

Louisiana Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 2013 via Zoom

Present: Carolyn Dubois, Steve Romig, Jim Thornton, Theresa Federico, Suzanne Cliffe, Jackie Madden and Sherrie Goodman, Club Manager. Joining late were Mary LeBlanc and Lowen.

The meeting started at 4:10 p.m.

Most of the meeting was devoted to Sherrie's reports on the virtual club games being held on Bridge Base Online. Sherrie reported that at this time we have pooled with Baton Rouge and Memphis for our online games. We were eliminating the 9:15 game as there are not enough players at this time. We had a 10:15 499'er game today and there were 12 tables with 7 pairs being from Memphis. The rest were LBA members. At the 10:30 game there were 11 tables with 17 of the 22 pairs being from Memphis. At this time, Sherrie is trying to coordinate with the other clubs and will see what are the best time for games. She is also talking with Baton Rouge who will be joining with us. These times and the 7:15 night game were the times that Memphis already had games, so we will see if that works out for our players.

Sherrie said that the main complaint has been the 7 minutes per board being too slow. She adjusted it to 6 minutes but found that they had to go back to the 7 minutes.

Online directors at this time that have been trained are Sue Himel, Linda Freese, and Lil Range. Kathy Logue is being trained, and Sherrie also can direct as needed. The Memphis director is a full time director and will take any game that we will give him. Lowen inquired as to how these directors were selected. Sherrie said that these directors had played online, and Sue Himel had both taught and directed online previously.

ACBL will send us payments for our players that play in the Support Your Club games but that isn't as much as we will make for our players playing in our virtual club games. We will send the other participating clubs their portion with the percentage of the directors' pay deducted. We will have to pay the directors with checks and if we pay anyone over \$600, they will have to be issued 1099's for tax purposes.

For income purposes, we want to encourage our players to play in the virtual club games as opposed to the support your club games as the club gets \$1.00 more per person at this time. The ACBL may change their fee structure to encourage players to play in their club games. Starting tomorrow or Wednesday, the ACBL will use a multiplier to increase the masterpoints awarded for the club games.

Carolyn wants the directors to encourage their friends and partners to play online to increase interest and attendance.

Jackie reported that Jani-King had "sanitized" the premises but that other quotes were between \$10-20,000 for sanitizing. Jani-King is not going in now. Theresa is checking messages and is picking up the mail.

As of now, we have stopped paying JaniKing and garbage has been suspended as of April 1. Oriental Market was paid on March 4 for two months, March and April. They won't be paid until we return and see the need. It was agreed that the gardener should be continued.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Submitted finally,

Suzanne Cliffe, Recording Secretary