

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting February 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Thornton at 2:30 P.M. In attendance were: Nelson Daigle, Carolyn Dubois, Larry Federico, Sharon Henry, Ellen Lappa, Mary LeBlanc, Steve Plotkin, Jim Thornton, Wayne Weisler, and Vicki Willis. Absent: Ben McKown.

The January minutes were approved and the financial report was given. Mary reported that 2 CD's were cashed in so that some bills could be paid. Our cash flow is very low. Mary also gave a report on our current insurance. Steve stated that we need to get insurance bids each year. Our current policy limits are \$75,000 with a \$5000 deductible.

Maintenance: Wayne gave this report. Our regular maintenance guy (Mike) will now be in charge of changing the air filters. Vanderbrook continues to send us bills that we do not owe. Wayne will handle this. Steve stated that the cue cards on the I/N side need to be put back up.

District 10: Vicki reported that New Orleans will host the Spring Nationals in 2023. The date of the regional will be determined at the next district board meeting.

Ethics: Sharon will handle the current problem.

Old Business: The defibrillator training held on February 3rd went well. There were 14 people who were trained. Diana Powell and Myra Groome will co-chair the 299er tournament in March. Greg Blum will take over the mailing of tournament flyers from Roy Richardson. All of the night games are now starting at 6:30 P.M. The 2017 special event games have been posting on the website. Ellen Lappa will take over webmaster duties from Sherrie Goodman. Larry will chair the Mardi Gras game instead of Ben. Sharon will change the tournament calendar to 0-20 points from Thursday to Friday. The mentoring program will be developed by Sue Himel and there will be a committee including Suzanne Cliffe, Jennie Sauviac, and Mike Russell. A report on details will be given at the next board meeting. Thanks to Sherrie Goodman for all of her hard work on these games. The next mentoring game will be March 25 and will be a Swiss team game. The director assignments are confirmed.

New Business: There will not be a new game on Friday night at this time. Members will be polled to see if this would be a good idea. The other night games will continue to be held. The "teach bridge in a day" program was thought to be a good idea, however, it is only taught at the Nationals. Carolyn will check on this. Our players don't like the selections in the snack machines and will be changed. The coin return doesn't work, either. This will be checked into. Ellen volunteered to make signs concerning eating snacks at the table. Note: This is different from eating our lunch at the table. Sharon checked on the Cox bill. We do have voice messaging. Our bill would go down at least \$50 per month if we got rid of cable. We still would have internet, phone and local TV. There was a motion and second to get rid of cable. Motion approved. Sharon volunteered

to provide an antenna for the TV. The Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs pins will continue to be given out at the lower masterpoint levels. (LM and lower) Certificates will still be given. Jim will check on the duty list.

Suggestion Box: We are getting rid of cable. The old toner cartridges will be discarded. Wayne will ask Mike to empty the cigarette butts outside.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Willis
Recording Secretary