

**New Hampshire Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
January 21, 2026**

The quarterly meeting of the New Hampshire Bridge Association Board of Directors was called to order by President William Kennedy at 7:01 p.m.

Other members of the Board in attendance were:
Mary Barry, Sharon Beaty, Lucia Carlisle, Donna Devlin, Sharon Kace,
David Lawrence, Merrick Weinstein

Absent: Alan Carpenter, John Pieper

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the last Board meeting plus the Special Meeting regarding changes necessary for NHBA Tournaments were sent to the entire Board of Directors by Secretary Sharon Kace prior to this meeting. Motion made by Lucia Carlisle to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Sharon Beaty. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was sent to the entire Board of Directors by Treasurer Lucia Carlisle prior to this meeting.

She stated the November tournament on the Seacoast was one of the most successful of NHBA.

Lucia explained that since the yearend report was written, some additional payments were made in January, 2026. Discussion ensued about the large amount of money in the NHBA bank account and how we might spend some of it to benefit the Bridge community. Many ideas were exchanged that are worthy of consideration in the coming months and years.

Motion made by Rick Weinstein; seconded by Mary Barry to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report

Our President Bill Kennedy reported that NHBA (Unit 150) presently has 469 members; the lowest number in quite some time. Reason for decline unknown; revision in February may correct this number.

Hudson Sectional 2026

Tournament Manager Position. Bill Kennedy made an offer to a Derry Bridge Club member who stated that they were interested in the position and would respond to this offer within a short period of time.

Tournaments

Discussion developed about possible payment to all the Tournament Managers. It was suggested that the organization pay the tournament managers a stipend for their time and efforts on behalf of NHBA. A motion was made by Rick Weinstein and seconded by Sharon Beaty that moving forward, the Tournament Manager of a NHBA-sponsored 2-day Bridge tournament will be paid \$250.00 and also have session fees waived. Motion passed unanimously.

Required information on flyers

Mary Barry reported that Brian Weikle (ACBL Manager of Bridge Operations) stated that all tournament flyers require stratification numbers, Example: Open/2000/750 with 499 (3 table minimum depending on attendance).

Stratification for both days, based on attendance, at the discretion of the Director.

Trophy Change

It was previously suggested that we change the type of trophies for the B and C State trophies to a similar type trophy as the State Champion ... meaning that the trophy will designate the winners each year on a continuing basis. After research by Lucia, she recommended a wooden plaque with engraved metal nameplates added each year. The Board agreed with and approved the recommendation.

There will be no individual trophy for the B and C winners; however, the State Champions will be awarded a separate trophy. A motion for the above changes was made by Donna Devlin and seconded by Sharon Kace. Motion approved unanimously.

Ron Mak Award

David Lawrence reminded the Board that the Ron Mak Award went to the player who earned the highest yearly cumulative points achieved at the NHBA Sectionals. David volunteered to determine the 2025 winner and notify the Board.

New Business

Sharon Beaty made a motion, which was recommended by John Pieper prior to the meeting, to have NHBA congratulate Sue Miguel on her election to the Board of Governors and wish her the best of luck in this new position. This was seconded by Donna Devlin. Motion passed unanimously.

The President closed the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2026 on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon S. Kace
Secretary

