

Louisiana Bridge Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 4:15 p.m. Present were Carolyn Dubois, Jim Thornton, Steve Romig, Mary LeBlanc, Theresa Federico, Ellen Lappa, Diana Powell, Jackie Madden, Suzanne Cliffe, Vicki Willis, and Club Manager Sherrie Goodman. Absent was Lowen.

The president, Carolyn, extended a welcome to Vicki Willis who was willing to step in and fulfil the term of Hunter McFadden, who resigned. Her term will extend until the next election of Board members can be held.

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted.

Steve Romig and Mary LeBlanc presented the finances. There was a question as to the amount the club is paying for utilities and Steve reported that the last monthly charge was the lowest since the club had closed.

He reported that we have approximately \$63,000 cash on hand and that the net income for the year is approximately \$45,611. He also reported that the insurance will be going up, but how much is currently unknown.

Steve also reported that going forward, the club will have to file tax returns electronically and he does not have the necessary programs to do that. He would like for the club to hire Mary LeBlanc's daughter, a CPA, to do the filing for us. He said that he would do all of the work and turn it over to her. Since she is an employee of a CPA firm, there will be a charge, but that it will be minimal. The question of a conflict of interest came up, but it was decided that this wouldn't be an issue in this case because of Steve's having done the work prior to her filing the forms.

Sherrie Goodman, Club and Virtual Club Manager, reported that there will be an upcoming Silver week with extra fees. There will also be extra games. They are going to be initiating a 0-1500 masterpoint game soon. She reported that the beginner bridge that Kathy Plauche is running is going very well, they had their first 0-20 game with 4 tables. There will be a lesson before the game. Elizabeth Sewell and Wayne Weisler will be helping with these games. Kathy has an initial set up for four weeks. It may be extended. Kathy sent an email that said because of family health problems, she may not be able to continue after the four weeks but for now, she has committed to the four lessons at night and Wayne will cover the morning lesson.

Sherrie also reported that there will be a Valentine's Special on February 13 and 14 with extra points and no extra fees and also an online Regional February 18-21.

Sherrie also has the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards but she isn't ordering the pins at this time. The Claire Meyer Award to the two women in the club that have won the most masterpoints in the previous year is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place to Joan VanGeffen and 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Sherrie Goodman. There is a small stipend that varies depending on interest rates with 2/3 to the first place winner and 1/3 to the second place winner. Mary will send the check and it will be posted on the website.

Theresa Federico reported that when the club reopens she will not be able to continue with the jobs she has done previously for the club, making the pre-dealt hands, providing the hand records, and maintaining the dealing machine. The Board said that this can be dealt with at the time the club reopens.

Ellen reported that there will be a previously agreed upon meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss proposed By-Law changes on Monday, January 25, at 4:15 p.m. Lowen will send the changes prior to that time for the Board to review.

Diana Powell said that she will continue as the Kibitzer editor with Sherrie and Jim to assist her. She said that when the club reopens, she will not be making the paper copies.

Vicki Willis thanked the Board for nominating her for the District Goodwill Member of the Year, which she received from District 10.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, February 8, at 4:15 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Suzanne Cliffe, Recording Secretary