

LBA Board of Directors Meeting, July 8, 2019

Present were Carolyn Dubois, Vicki Willis, Hunter McFadden, Theresa Federico, Lowen, Steve Romig, Mary LeBlanc, Wayne Weisler, Ellen Lappa, and Suzanne Cliffe. Sherrie Goodman was present as the club manager. Jackie Madden was absent.

In the ongoing discussion of decorating, there was a representative of the blind company at the meeting to discuss our options to replace the blinds. After discussion and visual comparisons of the blinds available, the Board voted to replace the vertical blinds with a rolling shade and valance that would provide some heat insulation as well as would mostly block the visual penetration at night of the premises. The cost of these shades is \$6906. Barbara Fitzhugh is making a \$2500 contribution to the club to help defray the cost of the shades. The committee will pick the color of the shades to coordinate with the walls and the new carpet.

In the ongoing discussion of the Tuesday morning limited masterpoint game, Dianne Scott came to again ask the Board to change the game from a 499'er game to a 299'er game. It was voted by the Board to send out a survey of players at the club that have no more than 500 masterpoints to ask which level they would want. The players can vote either by paper ballot at the club or online with only one vote per person and no one may vote that has more than 500 masterpoints.

The director guidelines that had previously been distributed to the Board members were accepted as presented.

There was a discussion of the single session Swiss teams that is currently scheduled for our tournament in July. Some of our local players object to this. They feel that it will cut down on our out of town participation. Since we weren't getting many teams, this has been put on the calendar to see what kind of participation we get. Many sectional tournaments have eliminated Sunday Swiss teams totally. It cuts down on the director expenses as well as the food costs.

There is ongoing discussion of the handicapped entry ramp into the building. After investigating it, Wayne has determined that it is not totally up to code, but that we are "grandfathered" in and do not have to make changes in it. The slope of the ramp is too high by ½ inch and we can't change it without having to bring it totally into code. Installing an automatic door was discussed and Wayne will look into that as well as possibly smoothing the rough "pebble" surface on the concrete.

The minutes from the June minutes were accepted as distributed.

Steve Romig discussed the Longest Day results from June as well as the Treasurers report. Longest Day donations were down a bit this year but even with that we were able to make a donation from the club of \$10,800. The free play won by Suzanne Baer was donated back to the club.

Regarding club expenses, Steve reported that table fees are within 1% of last year and that we are on budget with expenses, carpet and painting. The coffee service is also close to last year's costs.

Carolyn brought up the possibility of getting coffee cups with lids since we are getting new carpeting. Keenan Romig, who procures all of our paper goods, will look into that possibility.

By-Laws: Vicki reported that there are no by-laws that concern expenses and spending on club improvements.

Carolyn would like there to be a competitive bidding process when looking at major expenditures and club improvements. Our current "checks and balances" procedure is that if there is a bill to be paid for more than \$1000, the check must be signed by two people. Wayne also pointed out that there is a difference between maintenance and major expenditures. There are some maintenance issues that require immediate attention such as plumbing or air conditioning in summer. There was a motion made and approved that for any work over \$5000 there must be at least two bids.

Report on carpet: it is to be installed this week end, beginning July 11<sup>th</sup> after the game. The week end games will not be held at the club. Cleaning the floors and tile of \$1800 with additional \$425 to cover the entry and coffee area. The beautification committee is ordering two book shelves at \$120 each to replace our old bookshelves which are not stable and adding a double bulletin board at the front for \$125.

Lowen asked if someone could assess the airflow from the air conditioners and heaters and try and work with them so that it is more even throughout the club rather than blasting on some tables. Mary LeBlanc will look into that.

Hunter retrieved the suggestion box and those issues were addressed. The flag in the front will be replaced after the work is finished. We will not be installing an ATM.

Carolyn is appointing committees: Erin Fleming will head the Health Committee. Dianne Scott will work with the Publicity Committee. Philip Luchsinger will take pictures for us but we don't need to buy him film. Wayne Weisler will continue as Education Chairperson. Easybridge! will start over in the fall after Labor Day. He will ask Dianne Scott to look into advertising. Carolyn has added Sharon Henry, Elizabeth Sewell, Iype Koshy, Sue Himel, and herself to the Education Committee.

Club Lessons: Sue Himel is doing a series on the Play of the Hand which will start in September. Her lessons will be limited to 3 tables. Iype is going to do a series on defense. Lowen will do a series on Standard American.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Suzanne Cliffe, Recording Secretary

