



Supplement - April 2020 Edition Membership Meeting Minutes

METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT, INC. Annual Membership Meeting January 25, 2020

Lynda Straker called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Roll Call –Present: Lynda Straker, Janice McBean, Sharon Fox, Lois Wright, Annetta Wallace, Charles Guest, and representatives from the following clubs: Astro, Bayview, Brooklynites, CO-OP City, COSMO, JetSetter, Mount Vernon, Springfield, Triangle, Twilight, and Westbury.

Absent: Jean DeVeaux, Lois Francis, Leisure DBC

Good and Welfare - Good and Welfare Report - For MBU, Inc./January 2020 Meeting

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>October 2019</u>		
Family of Carrie Shelton	Astro	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Family of George Hudson	Cosmopolitan	Sympathy Card-Passing of Member
Sylvia Yearwood	Jetsetter	Get Well
June Robinson	Springfield	Get Well
<u>November 2019</u>		
Family of Lucille Rogers	Mount Vernon	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Christine Blount	Twilight	Get Well
Wilma Alexander	Westbury	Get Well
Dianne Edgerton-Norman	Astro	Get Well
<u>December 2019</u>		
Viola Waterman	Jetsetter	Get Well
John R. Cook	Westbury	Sympathy Card-Passing of Former Member
Geraldine Granger	Jetsetter	Get Well
<u>January 2020</u>		
Barbara Wingate	Cosmopolitan	Get Well

Jane Harris	Jetsetter	Get Well
Martha Hewitt	Astro	Get Well
June Robinson	Springfield	Get Well

A Special Thank You from Cheryll Jones and the Family of George Hudson:



Dear Bridge Family,

Words cannot begin to express my gratitude for your outstanding support during this difficult and devastating time for me and the rest of the George Hudson family. I was overwhelmed by your expressions of sorrow, sympathy, and attendance at George's memorial service. Today I need some time to build my tomorrow. I know that your prayers and thoughts are with me.

See you soon,

Cheryll



Lois Wright added to new items:

- Condolence card sent to Victoria Williams on the loss of her brother.
- June Robinson has been admitted to a nursing home.

Memorial Service for Metropolitan Bridge Unit 2019 Grand Final Slammers

Mr. Oliver Clark / March	Twilight
Mr. Rupert M. Mitchell / March	Astro
Mr. Edwin Don Lewis, Jr. / March	Westbury
Mr. Conrad Martin / April	Jetsetter
Ms. Dorothy Scott / May	Mount Vernon

Ms. Dianne L. Oliver-Cuff / June	Jetsetter
Ms. Charlotte Cottman / July	Triangle
Ms. Lucille Wilkinson / September	Brooklynite
Ms. Carrie Shelton / October	Astro
Mr. George Hudson / October	Cosmopolitan
Ms. Lucille Rogers / November	Mount Vernon
Mr. John R. Cook / December	Mount Vernon

Invocation – Made by Jerry Cunningham

Minutes – Minutes of the October 26, 2019 quarterly membership meeting were reviewed by the membership. MOTION (D. White/B. Ball)): Accept minutes from the 10/26/19 quarterly membership meeting. MOTION PASSED.

Correspondence – Letter from Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. dated 12/17/19 thanking us for our \$698.20 contribution.

President's Report – Presented by Lynda Straker

Two years ago I was elected President of the MBU. It was an exciting day and it has been an exciting two years. I've had the pleasure of working with super supportive people who looked to me to lead in a way that promotes the goals of the MBU and in a way that enables change. The MBU website was a major step forward for us. The revised Consumer is an outstanding accomplishment that makes all of us proud.

Our Directors have increased in numbers and we have focused on new players by offering training and special games to promote and upgrade basic bridge skills. Our mentoring program was established and is still growing. Many game scores are now being published immediately after games are over. Thank you to our Directors for your diligence and commitment to the MBU.

