

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting April 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Federico at 2:40 P.M. In attendance were: Sid LeBlanc, Steven Plotkin, Larry Federico, Nelson Daigle, Sharon Henry, Ben McKown, Vicki Willis, and Jim Thornton. Absent: Wayne Weisler, Fred Lay, and Sherrie Goodman.

The regular order of business was postponed to hear from Wayne Merkel about the proposed pianola web site. Wayne explained that this web site is available to all of our members. The site is Pianola.net. This web site is free for our members. The club will pay \$400 per year for this service. For approximately \$100 per year our members can get extra information about their game. There will be a 6 month free trial on this. Also, he mentioned that Windows 10 update will be available at no charge until June 2016. There was a motion and a second to install Pianola and Windows 10 at our club. Motion passed.

The March minutes were approved. The financial report was given by Sid. There will be no increase in playing fees to our members for the increased sanction fees from ACBL.

Maintenance: Ben gave this report in Wayne's absence. Any work being done will proceed as usual.

Old Business: Larry received a director evaluation form from Sherrie. He will forward this form to the BOD. The April 23rd mentoring game has been canceled.

New Business: The 2017 Derby Day schedule has been approved. The BOD voted to change the Saturday start time to 9:30 so we will be finished playing by the time the derby race begins. The afternoon game will begin at 1:30. Sharon suggested that we announce North American Mini-McKenney and the Ace of Clubs winners who are members of our club. The local winners will be announced on Friday during the lunch break of the Derby Day tournament. Jack Lewis will be the assistant director in the July tournament. Discussion of his payment was deferred

until the next board meeting. There were complaints about players on the open side who were eating their lunch and talking while the 299er game was going on. The players will be told not to do this anymore. The suggestion about making the open game 0-5000 and 5000 on up was rejected. (We don't have a lot of players who have over 5000 points)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Vicki Willis