

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting
December 14, 2015

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

Ben inquired about the amount of free plays that are to be given out to open players. There are unlimited free plays for the mentor as long as they don't play with the same person twice.

Maintenance: Wayne reported that new batteries have been put in the Bridge Mates. The heater is working on the 299er side. We also have new coffee urns. The A/C is to be set on 74 degrees and the heater is to be set on 72 degrees as applicable.

Old business: There will be a fast pair's game on Thursday night at 6:30 P.M. beginning on January 7, 2016. Time allowed per board will be 5 minutes. The trial period for this game will be 30 days. If the opening lead has been faced, the board may be played. If the player has not played a card to the last board 2 minutes before the round is called, the board will be thrown out. (No play) This will be the penalty for late play the first time. The second time a player is late, the offending side will get an average-minus. This is necessary to keep the game moving. A vote will be taken on whether the rounds will be 5 or 6 minutes per board. The decision will be made after Mardi Gras. This game will be canceled during tournaments.

Elections: Vicki reported that there were only 5 candidates for the 5 positions on the BOD. Since there are 3, three year terms and 2, two year terms, she will ask the candidates which one they would prefer. The candidates are Nelson Daigle, Sharon Henry, Steven Plotkin, Jim Thornton and Vicki Willis. There will be a holiday game on December 18 during the day. It will be pot luck with Larry picking up soft drinks, ice, and 600 finger sandwiches. Keenan will be supervisor of the January tournament. Ben will take care of the tablecloths from the nighttime Christmas party. (See about getting them washed, dried and folded.) There was a lot of discussion about future team games during the tournaments for 2017. No decision was made, yet. Discussion to move the November tournament to the last week of October was being considered. The question was brought up about if we are interested in

sponsoring a bridge cruise out of New England. We are not. The BOD felt that Sherrie should be reimbursed for the director's meeting at Dragos. The BOD voted to have a policy of two director's meetings per year. It was resolved that one meeting will be held at a restaurant and one will be held at the club. The BOD voted to give directors who are active on the schedule a \$50 gift certificate to Martin's Wine Cellar. Theresa will be given \$100 in appreciation for all of her work at the club. Sherrie will take care of this. The game directors requested guidance regarding changing incorrect scores. Twenty-four hours is the time limit for changing scores. Vicki will speak to Chuck Wilkinson (president of District 10) about putting New Orleans back on the schedule for regional tournaments beginning in 2021. Slow play: Tardy players will be given a NO PLAY for the 1st offense and an average-minus for the 2nd offense. The players will not be allowed to start a new board with 2 minutes remaining on the clock. The lead needs to be tabled before the round is started.

There was one suggestion in the suggestion box. The BOD decided not to change the E/W, N/S seating directions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Willis

Recording Secretary