

The meeting of the Louisiana Bridge Association Board of Directors was called to order at 2:20, on Monday, February 11, 2019 by Linda Freese.

Present were Linda Freese, Carolyn Dubois, Ellen Lappa, Steve Romig, Mary LeBlanc, Wayne Weisler, Theresa Federico, Jackie Madden, Hunter McFadden, Lowen, and Suzanne Cliffe.

New Board members, Theresa Federico, Steve Romig, and Jackie Madden were welcomed. The first order of business was to elect new officers for 2019. Elected were Linda Freese, President, Carolyn DuBois, Vice President, Co-treasurers Mary LeBlanc and Steve Romig, Recording Secretary, Suzanne Cliffe, and Membership Secretary Ellen Lappa.

Sid LeBlanc was present to give an update on the insurance carried by the LBA. He said that it is basically the same as last year and the premium is almost the same as well. Steve Romig recommended that we change the surety bond from \$75,000 to \$150,000. Someone inquired as to whether we have a copy of insurance carried by Mike's Maintenance. Wayne said it had been provided previously but he will provide another copy. Thanks to Sid for his help in keeping our insurance up to date.

There was a discussion about where we keep copies of all documents. Many are in a file cabinet in the Board room, but others are in various officer's notebooks. It was suggested that we should place copies of documents and insurance in "cloud" storage. Steve Romig will be in charge of that.

Theresa Federico inquired as to a form being available should there be any incident on the premises of accident or illness to be filled out at the time of any occurrence. She will obtain/create a form and be sure that it is available at the club when/if it is needed and act as our Safety Coordinator.

Sherrie Goodman, Club Manager, came to give an update on directors and special games. There was a discussion of the Charity Games, how often we want to have them and where the money goes. When we hold an ACBL Charity game, we can then hold a local charity fund game to benefit a charity on the local level that we would like to support. Jackie Madden, Sherrie Goodman, and Theresa Federico will meet to present charities to the Board to be the recipient(s) this year of the donation. Lowen recommended that a notification be put in the Kibitzer in case others would like to make suggestions.

There was discussion as to whether to retain the small games. It seems that Monday and Tuesday nights have stabilized with 4-6 tables. The Thursday night fast pairs is frequently calling in people and giving them free plays in order to have 2 ½ tables, the smallest game possible for a sanctioned game. It was decided that Sherrie would talk to Jack Lewis, the director, about it and get his opinion and we would discuss further in a month. On Sunday afternoon, the 299'er pairs that Wayne directs, has increased attendance since the end of football season. Wayne will talk to them about changing the game time to 1:00 p.m. which would allow them to play more boards.

Sherrie also brought up discussion on whether we want to continue to have 4 sectionals a year. These are a chance for our unit to make additional money for the club and we will continue to have them. There was discussion as to whether we want to consider making Sunday a single session Swiss team. Nothing was decided.

Sherrie also said that there are three upcoming games this year that will have special start times. On Monday March 11, the Senior Pairs game will have a 12:00 noon start time rather than our usual Monday morning game. On Wednesday, April 3, there is an ACBL Charity game which has to start in the morning. On Monday, July 8, there is an IMP game that has to start in the afternoon. The Board was in agreement that we should participate in all of these games and that the changes in time will be publicized.

Jim Thornton and Diana Powell, co-chairs for the Non Life Master Regional tournament, made a presentation giving the Board an update on the plans. They made arrangements to borrow 50 card tables from the Baton Rouge club which Baton Rouge has donated to us. They are currently in our club house and will be moved to the hotel space when needed. They have also made arrangements to borrow Bridgemates and our club has adequate bid boxes. We have to have a computer that can be used on site at the club. The cost of the hotel space will drop if we have more room nights booked. That is an unknown. The hotel is providing coffee and water for free. It was suggested that flyers should be mailed to other clubs in our district. Several people are taking flyers when attending other tournaments. After the tournament is over and the income/expenses are tallied, we will need to decide if we want to host another NLM in 2021. Thanks were extended to Jim and Diana for all of their work.

Mary LeBlanc presented the Treasurer's Report. It was noted that in January, the club lost money, but that was due to \$2300 paid to Mike's Maintenance, which included two charges for \$600 for plumbing. There was discussion of having a licensed plumber when there is plumbing work to be done, as well as licensed electricians for electrical work, and a licensed HVAC company for our heating and air conditioning work. This was approved by the Board. Wayne did point out that when we have emergencies at the club that it is necessary to have someone that we can call that will come immediately. It was suggested that we do continue to call Mike for those emergencies but to get the licensed companies that provide warranties on their work to perform any necessary repairs.

Mary asked if the coffee service could consolidate their bills into a monthly bill. Carolyn said that she will follow up on that as well as the contract length.

Mary reported that the additional loud speaker was installed on the open side.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Carolyn would like to give up the supervision of the cleaning/janitorial duties. Jackie volunteered to take over that responsibility. In that capacity she will discuss with the service what the additional charge would be for the cleaning of the tables on a regular basis.

Building improvements/decorating: Jackie questioned the work that has been discussed pertaining to the painting, carpeting, and tile replacement in the building. She spoke with the contractor that would do the work if it is done and he told her it would take 2 days for removal

and approximately a week to install the new tiles allowing for drying and set up time. She is questioning what and where the games would be held as the members would not be able to safely maneuver around this work while it is going on. She also is not in favor of this work being done while there is other work that she considers more pressing, i.e., the grading of the parking lot to prevent standing water in a heavy rain as well as being sure that all of our plumbing is working correctly. It was agreed to look into the paving issues in the parking lot. Steve Romig said he would follow up on this. Jackie will also get estimates on cleaning the existing tile. The decorating committee will also make presentations of carpet and paint colors. Lowen made a motion that the work should be put on hold until there is a resolution of the parking lot drainage problems as well as plumbing problems. This was seconded and passed. Jackie will bring in someone to give an estimate on cleaning the tile.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Jackie brought up the question of the dinner that had been approved at the previous meeting which was to serve as a farewell and thank you for outgoing Board members as well as a welcome for new Board members. After discussion, it was voted that there would be a dinner but that each Board member would pay for his own dinner.

Mentoring: Hunter would like someone else to handle this committee. He recommended that a player from the open side be involved in this. No further action was taken. Hunter did say that Larry Federico had volunteered to be available to talk about boards played in a Tuesday 299'er game, but the day that he had chosen, it did not work out.

Mardi Gras Day: Carolyn said that the party bridge game that usually plays on Tuesday night would like to come to play on Mardi Gras Day. It was agreed that they could do this and that they could also enjoy the hot dogs and chili that the club would be providing for their usual charge.

Audit: Steve Romig questioned whether the club required an "official" audit which is very technical. He said that he will perform a review.

March meeting of the Board will be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m. as the second Monday is the senior pairs game which will be played at noon.

It was recommended that all upcoming special games as well as tournaments be posted on the web site in a conspicuous place so that people from out of town or new to the club will be able to see the changes from the regular times.

It was recommended that we update all of the medical and emergency contact cards for the members. Theresa Federico will be in charge of this.

There was discussion of the director filling in and playing in the open games. This is not to be done for any of the day time open games except for the Sunday Swiss games. For the smaller night time games, it is at the director's discretion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Cliffe, Recording Secretary