

Minutes, LBA Board Meeting, July 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 by Carolyn Dubois, Vice President. Present were Carolyn, Hunter McFadden, Steve Plotkin, Suzanne Cliffe, Wayne Weisler, Ellen Lappa, Lowen, and Nelson Daigle. Sharon Henry came in about 30 minutes late.

The first order of business was a presentation by Edward Spooner, one of the novice/intermediate players. He had been asked to attend by Steve Plotkin regarding the possible recarpeting of the playing area. Ed is an architect and has had extensive experience in designing and building institutional buildings, as well as being on the committee that has been renovating the building at DeLimon since its lightning strike and subsequent fire. Ed presented an alternative to carpet tiles, one that they are using in the public areas at DeLimon. The carpet he brought in is a 26 oz. broadloom, cut pile, nylon, solution dyed. His estimate is that it would be approximately \$19-20 per yard and \$1/yard installation. When installed, it would have fewer seams than a tile, it has a cut pile rather than a loop, would have a pattern rather than being monochromatic so would show less dirt and spills, and would be easily cleaned. He thinks that with fewer seams and a cut pile rather than a loop, there would be fewer possible tears/runs due to chairs and tables being continually moved on the surface. If we decide to go with this alternative, he would recommend Richard Castro @ Home Flooring and Interiors, 208 Paillet Dr., Harvey, La. Office 504-341-9836, c: 504-236-3428, E-mail: homeflooring@cox.net. They have been handling the job at DeLimon and have provided excellent service. Thanks to Ed for his input and recommendations.

Vicki Willis, District 10 representative, attended the meeting to update the club on the District 10 NAOP games. The Flight A games will be held in January, 2019 in either Baton Rouge or Jackson, MS. The Flights B & C have not been changed and will be held in Jackson. Vicki will confirm the location of the Flight A games as soon as it has been decided.

As the previous recording secretary, Vicki has been trying to find any records of previous disciplinary or Conduct and Ethics violations or actions taken by the previous committees to turn over to Lowen as the current chair of the Conduct and Ethics Committee. She has not found any recordations of past actions.

The Minutes from the May meeting were presented and accepted as read, with an addendum made by Steve Plotkin. In May it was voted to cancel the Thursday 9:00 a.m. 299'er game due to lack of attendance. Since that vote, the attendance has increased, so it was voted to continue the game and monitor it for attendance. This was agreed upon.

There was also a recommendation to continue to look at the tournament strata consider changing the lower bracket to 499 rather than 299 as well as change the future limited master point tournaments to 499 in order to accommodate more players in those tournaments.

The Financial Report was presented by Nelson. He pointed out that there had been donations and a lesson fees columns added to account for these. There were no questions regarding finances. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Ellen Lappa, Vicki Willis, and Keenan Romig are all on the nominating committee to replace the outgoing Board members. Steve Plotkin has recommended that a 299'er player be appointed to the committee as well. Going off the Board in 2019 are Sharon Henry, Steve Plotkin, and Nelson Daigle. At this time Steve said that he intends to run again.

The night time Christmas party will be on December 8th. Suzanne Cliffe and Doris Liuukonen will be in charge of this. Mary LeBlanc and Ellen Lappa are in charge of the Halloween party. Someone will need to be appointed for Labor Day and the day time Christmas Party which is usually the Friday after the night party.

Coffee: Sharon, Nelson, and Carolyn met with the Rizzo coffee company. Sharon presented the cost of Rizzo's compared to Standard Coffee. The coffee would cost more than we are currently paying for Standard but they would also take over and replace the snack vending machines. By doing this they would give us a \$900 rebate on the snack machines which would more than offset the increased cost of the coffee. The first vote was 4-4, but then a vote was changed and it was voted to cancel our coffee service with Standard Coffee and our vending with Jack's vending machines and sign a year's contract with the Rizzo company. Sharon will notify both Standard Coffee and Jack's of our plan to discontinue their services.

Building: we currently have estimates for major construction to the building from two companies. Several people are not comfortable with making a decision and commitment to spend the money involved without knowing more about what the problem is with the building and if this construction is necessary. Lowen recommended that committees be formed of qualified engineers to address this as well as a committee to look more into carpeting. Sharon suggested that we invite help from our members by putting it on the web site, looking for engineers, architects, interior designers, to join a committee. It was noted that Barbara FitzHugh and Doris Liuukonen would like to be involved in decorating. Ellen said that she would put it on the web site asking for volunteers from our membership to serve on these committees.

Carolyn presented the suggestions from the Suggestion Box. Several people have asked that the lessons be returned to the 299'er and 499'er games. Other people want to discontinue all lessons. At this time the lessons will continue on Mondays for the 499'er games and on Tuesdays for the 299'er games, in addition to lessons associated with the Friday and Sunday 99'er games.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by Suzanne Cliffe, acting Recording Secretary.