

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting October 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Thornton at 2:30 P.M. In attendance were: Nelson Daigle, Carolyn Dubois, Sharon Henry, Ellen Lappa, Mary LeBlanc, Larry Federico, Ben McKown, Jim Thornton, Steve Plotkin, Wayne Weisler, and Vicki Willis. Guest: Sherrie Goodman.

The regular order of business was delayed to hear from Teresa Federico. She spoke to the BOD about the ongoing problem with “dirty cards” damaging the dealing machine. She suggested a stronger penalty for snacking at the table. The BOD decided to impose a ½ board penalty to those players who are caught eating snacks at the table effective immediately.

The minutes were approved and the financial report was given.

Maintenance: The drains have been painted. The doors going into the hall have been re-painted. The fire marshal said that the tables in front of the exit signs need to be moved and the fire extinguisher needs to be re-charged. The place where the thermostat was removed needs to be re-painted.

Ethics: Sharon reported that the player in question has been dealt with.

Nominating committee: Ellen reported that there are 7 names on the willingness to serve list. We also need an election committee.

Old Business: The poll on changing the Monday game from 299 to 499 has been tabled until next month. Sherrie volunteered to do this. Charlie McCracken has asked Jim not to publish the flyer on the NLM Regional until the beginning of 2018.

Youth program: Carolyn reported that the next Youth game will be on Saturday, Oct. 21. She is seeking young players from the local schools. The mentoring Swiss game will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 10:15. A motion was made and seconded not to have an open game during the mentoring game. Motion passed. Ben will chair the Halloween game at 6:30 with Wayne as his helper. The Friday players (299) were polled to determine if lessons should be continued before the game. There will be no lessons before the game. The plans for the 299er tournament are going well. Ellen asked that the players respect that the food brought in for the tournament are for those players only. Jim told us that we can park at the Asian market any day of the week at the designated spaces. The directors will be asked to unlock the gate before each game. The TV in the playing area was donated by Sharon Henry. The November 14 mentoring game has been canceled. The fund raising game for NABC hospitality was approved. This will be held on Nov. 13-15 and will be \$1 extra per player. This will be announced in the Kibitzer in the President’s message. The Toledano sectional will be held November 2-5 2017.

Suggestion Box: Strata designating will be explained to those players who don’t understand.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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