



Supplement - October 2019 Edition

Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes

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05/04/2019

Lynda Straker called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

Roll Call –Present: Lynda Straker, Jean DeVeaux, Janice McBean, Lois Wright, Annetta Wallace, and representatives from the following clubs: Astro, Bayview, Brooklynites, CO-OP City, COSMO, JetSetters, Leisure, Mount Vernon, Springfield, Triangle, Twilight, and Westbury.

Good and Welfare - Good and Welfare Report - For MBU, Inc. Meeting May 4, 2019

Prepared by: Lois M. Wright - Email address: Ladytul2@netzero.net

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>January 2019</u>		
Jane Harris	Jetsetter	Get Well
Georgianna Rodriguez	Co-op City	Sympathy-Passing of her Brother
Edwin D. Lewis, Jr.	Westbury	Get Well
Ted Conliffe	Westbury	Get Well
Charlotte Roberson	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Louise Shaw	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Anthony Toran	Westbury	Get Well
Louise Wilson	Bayview	Get Well
Sylvia Yearwood	Jetsetters	Get Well
Julius Fields	Triangle	Sympathy-Passing of his Brother
<u>February 2019</u>		
Charlotte Cottman	Triangle	Sympathy-Passing of her Brother
Charlotte Roberson	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Louise Shaw	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Ersaline Callender	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Martha Hewitt	Astro	Get Well

Marjorie Davis	Jetsetters	Get Well
June Robinson	Springfield	Get Well
Delores Brooks	Bayview	Get Well
Jean Hill	Bayview	Get Well

March 2019

Dianne Oliver	Jetsetter	Get Well
Naeema Mubaarak	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Family of Oliver Clark	Twilight	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Marie Barnes	Springfield	Sympathy Card-Passing of her Sister
Family of Rupert M. Mitchell	Astro	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Louise Wilson	Bayview	Get Well
Georgina Correa	Mount Vernon	Get Well
Family of Edwin D. Lewis, Jr.	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
June Robinson	Springfield	Get Well
Betty Ball	Twilight	Get Well
Georgianna Randolph	Twilight	Get Well

April 2019

John Hopkins	Brooklynite	Sympathy Card-Passing of Wife
John Clark	Brooklynite	Sympathy Card-Passing of Wife
Family of Conrad Martin	Jetsetter	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Ruby Cummings	Bayview	Get Well
Sylvia Yearwood	Jetsetter	Get Well

May 2019

Family of Dorothy Scott	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
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Thank You Letter from Ersaline Callender:

“Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your tremendous support. Your cash, cards and prayers have been greatly appreciated!!! Words alone cannot express the depth of my feelings.....Love to all.” Thank You Card from Marie Barnes:

“To CBH / MBU, I appreciate the love and concern shown during the passing of my Sister. I thank you for your Prayers and kind expressions of Sympathy during this difficult time. Always, Marie Barnes & Family.”

Thank You Card from John Hopkins:

“Whatever you did to console our hearts. We thank you sincerely...whatever the part. The family of the late Zetta Hopkins.”

Thank You Card from the family of Rupert M. Mitchell

“Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered. During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us. Thank you for attending.”

Thank You Card from the family of Edwin D. Lewis, Jr.

“During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.”

Metropolitan Bridge Unit (MBU) 2019 Grand Slammers

Oliver Clark	Twilight
Rupert M. Mitchell	Astro
Edwin D. Lewis, Jr.	Westbury
Conrad Martin	Jetsetter
Dorothy Scott	Mount Vernon

The membership mentioned that Dorothy Scott, DBCMVA, passed on Thursday 5/2/19. DBCMVA will forward address information to Lois Wright.

Invocation – Made by Dr. E. Grant.

Minutes – Minutes of the May 4th, 2019 quarterly membership meeting were reviewed by the membership.

MOTION (R. Shuler/L. Blackman): Accept minutes from the 05/04/19 quarterly membership meeting.

MOTION PASSED.

Correspondence – None.

President’s Report – Presented by Lynda Straker

- Lynda Straker thanked all who assisted and/or attended the 2019 Spring National. The national did make a small profit.

- MBU members were reminded to support club games and the Eastern Sectional, which is in a few weeks. Reservation information for the Eastern Section is RESORTS HOTEL/ CASINO at 1-888-797-7700. Room rate is \$65/night; mention code VABA19.
- Kudos to bridge teachers and all who assist to improve the standard of play for MBU members/
- Next quarterly membership meeting is Sunday, 10/27/19.

