

Minutes of NYGPL Captains' Board Meeting  
June 16, 2011

Present: David A, President  
Eddie B, Treasurer (representing The Cage Panthers)  
Bruce K, Boxers' Briefs  
John D, Amsterdam BC  
Kat C, Society Billiards  
Oscar P, Eagle NYC  
Renee R, Ginger's G-Spots  
Rob H, Boxers  
Rose N, Stonewall Riots

Absent: Chi-chiz (Amsterdam) Elite  
Rockbar PoolBoyz

1. Year in Review

David A reported that we lost two sponsors during the season due to closings, Chi-chiz and The Cage, and that we had gained one new sponsor at the start of the year, Society Billiards.

We also launched our new website, which has many new and useful features. Some bugs are being worked out for how it handles our 9-ball tournament matches, but otherwise it is fully functional.

The year was free of any major sportsmanship issues. Minor incidents are virtually inevitable, but previous years had seen some major ones, and thankfully that did not occur to this year.

Fundraising overall was down from previous years, including our raffle which brought in approximately \$1400. Rob H suggested soliciting contributions from bar owners and/or corporate sponsors next year in order to raise more money.

We had successful opening and closing events. Our season opening and web launch party was at Boxers, and the closing party was at Amsterdam.

2. Upcoming Events

The league will be participating in the Pride March on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Marchers are needed, so captains were asked to spread the word. We will march with Out of Bounds, an umbrella organization for gay sports leagues in NYC. However, we will have our own banner, which David Z arranged to have donated and was designed by our web designer, Scott Briefer, also for free.

On Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at Therapy we will have a fundraiser with cabaret performances and a silent auction. Volunteers are needed to help run the event. Postcards are being printed for the event in conjunction with Out of Bounds and will be distributed at the Pride March, as well as being placed in bars and other locations around the city.

The 9-ball tournament ends the week of June 27<sup>th</sup> with playoffs in the weeks of July 11 and July 18.

### 3. Rules Proposals

The first proposal was to keep rule 5.1G that gives the Executive Committee full operating authority and rule 5.6A that, in the absence of other committee member appointments by the President, the Executive Committee will serve as the sole membership of each committee. This proposal passed unanimously.

The next proposal dealt with whether to add a rule that keeps the round robin format for round one of the playoffs, which was done this year on a trial basis. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table this decision until next season. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal three was to change the rule regarding push shots and double hits so that we no longer enforce this when it is due to the close proximity of the cue ball and object ball. The proposal passed unanimously.

Proposal four was to raise the annual membership fee from \$45 to \$50. Rob H suggested that we leave the required fee at \$45, but that we encourage players to give an additional \$5 or more as a suggested donation. A motion was made and seconded to adopt Rob's suggestion, and passed unanimously.

### 4. Existing Rule Clarifications

Some existing rules that have caused some confusion were discussed for purposes of clarification. The first of these is rule 12.8, which states that the referee should inform the player if a called shot is not legal. There had been at least one instance where the referee thought that being neutral implied that he should not intervene in this situation. Captains were asked to make sure their referees are aware of this rule.

The second clarification was regarding the shot clock. Referees need to be aware that the shot does not have to be executed within the allotted time, but that the player merely needs to be in, and remain in, shooting stance within the allotted time. Rob H expressed the opinion that he thinks we ought to require the shot to be executed within the allotted time to avoid confusion. No motion was made to adopt such a change, although the question can be revisited next year.

The issue of whether concurrent play should be allowed, i.e., whether players should be allowed to practice on another table while the match is in progress. There currently is no rule for this, so it implicitly is allowed. Bruce K suggested that we might add a rule stating that it is allowed provided that both teams have access to whatever practice table(s) is/are available. No motion was made, however, to add such a rule.

## 5. Financial Report

Eddie B then presented a report on the league's financial status. The current balance in our account as of the day of the meeting is \$9,267.33.

Additional expenses before the end of the year include \$353.40 for trophies, \$80-\$120 for reimbursement of 9-ball fees for members of the team from The Cage, and \$800 for prizes in the 9-ball tournament.

The June 29 cabaret and silent auction event will raise additional funds, hopefully in the vicinity of \$1000 or more. Based on these expectations, the estimated amount available for contributions to our charities is approximately \$9000.

## 6. Charities

Tony P from Amsterdam BC was unable to attend the meeting, but sent along his recommendations for which charities should receive our

contributions this year. He proposed giving equal amounts to each of the following six charities: Bailey House, Visual Aids, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center, God's Love We Deliver, Gibb Mansion (Pratt Area Community Council), and Friends in Deed. This proposal omits three charities that we had given to last year: Team 119, Connections Hudson Pride New Jersey, and El Faro Center – Harlem United. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to give equal contributions to the six charities that Tony P recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

## 7. Other Business

The floor was opened for discussion of any other business. Bruce K stated that he felt it was important for the league, in going forward, to involve “new blood” in its leadership. This includes not only as officers, but as team captains, committee members, and volunteering to help with events. Captains were encouraged to consider this and to speak to their team members to encourage greater involvement.

## 8. Officer Elections

The final agenda item for the meeting was the election of officers for the 2011-2012 season. The floor was opened for nominations for President. Rob H nominated John Doucette. The nomination was accepted. No other nominations were made, and John was elected by unanimous vote.

Next, nominations for Vice President were entertained. Bruce K nominated David Zerykier. Although David was not present, he had indicated in advance that he would accept any nomination made on his behalf. No other nominations were made, and David was elected by unanimous vote.

Eddie Boyd was then asked if he would be willing to serve again as Treasurer. He indicated that he would, and was then nominated by David A. No other nominations were made, and Eddie was elected by unanimous vote.

Nominations were solicited for the office of Secretary, but no nominations were forthcoming. The position remains open, to be voted on by the captains when candidates are identified.