

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting November 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Federico at 2:30 P.M. In attendance were: Jim Thornton, Sid LeBlanc, Sherrie Goodman, Vicki Willis, Larry Federico, Sharon Henry, Steve Plotkin, Ben McKown, and Wayne Weisler, Absent: Fred Lay and Nelson Daigle.

The October minutes were approved and the financial report was given. There was another big loss last month. Steve suggested putting a sign on the snack table saying "Don't bring snacks to the table." Plastic cards are being ordered because they last longer. We need receipts from Mike the maintenance guy before we issue a check to him. We still need to follow up about the \$4000 water bill. Any substantial bill needs to be flagged. The tile will not be replaced at this time because it would be too expensive. Replacing the carpet is on hold right now for the same reason.

Vicki gave the District 10 report. Condensed version is: The requirement that the hotel and/or playing site contracts be submitted to TOC at least 24 months in advance is rescinded. The requirement that the host hotel sign the sanction request form is rescinded. The restriction that no member of any unit that hosts an annual regional may be a member of the D10 Tournament Oversight Committee is rescinded. All District regionals will use fast results. Proposals were made for regionals taking place in 2021-2026. The questionnaire that Chuck Wilkenson requested we fill out was sent.

Mentoring games: Sherrie reported that a survey showed that people liked Tuesday and Thursday for these games. The games will be alternated.

Sherrie gave each of us a list of special games for 2017 to be approved. Most of these games were approved. There will be both a mentoring game and an open game on Thursday, September 21. Sherrie will get sanctions for these games.

Defibulator training will be given by Alan Jacobs. Sherrie is working with Alan to determine the best date to do this. It will probably be January 28 or February 4. Directors will be strongly encouraged to take this class. The defibulator will be checked to make sure it is current.

A bridge cruise is scheduled for November 26, 2017. It will be held by Standard Western Caribbean cruises. Larry will check into what time these games will start and what the playing fees are.

There was a request from Steven Kishner to hold a GNT game at the club. A sign-up sheet was provided for this purpose. There was a problem with the monthly report that Theresa Federico and Sherrie straightened out. Director bonuses will be the same as last year. They will receive \$50 cash. There will be a District 10 fundraiser on November 30. Larry will check prices on disposable tablecloths. Steve gave a report on how to liquidate the clubs assets to Sid for safekeeping. The Christmas parties will be held on Saturday, December 10 (nighttime) and Friday, December 16 (daytime potluck). The cost for the nighttime party is \$6 for the players and \$10 for their guests. Sharon will chair the January 2017 tournament. The suggestion box was empty.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Recording secretary

