

LBA Minutes, May, 2019

The meeting was called to order when all members had arrived at 2:25. Present were Linda Freese, Carolyn Dubois, Mary LeBlanc, Stephen Romig, Ellen Lappa, Lowen, Hunter McFadden, Wayne Weisler, Theresa Federico, Jackie Madden, and Suzanne Cliffe.

The meeting started with Vicki Willis reporting that there isn't anything to report from District 10.

The minutes from the April Board of Directors meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Steve reported that we are in line with the budget through April other than the coffee service is running about \$1000 more for the first four months and that should be watched. He said that the Audit Committee, Steve, Hunter, and Jim Thornton, had met and that the internal controls appear to be in place and being followed. Invoices go to the treasurers to pay, and prior to being paid, someone has to sign off on each bill. The recurring expenses are on automatic draft. Mary reported that she had the bill for Mike's Maintenance which ran higher for the past month because of a bill for a new air conditioning motor. There was a question about the air conditioning work being done by Mike rather than an air conditioning company. It was suggested that we contact two companies and get estimates regarding putting the units under contract so that if there is a problem, new items will be under warranty. Jackie and Linda will contact two different companies to get estimates.

Sherrie Goodman as Club Manager made a report regarding the classes that she wanted our club to offer. She said that over 3 years she had talked to over 80 clubs and most clubs have advanced classes available to all players that want to participate. These are offered by various players with different levels of expertise and all these teachers/presenters determine their own charges for their lessons. The LBA will sponsor it's first set of lessons beginning in June. Lowen will give the lessons, a series of 4 lessons, An Introduction to Two Over One, and the charge is \$15/lesson/player. We are asking players to sign up in advance so that Lowen will be prepared for the correct number of players. Lowen has agreed to do this at a reduced rate from his regular lessons as a service to our players and our club. Sue Himel will give a series in September on the Play of the Hand. We will put up flyers in the club, put notifications in the Kibitzer, and the directors will announce them. If other teachers/presenters would like to offer lessons, they should arrange it with Sherrie. They can also determine their own charges. It was also voted on and approved that for all of these lessons that are not ongoing private lessons, the teachers will not be charged the \$1.00 per student.

There was a discussion as to what the directors should do with players arriving late for game time. It was suggested that the director should take care of it on an individual

basis, but that if a player hasn't called, the director should go ahead and start the game without the player and when they arrive they can be sent home.

There had been a suggestion in March that all night games should be turned into "Charity Games" so that extra masterpoints could be awarded. The club will not charge extra fees for these games. This was approved and can begin immediately on a trial basis for 3 months to see if it improves attendance.

At this time, Lowen asked Sherrie as club manager if she would attend all of the Board meetings in order to be aware of and have input into decisions being made that affect her job or she should advise on. The Board approved this motion.

Painting: Barbara Fitzhugh has been in charge of the painting work. The painters worked all week end prior to this meeting and had done most of the work including the ceiling for which we agreed to pay an extra \$1000. It was agreed that the contractor will not be paid until all of the work is finished.

Discussion of the directory: Keenan Romig has taken over responsibility for getting a new one ready for printing. There was a discussion as to how many hard copies we need since it will be available online. Steve will talk to her about finding out what the prices are depending on the number we order.

There was a discussion as to whether we should order new bid cards. They will be looked at after the carpet is replaced, but the general thought is that they will just get dirty again as many of these are only about a year old.

A discussion as to whether we should continue to send hard copies of advertising flyers for our tournaments. The Board thinks that this is important and Greg Blum will continue to do this job.

Paul Rosenblum would like us to have a capital campaign to raise money for several large projects, such as redoing the ramp that comes into the building. Steve will talk with Paul and they will work up a plan for what needs to be done before initiating such a campaign.

Mary Regottaz is going to sponsor a reception honoring Wayne Merkel on a Sunday before the game. She will bring a cake and would like to have people offer remembrances.

The July tournament is scheduled for July 18-21, Suzanne is working on the chairs for this.

The Derby Day tournament totals are not all in yet. It was well attended and it is anticipated that the expenses and profits are in line with previous Derby Day totals.

Someone suggested that the director should make all of the sit outs north/south since usually people request north/south seating. After some discussion, it was decided that this should be the directors' decision. Linda will tell Sherrie.

Banning all drinks from the playing area is being considered unless they are in a closed container because of the bid boxes and new carpeting. A suggestion that someone look into the cost for tops for the coffee cups.

Lowen: Lowen brought up the attendance for the Monday morning 499'er game and the Thursday afternoon 499'er game both have excellent attendance. Many people that thought that raising the masterpoint limit from 299 to 499 would scare the newer players away. The attendance at these two games has proved that to not be true. He suggested that the Tuesday 299'er game be raised from 299 masterpoints to 499 masterpoints. Hunter weighed in on this and agreed that it didn't seem to really matter to the players. A vote was taken and after the Non-Life Master Tournament, the Tuesday 299'er game will become 499'er games. The first one will be Tuesday, June 4th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25.

Suzanne Cliffe
Recording Secretary