Kennedy called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

Bill welcomed all in attendance and stated that the Annual Meeting of the Board is in addition to the quarterly meetings that are held on Zoom.

Secretary Report:

Bill Kennedy spoke to this agenda item and stated there were minimal surface errors to be corrected on the April 16, 2025 Board minutes. Those edits did not change the content.

Lucia motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed with suggested edits. Mary Atwood seconded. VOTE: All in Favor – Motion Passed

Treasurer Report:

Lucia Carlisle distributed and presented the 4/30/25 Report. A copy is attached.

Lucia explained that the Report captures the Sectional in Portsmouth and does not reflect the State Tournament. The 2024 year-end total considers an unusual uptick in revenue from ACBL and the removal of the storage unit fee (the storage unit was used primarily for the 30 bridge tables). Fifteen tables are now on loan to the Derry Bridge Club (loaned with the understanding that the tables are to be returned for use at the State Tournament and Sectionals) with the remaining 15 housed in Lucia's garage.

Lucia then spoke to Pages 2 and 3 of the Report which show transaction details by tournament. The 2025 April sectional in Portsmouth was successful.

An initial \$1,700 loss was budgeted for the 2025 State Tournament. Revised numbers will likely be closer to \$1,500.

Peter Matthew asked if it was possible to include table count data for each sectional as it could be helpful for projections and planning purposes. Lucia indicated that she has the data and will add that information.

Bill Kennedy asked about the \$120 for the website. David Lawrence spoke to the fee being to register the domain and for tech support.

Kathy Benjamin spoke to the price of the awards for the State Tournament and asked the Board to review for possible savings. Bill Kennedy stated the Board would take it under review.

Kathy Benjamin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. David Atwood seconded. VOTE: All in Favor – Motion Passed

Membership Update:

Bill Kennedy explained that ACBL sends a monthly In and Out membership report. The report varies every month by 7-9 members with an average of 500. As of May 1, 2025, Unit 150 membership is 500. Unit 150 is the third largest unit in District 25. District 25 is comprised of eight units.

Keene and Grantham Sectionals:

Bill Kennedy tabled this item until the July Board Meeting which is scheduled to be before the Keene Sectional. Jane Verdrager will be invited to discuss the Grantham Sectional.

New Business:

Lucia Carlisle initiated dialogue about the thirty State Tournament bridge tables owned by the Board. Currently, the Derry Club has 15 on loan and 15 are in stored at Lucia's.

Skip Page has taken over the Eliot Maine Game (which will now meet in North Hampton) and the club needs tables. Jane asked if the tables were available for sectionals. Lucia said yes. For instance, if Portsmouth needed tables for a sectional, the Board tables on loan to North Hampton could be used for that purpose. Lucia recommended that the North Hampton Club be loaned 4 tables (with the same understanding as with The Derry Bridge Club that the tables are to be returned to the Board for use at the State Tournament or other Sectionals if needed).

Jane Verdrager made a motion to allow the NHBA to loan bridge tables to the North Hampton Bridge Club. Seconded by Mary Atwood. VOTE: All in Favor – Motion Passed

Nashua Sectional Site:

Bill Kennedy was tasked with investigating possible venues for a Nashua Sectional at last year's Annual Board Meeting. He has spoken to several people and looked around Nashua for a site. He was asked to reach out to the Hudson VFW. To date, his calls and messages to determine whether a venue is a possibility have gone unanswered. At this time, no venue has been procured in Nashua.

Election of New and Continuing Directors to the Board:

The following slate of candidates was presented by Bill Kennedy:

Bill Kennedy: Three Year Term (continuing)
Sharon Kace: Three Year Term (continuing)
Mary Barry: Three Year Term Director
Donna Devlin: Three Year Term Director
Alan Carpenter: Two Year Term Director (Replacing Alice Bruist-Mak's unexpired term)

Bill asked if any of the members in attendance wanted to volunteer for one of the positions. No one stepped forward.

Lucia made a motion to accept the new and continuing Directors as presented. Seconded by Kathy Benjamin. VOTE: *All in Favor – Motion Passed*

Election of the Slate of Officers:

The following slate of candidates for Officers was presented by Bill Kennedy:

Bill Kennedy: President
John Pieper: Vice-President
Sharon Kace: Secretary
Lucia Carlisle: Treasurer

Rick Weinstein made a motion to accept the Slate of Officers as presented. Seconded by Kathy Benjamin. VOTE: *All in Favor – Motion Passed*

Q&A:

None

Next Meeting:

July 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM.

Adjournment:

Donna Devlin made a motion to adjourn at 11.58 AM. Jane Verdrager seconded. VOTE: *All in Favor – Motion Passed*

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Barry