

LBA Board of Directors Meeting
July 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the president, Larry Federico. Present were Larry, Jackie Madden, Quin Bates, Jennifer Holmes, Lowen, Sherrie Goodman, Wayne Weisler, and Suzanne Cliffe, Newt Jackson, and Kathy Logue. Sid LeBlanc was absent.

District 10 Report: The first order of business was a report from Vicki Willis, our District 10 representative. There was a District 10 meeting on June 15, 2023. It was called to order by the President, Charles Durrin. The following topics were discussed:

The two Non-Life Masters that have been held have been successful. The next Non Life Masters tournaments will be held April 4-7, 2024, May 9-11, 2024, and July 12-14, 2024.

Entry fees for all tournaments should be on the flyers sent out.

Larry Sealy reported that there would be no printed daily bulletins for any tournaments in the future and next year there will be only one Goodwill Reception held in conjunction with NABC's.

Drew Cannell is the new assistant National Recorder.

New Orleans will host the Spring 2029 NABC to be held at the Sheraton Hotel.

Memphis and Jackson will host NAP at sectionals. There was discussion on each club hosting NAOP's. This will be decided in the future.

Minutes: The minutes from the May and June meetings were approved. Suzanne reported that she will be out of town for both the August and September meetings. Jennifer volunteered to take minutes for August and Sherrie will take the September minutes.

Finance: No report as the treasurer is out of town.

Maintenance: Wayne reported that the hot water heater had been fixed and water lines to the toilets have been replaced. The two air conditioners in the front of the building have been repaired for \$2000 and both seem to be working fine now. We will hold off on the compressor at this time. He said that the lights on the exterior of the building have been fixed.

Club Manager Report: Sherrie reported that we will hold NAP games two weeks per month. She also had a request to bring back the chat games. There was a motion to restart those in September that passed.

Sherrie gave the results of a survey she sent to open players regarding the time for the Monday Open game. The survey showed a preference for the game starting at 10:30 rather than at 9:30. After much discussion, Wayne Weisler who directs the game, said that he would prefer to start it at 10:30. It was agreed that starting on August 7, the open game will start at 10:30. If this does not increase attendance, the time can be reconsidered in the future.

The Wednesday Open game will start this month on August 12 at 10:30 and lype will direct that.

Online game numbers have shown a drop. In August there will be "silver Linings week" awarding double silver points. There will be an online Regional at the end of August.

The American Bridge Association, the historically Black bridge association, will be holding their convention/tournament August 9-19 at the Marriott. All are invited. We should notify our members.

There will be a special game held online in memory of John Onstott which will include an auction with his team. The proceeds will be donated to the Parkinson's Foundation.

The Louisiana Bridge Association will make a donation in the amount of \$200 to the Educational Fund honoring John Onstott. This will be presented at the NABC in Chicago.

ByLaws: The revisions to the Bylaws passed at the General Membership meeting held on July 7, 2023. Lowen said that they are not ready to be posted, that there are footnotes to be added. He said that they mussst be submitted to the Louisiana Secretary of State as well as to the ACBL. He will follow up on these so that they can be posted on the website and in the club.

Wayne reported that the chess club would like to meet here on week ends. He said that they would pay \$400/day. We will provide coffee and janitorial. If their group grows they will pay \$500 in the future which will help cover coffee and janitorial expenses. We will need to check with Sid to see if there are any tax consequences for the club. A motion was made and approved that we allow them to use our facility.

Publicity: Jennifer reported that she has the data base of members with the exceptions. She will meet with Sue Guarisco to determine what they will do next for publicity. She has met with Kathy Plauche regarding flyers for club events. The table numbers at night have dropped but we will leave the night games as is until September, when they will try and get people to return after summer.

Larry revisited the subject of our 499'er/NLM master tournament scheduled for October 12th and 13th. We will hold it but have it as a 2 day tournament. Entry fees will be \$14.00.

Sherrie said that she would like us to have a District 10 Regional next year, in the Fall of 2024. There was discussion as to whether it could be shortened from a 7 day tournament and whether we could hold it at our club rather than having to rent a hotel. Sherrie said that she would check to see what kind of numbers the regionals are having. If we can hold it at the club, the Board was enthusiastic in pursuing it.

Quin asked if a new directory is being worked on. It was reported that Keenan Romig is working on it.

From the Suggestion Box: There was a suggestion that we put the opening lead in the Bridgemates when recording the hand results. The directors present said that while it would be possible, they think that it would slow up the game. At this time, we will not recommend this change.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15. The next meeting will be the second Monday in August, August 14, at 4:00 p.m.

Suzanne Cliffe
Recording Secretary