

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/ Board of Directors meeting January 12, 2015

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

The December minutes were approved.

National report was given by Eleanor Onstott with Dee Moses in attendance. Eleanor reported that things are going smoothly and thanked her committee chairs for all they are doing. Dee Moses will take over the co-chair position from John Onstott due to health issues. John will be honorary chairman.

Financial report was given by Sid LeBlanc. This report will be posted in the hall next to the minutes.

After discussion and nomination and second the following officers were elected for the year 2015:

President: Larry Federico

Vice-President: Keenan Romig

Recording secretary: Vicki Willis

Co-Treasurers: Sid LeBlanc, James Thornton and Fred Lay

All of the above are approved as signers on the accounts of the Louisiana Bridge Association held at the Gulf Coast Bank and Trust Company with one signer required on items under \$1000 and two signers for \$1000 and above. Vicki Willis was continued as registered agent.

Membership: **Ben McKown**

Maintenance: **Wayne Weisler**

Conduct/ ethics: **Marlene Ruckert**

Hospitality: **Lynn Giordano**

Sherrie Goodman will replace Sally Toups as club manager. Keenan Romig will assist.

Old business: The bridge mates are not quite ready to be used for Swiss team events. The appreciation gifts were acknowledged. One hundred dollars was given to each director on the roster and the same amount was given to Theresa Federico for all of her hard work. The Kevin issue was solved by asking Jennie Sauviac to sell entries to the 299ers. There was positive feedback on averaging masterpoints for the open games. Both players on the 299er side have to have under 299 points. Room configurations: Keenan made a poster consisting of 3 options for the placement of tables. Players will be asked to sign under their preference. Also, the direction of N/S and E/W needs to be consistent.

New business: The hospitality committee will be Lynn Giordano (head) Fred Lay, and Sue Guariso. One of our members would like the board to approve her showing

of her book. The BOD declined but said that she could do this on her own. **Maintenance:** Wayne reported that our building is slowly moving towards Edenborn. He estimates that it will cost about \$4800 to repair. The beams in the building need to be repaired and the carpet needs to be cleaned and repaired. This will be done during the Nationals by Jani-King. The structure around the coffee station needs to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$5000. A final decision will be made in February. A suggestion was made to buy a new suggestion box with approval from the BOD. Pat Burke will be removed and Larry Federico will be added to the signature card at the bank. We will defer voting on changing all game times to 12 o'clock until February. Slow play needs to be addressed to the directors. Sherrie will speak to the person who wrote the slow play letter. A yellow warning card was suggested for slow players. Wayne will work on this.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Willis
Recording Secretary