

Minutes Louisiana Bridge Association/ Board of Directors Meeting-July 14, 2014

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

The June board meeting minutes were approved and the financial report was given. The club lost money in June. Sanction fees were much higher than usual; this was possibly the result of the sanction fees associated with The Longest Day. There was some confusion about the distribution of money received from The Longest Day games. Sherrie will follow up with ACBL to try to clarify this. Overall the club raised over \$16,000 for the Alzheimers' Association. The intent was to reimburse the club for the anticipated fees for the One year free play raffle winner and also sanction fees. The club donated all game fees that would have been received that day. Sherrie reported that the day went very well with only one complaint about the Pro-Am game pairing.

Games fees are reverting to \$6 (except for Special games) effective August 1st as planned. Money collected for Nationals is in line with budget.

There was a discussion about Workers Compensation and some unanswered questions. This will be deferred until August.

The board approved an increase of \$1/case for board duplication, effective immediately.

There was discussion about possible changes for our Sectional tournaments: Sherrie polled out of town players for their interest in having games at 9:30 AM and 2:00 PM to allow an earlier ending time at the end of the day. Also, ACBL Director Kevin Perkins commented that most sectionals now use average pair masterpoints in determining strata rather than the higher masterpoints of the pair. This must be noted on the Sectional flyer. The board approved the change. Keenan will ask Dick Brammell about implementation since the schedule is approved through July of 2015. Keenan relayed that ACBL will no longer publish our flyers without chairperson and partnership names.

It was also decided that the average masterpoint holdings would be implemented for club games. This will be done in conjunction with the change for the Sectionals. There was also discussion about having a mentoring game on a regular basis (such as quarterly). Wayne will look into holding a mentoring game sometime this Fall—probably on a Friday night; food would be served.

Wayne reported on maintenance issues that are still in progress: lighting issues, re-stripping, faucets. It was noted that there is apparently a faulty valve on the hot water heater and the fire department was called the previous day and they turned off the gas. One of the players has complained about allergy flare ups on the parking lot side of the building. Jani King will be asked if they can look into this.

Jackie gave all the board members registration bags/imprinted deck of cards that will be used at Nationals.

There was a comment in the Suggestion box regarding masterpoint eligibility of a playing director. Keenan will discuss with Jean Talbot. Although legally allowed, the board is divided on whether the club should permit it.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Keenan Romig for Vicki Willis