To those who have stepped up to frame the future of the MBU, thank you for your energy and creativity. In order for the MBU to continue to grow, we need everyone to join in. Don't hold back. Don't become complacent in the confines of your individual clubs. We have to support each other and by doing so, we make the MBU stronger. Your suggestions, your full participation and your energy are all necessary for the MBU and the ABA to grow.

At our last meeting, we spoke about participation in Nationwide games held on Friday evenings. After giving that conversation some thought, I propose, to increase/expand participation in the Friday night Nationwides, we alternate the location of each game based on the following suggested rotation: March location Bridge Home, June location Brooklyn, September location Bronx, December location Bridge Home. The Saturday Nationwide location would continue to be the Bridge Home.

The ABA Spring National Tournament is April 2 to April 8, 2020 in Baltimore, Maryland. It's important that we support the ABA by each club publishing an ad in the Souvenir Journal and by purchasing raffles. These two activities are primary fundraisers that enable the ABA to continue to exist. A recent email to all MBU clubs contained the instructions for submitting an ad and if your club has received raffles, please purchase them and return them as soon as possible. Please send in your Journal Ad by February 9, 2020.

May you all find good health, great satisfaction and better bridge in the year ahead. See you at the tables,

Financial Secretary's Report – Presented by Sharon Fox.

METROPOLITAN BRIDGE UNIT - Year-End Financial Secretary's Report - January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

INCOME

(2018) entertainment tax***	\$865.00
(2018) no Herman Huff game***	\$500.00
(2018) good and welfare***	\$185.00
(2018) AAA net 50/50***	\$84.00
(2018) NJ Unit 2018 AAA donation***	\$200.00
2019 entertainment tax	\$6,956.00
2019 Herman H. Huff	\$1,137.40
2019 Good and Welfare	\$360.00
2019 member dues	\$2,110.00
2019 Twilight bidding box rental	\$60.00
2019 MBU meeting/game entry fees	\$940.00
2019 ABA spring national bidding box rental	\$392.00
scrip sale to eastern section	\$800.00
scrip sale to springfield	\$100.00
2019 nationwide game entry fee**	\$2,182.00
2019 nationwide game dinner sales	\$889.00
2019 longest day player fees**	\$1,080.00
2019 net 50/50	\$168.00
2019 longest day dinner sales	\$200.00
2019 longest day donations	\$101.00
7/1 MBU "A" game player fees**	\$620.00
2019 sickle cell dinner sales	\$220.00
2019 Sickle Cell player fees**	\$880.00

2019 Sickle Cell donations	\$95.00
2019 Sickle Cell matching donations(J.DeVeaux)	\$95.00
Delaware bus	\$1,100.00
2019 AAA vendor space rental	\$200.00
2019 AAA raffle sales (includes NY,NJ, Phil)	\$4,543.00
2019 AAA entries**	\$7,460.00
2020 AAA lottery proceeds	\$234.00
2019 AAA MBU scrip to AAA	\$356.50
TOTAL 2019 INCOME	\$35,112.90

EXPENSES

(2018) AAA - ABA sanction fee***	\$2,449.00
(2018) AAA hotel balance***	\$9,156.74
(2018) nationwide ABA sanctions	\$326.40
(2018) AAA raffles***	\$100.00
(2018) CBH nationwide rental***	\$125.00
(2018) CBH nationwide player fees***	\$68.00
(2018) AAA luncheon decorations***	\$154.37
(2018) AAA silent auction***	\$155.00
(2018) AAA shipping of supplies by ABCL***	\$875.00
2019 web/bank fees	\$437.56
2019 MBU stipends	\$1,050.00
2019 ABAecf Alzheimer's donation	\$930.80
2019 Sickle Cell donation	\$698.20
2019 ABAecf - UNCF donation	\$336.00
2019 MBU shed rental from CBH	\$210.00
2019 Consumers	\$1,105.20
2019 memoriums	\$200.00
2019 Herman H. Huff scholarships	\$500.00
2019 MBU meeting/game collation	\$1,040.74
2019 MBU meeting/game ABA processing fee	\$97.20
2019 MBU meeting/game ABA sanction fees	\$1,010.70
2019 MBU meeting/game CBH player fees	\$108.00
2019 CBH rental fees	\$863.00
2019 director's fees/copies	\$360.00
2019 AAA supplies from ACBL	\$895.00
2019 AAA scrip purchase	\$817.50
2019 AAA Publicity and Flyers	\$86.36
2019 AAA hospitality	\$104.50

