

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting March 13, 2017

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

The minutes were approved with one correction. The finance report was given by Mary. We incurred a \$7300 loss last month.

A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Mary to have a new lock and chain installed on the fence at the back of our club. This was approved.

Maintenance: Wayne wasn't here to give a report about the Vanderbrook bill but someone else will check into it. Ellen will make signs about not eating snacks at the table.

District 10: Vicki reported that a committee will be needed for the Regional in 2021. Also, we need to decide when to have this tournament and get a sanction for it. She also informed the BOD that there is a 60 day requirement for reimbursement for education. Requests for reimbursements from D10 that are outside of the 60 day requirement will be honored up to June 30, 2017.

Ethics: Sharon spoke to several players about their behavior. She got the Cox cable removed and will get the TV removed from the building. The cable boxes will need to be returned.

Old Business: There will be an open game on April 17th to be played on an electronic device that the player would bring. This game will begin at 8:30 A.M. The cost is \$22 per person for both sessions. A monitoring fee of \$9 per person per session will be assessed. This brings the total to \$40 per person for both sessions. This was approved by the BOD.

New member job assignments: Longest Day needs a chairperson. The March 25 mentoring game will be changed from a Swiss team format to a pairs game. Sign up sheets will be posted. Larry gave a report on the Mardi Gras game. There was food leftover and could be used in a future game. Grandparents day game: Carolyn will run a no-trump game for younger children to learn how to play bridge.

New business: Sharon would like to start an EZBridge class at night beginning on the first Monday in May at 7:00 P.M. This was approved. Mary Ann Joyner has volunteered to do the food on the Longest Day game. She will need a budget. The date of the nighttime Christmas party conflicts with the Sectional at Sea cruise that is sponsored by our club. The date of this cruise is 11-26 to 12-5- 2017. Larry will check on how many people are planning to go on this cruise so we can make an informed decision about the date of the party.

Suggestion box: The note about a tornado warning is duly noted. There will be no change in policy about getting a free play when you play with 299er. There will be no extra fees for the Baton Rouge bridge club to offset the money that was stolen by Jason Holliday. We might have a one time special game to help with their loss. Contributions would also be accepted. The date will be determined later. Larry will get a picture of Jason to post. The meeting adjourned at 3:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Willis
Recording Secretary