

Minutes Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting- May 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Keenan Romig at 2:30 P.M. In attendance were: Romig, Burke, Weisler, Thornton, Madden, LeBlanc, Goodman, and Willis. Absent: Lay, Lappa, and McKown.

The April minutes were approved and the financial report was given. Pat Burke reported that we were down \$1700 last month. \$3700 went to special maintenance. The surplus collection for the Nationals is on track. Jim Thornton reported that the payout for the Derby Day tournament had been questioned as possibly unfair. After discussion, the BOD confirmed the established payout and felt that it best reflects what Dot Babin would have wanted.

Sherrie Goodman reported that 8 games are scheduled for the Longest Day event on June 21 including a pro-am game. Each game will consist of 12 boards and there will be upgraded masterpoints. Meals will be provided. The club is donating all table fees for that day. Each game will cost \$10. The raffle for one year of free plays is going well. It was confirmed that the expense of the free plays will not be borne by the club; the club will be paid for the estimated free plays from the Alzheimer's proceeds.

The "Sectional at Sea" cruise has been approved and a director will be needed. The board decided that John Smalley or a comparably-ranked director should be chosen. Keenan was asked to confirm that plays could be transferred.

Under Maintenance, Wayne Weisler reported that the rotten wood was replaced. There is a roof/flashing problem that results in leaks in the kitchen supply room during heavy rains—this needs to be addressed. The faucets in the men's room need to be replaced. He is still looking for a suitable table for the coffee machine. Cosmetic improvements were discussed; the ladies room needs a new countertop and the woodwork/doors need painting; Wayne will handle. The carpet should be replaced; this will be deferred to next March during the Nationals.

It was noted that Jani-King is not performing according to the terms of their contract. Specifically, the windowsills and blinds were mentioned; Keenan will address this.

Pat Burke commented that she has not been receiving the club's soft drink stipend and she believes that our vendor may have sold to a national company. She is going to investigate other options.

One of the board members noted that we should have some type of dress code as too-casual attire has been seen in the club. Keenan will address in the President's Message and the players in question will be spoken to.

Sid Leblanc volunteered that he and Mary would provide the hot dogs, etc. for the Memorial Day game.

Jim Thornton reported that the fundraising efforts are on hold for the Nationals. Jackie Madden reported that the "bells" should be in by June.

There were several items in the Suggestion box: There was a suggestion to change the N/S and E/W directions to assist the moving of the E/W players from table to table; this can be tried at the director's discretion but will probably cause confusion. It was also suggested that the 0-20 game during Sectionals be held in the board room to minimize noise and distractions when sales for the next game are taking place.

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Recording Secretary