2020 AAA supply purchase	\$409.97
2019 AAA - ABA sanction fees	\$1,602.00
2019 AAA raffle prizes	\$1,000.00
2019 AAA scrip awards	\$480.00
2019 AAA entertainment	\$500.00
2019 AAA director's fee	\$905.00
2019 AAA asst's director's fee	\$600.00
2019 AAA raffle printing costs	\$353.54
2019 AAA table decoration costs	\$303.86
2019 AAA new players seminar copies	\$19.76
2019 AAA awards luncheon gifts	\$79.77
2019 AAA lottery tickets purchase	\$50.00
2019 AAA raffle drum	\$58.64
2019 AAA trophies	\$78.50
2019 journal/flash ads	\$325.00
2019 summer national raffles	\$50.00
queens baptist church ad	\$25.00
Delaware bus	\$1,133.00
2019 MBU CBH shed rental	\$210.00
2019 director supplies	\$132.99
tournament supplies (1/2 with eastern section)	\$250.40
spring national director's seminar	\$45.00
2019 MBU computer 2 year repair contract	\$534.46
2019 MBU postage and good and welfare costs	\$75.97
TOTAL 2019 EXPENSES	\$33,483.13
2019 INCOME/EXPENSES	\$1,629.77

**** all entries and game fees includes scrip**

*****please note 2018 income and expenses incurred in 2019**

Sharon Fox, Interim Financial Secretary

Sharon Fox advised that under 'Expense' we should add 'Sickle Cell \$698.20'.

Dolores Thompson questioned the raffle figure. Discussion will be held following the meeting.

Report accepted for audit.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by Sharon Fox.

Metropolitan Bridge Unit of NY, Inc. / Treasurer's Report / January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

J P Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Checking Account

Opening Balance	\$23,233.02
Deposits	\$33,145.64
Total	\$56,378.66
Fees/Checks paid	\$31,485.17
Balance	\$24,893.49

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

\$497.23	bank/web fees	\$2,449.00	2018 AAA sanction fees to ABA
\$100.00	2018 AAA raffle prizes	\$125.00	12/14-15/18 nationwide CBH rental
\$60.00	replacement check for astro 2019 dues	\$326.40	12/14-15 nationwide sanction
\$200.00	CBH rental for director's and beginner's classes	\$68.00	12/14-15 nationwide player fees
\$210.00	2019 CBH shed rental	\$154.37	2018 AAA decoration
\$393.05	jan 2019 consumer	\$875.00	2018 AAA shipping charges
\$42.35	director's printer ink	\$8,933.15	2018 AAA resorts balance
\$64.52	director's laptop adaptor	\$155.00	2018 AAA auction decorations
\$75.00	1/27 MBU quarterly meeting	\$1,050.00	2019 MBU board stipends
\$84.00	CBH rental	\$75.00	3/6 nationwide CBH rental
\$55.00	1/27 MBU hospitality	\$268.80	3/6 nationwide ABA sanction
\$79.20	1/27 copies	\$100.00	sickle cell collation
\$263.84	1/27 ABA sanction	\$53.62	6/21 longest day hospitality
\$255.00	3/6 nationwide hospitality	\$108.00	6/21 longest day cbh player fees
\$51.79	bridge home rental fees	\$97.20	6/21 longest day aba processing fees
\$45.00	good and welfare cards and stamps	\$930.80	6/21 longest day ABAecf donations
\$150.00	spring nat'l director's seminar	\$50.00	MBU summer national raffles
\$250.40	memoriums	\$225.00	MBU summer national ad
\$367.83	bridge supplies	\$75.00	7/1 "A" game cbh rental
	april consumer		

