

LBA Board of Directors Meeting  
June 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. Present were Carolyn Dubois, Steve Romig, Mary LeBlanc, Jackie Madden, Hunter McFadden, Lowen, Theresa Federico, Ellen Lappa, and Suzanne Cliffe. Wayne Weisler came in late, Jackie Madden left early.

Carolyn Dubois, the President, addressed the Board stating that we want all of the members to work together with the Club in order to promote the highest quality of bridge.

Jim Thornton and Diana Powell reported on the completed Non Life master Tournament held May 30<sup>th</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup> which was a resounding success. They extended special thanks to all that worked on behalf of the LBA to make it work so smoothly including Sue Himel for securing all the needed Bridgemates, Mike Russell for helping with obtaining adequate number of tables, Steve Plotkin for negotiating with the Copeland Tower Hotel, Jackie Madden for obtaining stickers, Carolyn Dubois the partnership chairperson, Sherrie Goodman for pictures and help with all of the computer set up and Bulletin publication. There were many others that helped every day. There was praise for our directors, Kevin Perkins and Jack Lewis, as well as the guest speakers who donated their time and knowledge, Iype Koshy, Larry Federico, and Wayne Weisler. The hotel provided an excellent venue with free parking and reasonable rates for rooms and food. There were a total of 342 paid tables, 275 players participating of which 136 were LBA members, people from 13 states and Mexico. The LBA net profit was over \$6000. Another NLM can't be held until 2022 and New Orleans will host the NABC in 2023. A HUGE thanks to Jim and Diana for organizing and running such a successful tournament.

Vicki Willis as representative from District 10 reported that Qualification for Bracketed Knock Outs in the past was required in a Regional Tournament but that has now been discontinued. For teams qualifying for the GNT (Grand National Teams) the district voted to give the second place team a subsidy of \$1200 in addition to paying expenses for the first place team. Vicki reported that the District has also addressed slow play at the club level. A player, Robert Auvenshine has been given a 90 day probation starting June 18<sup>th</sup> and extending through September 15<sup>th</sup> for not following directors instructions for slow play.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the May minutes. Minutes accepted.

A report was made by Steve Romig on the results of an Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Upon the resignation of the president Linda Freese, the vice-president, Carolyn Dubois agreed to move into that position. In addition, this created a vacant position on the Board that needs to be filled as well as filling the vice-president's position. Several people said that they would be willing to serve the remainder of the term through the end of 2019. The Board approved Vicki Willis to fill that position. In addition, Wayne Weisler was approved to fill the vice-president's position.

Steve also reported on the club finances for the first 4 months of the year. The revenue is being reported at \$57,000 rather than the \$60,000 budgeted, 5% behind for the first four months. Expenses were up \$17,000 but that included painting and deposit on the carpet. Tournament income will show up in June statement. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial statements.

It was also announced that Hunter McFadden is taking over overseeing the insurance for the club.

Old Business: Jackie has a proposal from Southland Air Conditioning to come in and service the HVAC system four times a year for \$782/quarter, \$3300/year. This would give the club priority when we called if there were a problem. There is supposed to be another quote, Mary LeBlanc is following up on that.

Update on the Beautification Committee from Lowen: Lowen has been coordinating with Barbara FitzHugh on this project regarding the painting. Daniel Day did the painting, two coats as needed. Some areas required 4 coats and he will return if there is additional work. He was also paid an additional \$1000 for the ceiling for a total of \$13,800. Barbara has asked for permission to continue with the decorating. It was agreed that the Memorial Plaques to our members should be displayed. Barbara will get a quote for washing all of the windows inside and out and she is looking into the purchase of the new blinds for the club which she volunteered to underwrite. She and Linda Conner are looking into a central location for a bulletin board for announcements.

The maintenance for the floor cleaning was approved. The floor person (who?) said that the grout in the hallway had been painted with acrylic paint which was not correct. He gave an estimate of \$1800 to remove and repaint the grout and seal it. This includes a year warranty. This is a 2-3 day job. Lowen will talk to the floor person and see when it can be scheduled. This was approved by the Board.

The new carpeting for the club was not done during the NLM because the carpet did not arrive on time. It is now scheduled for the week end of July 12-14 before the sectional tournament. Richard Castro from Home Flooring said that they will come in on Friday afternoon, the 12<sup>th</sup>, after the games to start the work. It should be a 2 ½ day job. Sherrie is looking into an alternative place for our week end games.

Carolyn announced that there would be a club "social" celebrating the success of our NLM tournament on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, after the afternoon games. The Board authorized an expenditure of \$100 for additional refreshments.

Jennifer Holmes presented a petition from the 299'ers requesting that the Tuesday morning game remain a 299'er game rather than upgrading it to a 499'er game. It was a very well presented and thought out petition signed by over 100 players, although not all of them are eligible to play in the game. The Board appreciates the input and information. It was also brought up by Board members that we have had previous petitions from players asking that the game be changed to a 499'er game over the past several months. The Board has considered this several times during this period and voted to retain it as a 499'er game. The Board also is

going to investigate the possibility of finding a time to initiate another 99'er game, which seems to be the real need for the newer players providing them a transition game from the Easybridge! format of 0-20 before going directly into a 499'er game. (A copy of the petition is filed with the minutes.)

A letter was presented from Sue Himel regarding the directors' instructions, who is in charge, and what the Board expects from the directors. Currently Keenan Romig has temporarily taken charge of the directors and the scheduling. It was agreed by the Board that the decisions involving game directors will be handled by the Director Coordinator and the Directors and the LBA Board will not become involved.

There was a discussion as to the current events at the club involving the resignation of Linda Freese as President and Board member. It was agreed by the Board members that this should be addressed in a letter to the membership. There will be a letter written and posted on the web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Cliffe  
Recording Secretary