

Board Meeting 3-12-18

The March meeting of the Board Members of LBA convened at 2:30PM.

Present: Carolyn DuBois, Sharon Henry, Nelson Daigle, Hunter McFadden, Mary LeBlanc, Lowen, Linda Freese, and Suzanne Cliffe

Absent: Ellen Lappa, Wayne Weisler, Steve Plotkin

Jim Thornton reported on the progress of the planning for the **2019 NLM Regional**, along with a request for increasing LBA's daily fee to bring in money for enhanced Hospitality at this tournament. Two months might bring in the \$3000 desired. The NLM Regional will be held at the Comfort Inn (Formerly Copelands) two blocks away. \$13/ Game/person. We will break even if we have a total of 200 tables over the 4 days. The hotel provides the chairs. Jim arranged to borrow necessary tables from Baton Rouge. Free parking. Free coffee.

Report from Vicki Willis on **District 10**. She was just elected President. \$50,000 was given to Memphis for 2018 tournament. So our Club needs to participate in Charity Games to support National Tournaments, and ours is in 2023. How can we encourage our members' participation in Team and Pair Grand Nationals of the Grand National Open?

There was discussion as to increasing the daily fee to pay for Hospitality during the 2019 NLM tourney. Mary LeBlanc moved that we ask for donations first, put a note in the Kibitzer explaining our goal to raise \$3000 for hospitality. It was moved and agreed to vote on a 50 cent or \$1 surcharge on Table Fees to raise the rest of the money at a later date .

Minutes read by Sharon Henry and approved.

Norma Phillips resigned as Alzheimers' Day chair.

Mary LeBlanc will handle the evening Halloween party.

Mary LeBlanc gave the **Financial** report, which was accepted. Insurance was only \$8400, not \$10,000.

Membership report was given by Suzanne Cliffe. She estimates that there are only 500 active members on the Southshore. She will continue to research and eventually create a printed version for Southshore only. Suzanne met with two of the judges suggested for the Unwritten Rules Committee: Steve Plotkin and Jacob Karno. She

explained to them that teachers shouldn't be giving lessons during regular Game times and asked them to research it.

Maintenance We are still waiting from Mike for his Proof of Insurance.

Linda reported about the Structural Engineer's recommendations, and the Plumbers' report. Motion made and approved to pay \$2100 for plumbing repairs, plus \$250 to reimburse Linda for paying for video footage of the plumbing lines. Also, the engineer pointed out problems with repairs on the roof that might be the source of leaks. There are problems with the bracing of rafters, above Directors' desks, causing buckling in roof. The engineer said that fixing the rafters and installing them straight, then rebracing will fix the roof surface where it buckles.

It was moved and approved that reimbursing Directors paying for **food at night games** will end.

New Business:

- Request from Lowen for all Board Members to read the **ByLaws** and report any wrong or unclear wording.
- Should we discontinue Wednesday 299 Game b/c of low attendance.
- Should we be sending Get-Well cards... nobody's doing it.
- Hunter suggested we form a Finance/Investment Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 Next meeting: April 9, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Henry, Recording Secretary