Financial Secretary's Report –

January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019

INCOME

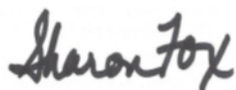
2018 entertainment tax	\$865.00
2018 no HHH game	\$500.00
2018 good and welfare	\$185.00
2018 AAA net 50/50	\$84.00
New Jersey Unit AAA donation	\$200.00
2019 member dues	\$2,090.00
2019 good and welfare	\$240.00
01/27/19 MBU meeting/game fees	\$440.00
Jan 2019 entertainment tax	\$430.00
Feb 2019 entertainment tax	\$269.00
03/06/19 nationwide dinner income	\$225.00
03/06/19 nationwide game fees (includes \$19 scrip)	\$504.00
03/11/19 triangle HHH game	\$134.90
03/14/19 twilight HHH game	\$100.00
cosmo 2019 HHH	\$100.00
03/23/19 springfield HHH game	\$179.50
03/14/19 twilight bidding box rental	\$20.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,546.40

EXPENSES

bank/web fees	\$173.49
2018 AAA raffle prizes	\$100.00
2018 AAA sanction fees to ABA	\$2,449.00
12/14-15/2018 nationwide CBH rental	\$125.00
12/14 nationwide sanction	\$96.00
12/15 nationwide sanction	\$230.40
12/14-15/18 CBH player fees	\$68.00
2018 AAA decoration	\$154.37
2018 AAA shipping charges	\$875.00
2018 AAA resorts balance	\$8,933.15
2018 AAA auction decorations	\$155.00
new player classes CBH rental	\$200.00
2019 CBH shed rental	\$210.00
2019 MBU board stipends	\$1,050.00

January 2019 consumer	\$393.05
director supplies	\$106.87
01/27/19 CBH MBU quarterly meeting rental	\$75.00
01/27/19 MBU hospitality supplies	\$84.00
MBU meeting	
01/27/19 copies	\$55.00
01/27/19 ABA sanction fee	\$79.20
01/27/19 MBU meeting/game director's fee	\$50.00
03/06/19 nationwide CBH rental	\$75.00
03/06/19 nationwide ABA sanction fee	\$268.80
03/06/19 nationwide director's fee/copies	\$60.00
03/06/19 nationwide hospitality	\$263.84
TOTAL EXPENSES****	\$16,330.17
INCOME/EXPENSES	(\$9,783.77)

****DEFICIT DUE TO 2018 AAA EXPENSES INCURRED IN 2019
(see March 2019 treasurer's report)



Sharon Fox, Interim Financial Secretary

Report accepted for audit.

Treasurer's Report –

January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Checking Account

Opening Balance	\$23,233.02
Deposits	\$6,614.67
Total	\$29,847.69

**Checks/fees paid	\$16,280.47
Closing Balance	\$13,567.22

****Checks paid/misc. expenses**

	web/bank
\$173.79	fees
\$60.00	replacement check for Astro 2019 dues
\$200.00	CBH rental for director's and beginner's classes
\$210.00	2019 CBH shed rental
\$393.05	Jan 2019 consumer
\$42.35	director's printer ink

\$64.52	director's laptop adaptor
\$75.00	1/27 MBU quarterly meeting CBH rental
\$84.00	1/27 MBU hospitality
\$55.00	1/27 copies
\$79.20	1/27 ABA sanction
\$100.00	2018 AAA raffle prizes
\$2,449.00	2018 AAA sanction fees to ABA
\$125.00	12/14-15/18 nationwide CBH rental
\$326.40	12/14-15 nationwide sanction
\$68.00	12/14-15 nationwide player fees
\$154.37	2018 AAA decoration
\$875.00	2018 AAA shipping charges
\$8,933.15	2018 AAA resorts balance
\$155.00	2018 AAA auction decorations
\$1,050.00	2019 MBU board stipends
\$75.00	3/6 nationwide CBH rental
\$268.80	3/6 nationwide ABA sanction
\$263.84	3/6 nationwide hospitality

TOTAL EXPENSES \$16,280.47

Respectfully Submitted



Report accepted for audit.

Entertainment Tax –

2019 Entertainment Tax (TOTALS)

	January	February	March	April	HHH	good/welfare
Club Name						
Astro	74	58	66			
Bayview	no game	112	45			40.00
Brooklynites	50	50				40.00
Coop City	69	69	69			
Cosmo	61	58	66	45	100.00	40.00
DBCMV	44				135.00	40.00
Jet Setters	92	81	46			40.00
Leisure	26	36	30		168.00	

Springfield	132	94			179.50	40.00	
Triangle	48				134.90		
Twilight	78	47	53		100.00		
Westbury	30	50	30			40.00	
	\$704.00	\$655.00	\$405.00	\$45.00	\$817.40	\$280.00	\$2,906.40

Brooklynites recently submitted March (\$42) and April (\$24).
Clubs were asked to submit their entertainment tax report forms monthly.
Report accepted for audit.

