

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting August 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Federico at 2:30 P.M. In attendance were: Sid LeBlanc, Ben McKown, Marlene Ruckert, Jim Thornton, Vicki Willis, Sherrie Goodman, Larry Federico, Paul Deal, Fred Lay, and Wayne Weisler. Absent: Keenan Romig.

The July minutes were approved. The financial report was given.

Old business: Larry called ACBL to find out when our next National tournament is and left a message, but no one called him back. Fred asked Vicki to e-mail next year's tournament schedule to him. There was much discussion about the lack of attendance on Sunday Swiss teams for our sectional tournaments. There was no solution to be found. An air-conditioner is needed for the board room. The cost of a new unit (on the roof) is \$6000. This was deemed to high. A motion was made to get a new air-conditioner for the wall perpendicular to the existing unit. This means that a hole would have to be cut out to accommodate this project. Motion was seconded and approved. A supply of breakers needs to be purchased. A few more parking spaces were created. Larry appointed a four person committee to look into having a mentoring game. These four people are: Sherrie Goodman, Jennie Flynn Sauviac, Gerri Abbott, and Suzanne Cliffe. Larry took a poll of the Wednesday game players and the majority of them wanted to keep the game time at 10:30. The BOD voted not to change the time of the Wednesday game.

New business: A representative from Finesse West Tours spoke to Keenan about bringing a group of players to our club on April 12, 2016. A lunch will be served. The cost will be \$10 for the game and lunch. Larry appointed a committee for this endeavor. The committee members are: Keenan Romig, Jim Thornton, and Ben McKown. Sign up sheets will be provided for desserts and other extras. Lunch will be provided by the club. It will be pot luck for the desserts. Wayne announced plans to start a new EZBridge program on September 10 at 9:00 A.M and 7:00 P.M. The cost is \$6 and the first four lessons are free. Vicki will check to see if any lessons are being given during club games. It will not be considered a conflict if the students would not be reasonably expected to be playing in the game being held at that time.

A membership committee has been formed to try to get more bridge players for our club. This committee consists of: Sid LeBlanc, Ben McKown and Wayne Weisler. Wayne will check with the Advocate newspaper to see about running an ad to get new players. Gerri Abbott is doing a great job with the 299er bulletin board!

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Willis – Recording Secretary