\$223.59	resorts room	\$62.00	7/1 "A" game cbh player fees
\$317.10	aba sanction fees	\$139.28	7/1 "A" game hospitality stamps & good and welfare cards
\$11.00	eastern sect. ck payable to mbu	\$13.18	queens baptist church ad with cosmo
\$353.54	AAA raffle printing	\$25.00	leisure ent tax refund
\$698.20	Sickle Cell Assoc. of America	\$10.00	eastern section for AAA scip purchase
\$344.32	October Consumer	\$692.50	new mbu computer 2 yr repair contract
\$115.20	9/27 nationwide sanction	\$534.46	AAA decorations
\$230.40	9/28 nationwide sanction	\$69.23	AAA fact sheet and copies
\$346.28	9/27,28 collation	\$86.36	AAA new player copies
\$100.00	George Hudson Memorial Collation	\$19.76	AAA raffle prizes
\$12.00	check deposit return fee	\$1,000.00	AAA sanction fee
\$26.00	check deposit return	\$1,602.00	AAA raffle drum rental
\$44.42	7/1 hospitality	\$58.64	george hudsom memorium
\$129.00	10/26 UNCF rent and player fees	\$50.00	AAA director fee
\$50.00	Anthony Wood (Bittersweet Duo) for AAA	\$600.00	AAA furniture and supply rental from ABCL
\$819.94	John Demos for AAA supplies	\$895.00	AAA trophies
\$1,133.00	Delaware bus	\$78.50	charlotte cottman memorium
\$500.00	scholarship award	\$50.00	ABA sickle cell sanction AM
\$100.00	Summer natl flash ads	\$59.40	ABA sickle cell sanction PM
\$25.00	replacement check to springfield	\$59.40	good and welfare stamps
\$13.85	5/4 MBU game copies	\$11.00	sickle cell bridge home rental
		\$125.00	printer ink
		\$26.12	july consumer
		\$261.95	
\$8,837.05	TOTAL	\$22,648.12	
	GRAND TOTAL	\$31,485.17	

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Fox, MBU Treasurer
Report accepted for audit.

Entertainment Tax – Presented by Sharon Fox.

Entertainment Tax Report for Period 1/1/19 – 12/31/19

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	HHH	good/welfare
Club Name														
Astro	74	58	66	60	92	80	50	48	50	60	54	48	100.00	40.00
Bayview	no game	112	45	76	49	79	93	no game	90	40	68	50	100.00	40.00
Brooklynites	50	50	24	42	38	12	36	32	24	38	44	36	125.00	40.00
Coop City	69	69	69	65	74	67	no game	no game	59	89	42	33	95.00	
Cosmo	61	58	66	50	84	54	55	16	26	50			100.00	40.00
DBCMV	44	20	48	82	24	42	64	80	74	19	41	20	135.00	40.00
Jet Setters	92	81	46	115	56	78	103	80	80	78	38	no game	100.00	40.00
Leisure	26	36	30	44	24	24	no game	no game	uncf only	34	28	22	168.00	40.00
Springfield	132	94	44	76	96	60	104	104	54	48	66	no game	179.50	40.00
Triangle	48	26	50	44	24		44	44					134.90	
Twilight	78	47	53	56	70	62	no game	42	42	62	58	no game	100.00	40.00
Westbury	30	50	30	66	30	36	no game	no game	24	32	20	no game	100.00	40.00
	\$704.00	\$701.00	\$571.00	\$776.00	\$661.00	\$594.00	\$549.00	\$446.00	\$523.00	\$550.00	\$459.00	\$209.00	\$1,437.40	\$400.00

Point Coordinator Report – Given by Lois Wright

Lois Wright thanked clubs for submitting their points timely. Lois must receive reports from club point coordinators by the 10th of each month.