Point Coordinator Report – Given by Lois Wright

Lois congratulated those who attained a new level: Dorene Christmas and Jane Atlas.

She informed MBU membership that points are now posted.

She distributed a letter from the ABA National Office on the Club Game Processing Fee to each club.

If the club point coordinator has any questions, please feel free to contact Lois at Ladytul2@netzero.net.

Sectional Representative Report - by Annetta Wallace

Please make your reservations for the Eastern Section Spring Fling. The cut off has been changed to May 14th instead of May 10th. We really need your support. We are not meeting our room count. Pat Thomas and Charles Guest are in charge of partnership. Please contact one of them if you need a partner.

Property – by Jean DeVeaux

Jean DeVeaux thanked John Demos for his assistance. All supplies will be purchased by the ES. The cost of new boards will be shared with the ES. We have 3 sets of Bridgemates. John Demos and Jean DeVeaux are in charge of organizing the supply cabinet. Excess supplies will be distributed to clubs.

Constitution - No report

Scholarship – Presented by Valerie Brooks

Thanks to the Consumer Editors for advertising our Scholarship program. Applications are also available on the MBU website. Valerie Brooks had paper applications with her if anyone needed one. Be sure the applicants you give an application to understand they are due to the committee by July 15, 2019.

We would appreciate any suggestions or comments from the membership. We only ask that you submit them in writing so that the entire committee can address them.

We also welcome anyone who wishes to join the committee. Special thanks to my fellow committee members: Ms. Eliza Brann, Ms. Raye Liverpool, and Ms. Edna Moses.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Brooks, Chairperson

Tournament Report – Presented by John Demos

1. 5/3/19 AAA phone meeting. Flier available.
2. 6/7/19 is the Nationwide game. There will be only one game at the Bridge Home, Friday, 12pm. No evening game. Lunch \$5.

Consumer Report – from Dolores Watson

- Reporters – articles are due 6/10/19
- There will be a new column entitled “Members Forum” - articles welcome.

2019 AAA Report – by Beverly Session-Kelly & Victoria Williams

- 2019 AAA Theme – “Unwrap your Bridge Skills”
- Colors – Red, Green, and Gold
- Dates: 12/2 – 12/5/19
- Flier and reservation information is on the ‘Tournament Trail’ and ABA website

Hospitality Report – by Beverly Session-Kelly & Victoria Williams

Co-op City, Jet Setter, DBCM, and Westbury have collation for the 10/27/19 meeting.

Website/Facebook – No report.

Unfinished Business –

- Sanction-free Games: The ABA constitution states we need 6 educational events and/or 2 series of new players classes to hold a sanction-free game. We asked the ABA (Gloria Christler & Reggie Chapman) to define an “educational event.” We were advised that an 8-hour training event met the qualification.
- A committee was formed: Christian Baxter, Valerie Brooks, Edna Boothe, & Lori Blackman. The committee will submit a plan to Lynda Straker. Lynda will submit plan to Reggie Chapman for approval.

New Business –

- At our next membership meeting the body will vote on the motion to eliminate the assistant secretary position.
- Some members suggested creating a Webmaster position. At our next meeting they will state what that position will be responsible for. Will it be elected or appointed?
- Brooklynites asked about the status of their journal ad refund from the Spring National. They were advised that the check is being processed by the National Committee.
- Some new players have mentioned they are being insulted and put down at the bridge table. Don't bully new players! MBU has zero tolerance for this offense.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- Longest Day game is scheduled for 6/21/19. We need volunteers for food and a coordinator. Beverly Sessions-Kelly volunteered to be the coordinator.
- 6/22/19 – North Jersey Grade A in East Orange, NJ.
- 9/14/19 - Sickle Cell Game. Good contributions needed. MBU sponsored but Mt. Vernon and volunteers do the work. MBU sanctioned.

- Special Attention: Under 600 tournament in Atlanta. Hoping for a under 600 team games with players that have been coached by experienced players.
- The Bridge Home needs you! Ruth Shuler explained the Bridge Home has been fined \$6,000. BH in need of a new lift. Cost of a new lift is \$47-49,000. Inspections are \$900. Replace windows in cottage: \$1,900. Light bill is \$1,600. Please turn lights off when not needed. Mortgage is \$8,000+. Please use all supplies sparingly. Air conditioners are not working and need to be replaced. Cost to wax floor is \$1,100.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm

Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, MBU Secretary