

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting January 9. 2017

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

The first order of business was to elect new officers.

President- Jim Thornton

Vice-President- Larry Federico

Recording Secretary- Vicki Willis

Treasurer- Mary LeBlanc

Membership Secretary- Carolyn Dubois

Jim presided over the rest of the meeting. The December minutes were approved. Mary gave the financial report from outgoing treasurer Sid LeBlanc. The club continues to lose money. Sharon suggested eliminating the linen towels from the ladies room. This was approved.

Sherrie Goodman spoke to the BOD about an upcoming gold point event that can be played at the club. The cost to the players is \$52 per pair. An extra fee of \$4 will be charged for someone to monitor this game. Some sort of electronic device would be needed by the players who wish to participate. Sherrie and Jim volunteered to supervise this.

Maintenance: Wayne received a complaint that there was no hot water in the ladies room. He said that he would call Mike the repairman. The decision was made not to pursue an adjustment on the water bill. Since there is water under the building, it is time to add more mud under the building. Wayne said that he would place gentle reminder signs in the ladies room about what not to flush down the toilets.

District 10 report: Vicki informed the BOD that there will be a regional in 2021 and a National in 2023. She will ask about what time of year this regional will be. She was also told to ask about Las Vegas nationals.

Sharon volunteered to be tournament coordinator for future tournaments.

Old business: The defibrillator training will be held on February 4 at 9:00 A.M. Steve told us that no person would be liable for treating someone. Cruises: If Vacations at Sea sponsors this, we could receive a rebate if we book through Vacations at Sea. Larry will speak to Chris Beesley about a rebate. Vicki will ask if we can do a Regional at Sea in 2021 instead of a Regional in New Orleans. The players have spoken! The result of the survey during the voting was overwhelming for discontinuing snacks during the games. Ben will chair the Mardi Gras game. A light lunch will be provided for this game. It will be served at 1:00 P.M. so that both the 299ers and the open side can enjoy the meal at the same time. The special events calendar for 2017 is posted on the website. There was a motion made by Steve and seconded by Vicki to appoint Sherrie Goodman as club

manager. This was approved. She will supervise and assign directors and handle administration of the master points. We need someone to handle the Longest Day event, the mentoring game and be the webmaster as Sherrie has resigned these positions.

New Business: Ben requested that his evening game start at 6:30 instead of 7. The BOD approved this for both the Monday and Tuesday night games. Theresa Federico asked if she could purchase plastic cards instead of regular cards for the dealing machine. She said that she thought they may last longer. This was approved.

Suggestion box: We will continue to have breaks and flowers will still be provided.

Vicki will type up a resolution to add Mary LeBlanc and Nelson Daigle to the checking account and remove Fred Lay and Sid LeBlanc as signers. Vicki will also inform ACBL of the changes in board members and officers.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Willis
Recording Secretary