Lois congratulated those who attained a new level:

Terence Drayton-Master, Mary Lewis – Master, Marion Mercer – Silver Diamond, Elijah Seabrook – Life Master, Harry Gaines – Life Master, Henry Dennis – Master, Jeraldine Odons – Master.

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

Scholarship – Presented by Valerie Brooks

Happy New Year! In 2019 we awarded one \$500 grant to Ms. Krista Davy. In 2020 we will need at least two more applicants. A copy of the application will be placed in our April newsletter, The Consumer. We will update the application on the MBU website. I also have copies of the current application with me for anyone who wants one.

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. Supply expenses were shared with the Eastern Section.
2. We borrowed tables and bidding boxes for the AAA from ACBL.
3. We have received permission from the National office to start our Friday night nationwide games at 5 pm instead of 6 pm.
4. The MBU has purchased a new computer.

Sectional Representative Report - none.

Property – none.

Constitution - none.

Consumer Report – from Rita Thompson / Dolores Watson

The January Consumer has been released. Deadline for the April issue is 3/15/20.

Hospitality Report – by Victoria Williams & Beverly Session Kelly

Next meeting is scheduled for 4/25/20. The following clubs are responsible for hospitality: Astro, Cosmo, Springfield, and Leisure. MBU provides setup, Clubs provide refreshments.

2019 AAA Report – by Beverly Session Kelly & Victoria Williams

Beverly Session Kelly informed the membership that there were 167 tables at the 2019 AAA. The luncheon, decorations, and raffle sales were outstanding. She thanked everyone for their support. The membership thanked Beverly and Victoria for their outstanding service.

Website/Facebook – No report.

Unfinished Business – No report.

New Business –

- Delius Wilson addressed the membership and suggested the MBU membership donate to have a gold brick on the Bridge Home wall in honor of George Hudson. MOTION (Doris White/Jerry

Cunningham): MBU Inc. will fund the gold brick. MOTION CARRIED. The membership was invited to contribute to the Bridge Home. \$320 was collected from the membership and presented to the Bridge Home. It was suggested the MBU send out an email to the membership listing so those members that were not present would have the opportunity to make a Bridge Home donation in honor of George Hudson.

- Volunteers were solicited to cover a 'Bridge Table' at a local Junior High School (108-35 167th Street, Jamaica, NY) on 3/21/20. Pat Jackson and Victoria Williams volunteered.
- COSMO DBC will have a series of "Play of the Hand" classes, starting 3/25/20 at 10 AM sharp. Participants are encouraged to arrive early.
- Presented by Lynda Straker: As per Article XI Amendments Sec. 1, "Bylaws may be amended at any regular membership meeting or a special meeting called for this purpose, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present. There must be a written notice of such proposed amendment at least 15 days in advance." I propose that Article VII Meetings, be amended to replace 'Moment of Silence' with 'Memorial Service' in the agenda for the annual meeting. MOTION MADE/SECONDED/PASSED. This will be passed on to the constitution committee.
- MBU ELECTIONS: Conducted by Yvonne Ebea. Slate: President – Lynda Straker, Vice President – Jean DeVeaux, Secretary – Janice McBean, Point Coordinator – Lois Wright, Treasurer – Sharon Fox, Financial Secretary – none, Section Representative – Charles Guest, Alternate Sectional Representative – Patricia Jackson Thomas. Ballots were passed out to all members. 57 votes were cast for the slate (58 members signed in). Lynda Straker informed the membership that Raye Liverpool will be appointed Financial Secretary for the MBU effective immediately.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- Annual Bridge Home meeting is 3/21/20 at 11 AM, following by lunch at 12 PM and a sanctioned bridge game at 1 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM

Respectfully submitted by Janice McBean, MBU Secretary