

## Louisiana Bridge Association Minutes August 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Keenan Romig at 2:30 P.M. In attendance: Pat Burke, Jackie Madden, Keenan Romig, Mike Lappa, Wayne Weisler, Fred Lay, Jim Thornton, Ben McKown, and Vicki Willis.

Absent: Sherrie Goodman.

The July minutes were approved. The financial report was given by Pat Burke. There was discussion about whether additional funds are owed to the Alzheimers' Association or to the club; Keenan will confirm with Sherrie. The decorating budget was affirmed. Funds collected for the Nationals were very close to the budgeted target amount (short by only \$400).

### Old business:

- Director issues were discussed and will be addressed by Mike Lappa.
- Jackie Madden polled over 100 players about possible changes to times for our sectional tournaments. There was no concensus but comments about the lunch break being too long were common. It was decided that effective with the Toledano tournament, the afternoon game on Thursday-Saturday would begin at 2 :15 PM rather than 2:30 PM. Keenan will ask Dick Brammell to revise the flyers for both that and the change to average masterpoint ratings. Chairs for the Toledano Tournament and the Fall 299er are still needed.
- The Wednesday 499er game is not doing well at 10:30 AM and will be moved to noon to see if attendance improves. Wayne will direct that game. Ben will poll the Wednesday open game players to see if they want to move the game time to noon as well. A suggestion box item recommended that all games start at noon. We will see what the result is with the Wednesday Open game poll.

### New business:

- The BOD is in favor of hosting a party in honor of John Onstott's 25,000 masterpoint milestone. It was suggested that this be held on a Saturday following the afternoon game (with an adjusted schedule for that game). Jennie Sauviac and Suzanne Cliffe have volunteered to chair the party and will be asked to select a mutually satisfactory date.
- It is time to submit our Goodwill Member nomination; Keenan asked members to be ready to select a candidate at the September board meeting.
- Keenan offered to chair the Nominating Committee to recruit candidates for the 2015 board and the four openings we will have for the board.

In other business, Wayne reported on many ongoing maintenance issues that he is working his way through. He was congratulated on the restriping of the parking lot; the recent gas leak was due to faulty putty used in the attic for the heaters. Keenan reported that Sharon Henry has agreed to chair the nighttime Christmas party again this year. Jim Thornton will coordinate food for Labor Day games. Keenan reported that a committee has been formed to revise the website and would be meeting that week if any other board members were interested in part of that effort.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Willis

Recording secretary