

Louisiana Bridge Association  
Board Meeting, March 9, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 2:25 p.m. Present were Carolyn Dubois, Mary LeBlanc, Steve Romig, Theresa Federico, Jackie Madden, Ellen Lappa, Suzanne Cliffe, Hunter McFadden, Diana Powell, and Lowen. Also present was Sherrie Goodman, the club manager. Absent was Jim Thornton.

Vicki Willis has no report from the district.

As the first 30-40 minutes of the meeting were spent discussing what to do when a player comes in that might be sick, in light of the club closing after the game on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, I won't elaborate on this discussion unless someone thinks it is necessary.

Report and recommendations from Sherrie Goodman, club manager:

Sherrie has recommended that the club underwrite the extra dollar per person charged by the ACBL for the NAOP (North American Open Pair) games. This was approved. She also would like to make the Sunday Swiss games a "special game" or Charity Game that would pay extra masterpoints once a month and do away with the free plays for the novice team winners. She said that the players had been polled as well as the director and this was approved by those involved.

Sherrie would also like the Board to approve the 24 hours for the changes of scores to be made by the directors in their games unless special circumstances. This was approved by the Board.

Lowen recommends that we start a separate fund for the NABC that will be held in New Orleans in 2023 and charge an extra \$1.00 per person for some special games to start building a reserve for our expenses that we will incur for this tournament. Sherrie suggested that it be in conjunction with the "party" games that we hold on holidays, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Halloween, and two Christmas parties. This was approved.

The Minutes for the February meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Steve said that the expenses are in line with previous years. He distributed the financial statements. He needs for all Board members to sign the Conflict of Interest policy. Mary said that we had received a reimbursement from the ACBL of \$1800 for "profit sharing". This is the money that the club gets back from new members dues.

Old Business:

Mary has had a plumber come that worked on clearing the pipes in the men's room.

Leaks: Jackie and Mary met with someone about the leak outside. He seems to think that the water is coming in around the windows and recommends that all of the windows be caulked. After that we should have the building washed. There is rot in some walls but the contractor thinks the caulking should be done first and see if the leak will stop.

Mary has had two people come out to look at diverters for the air conditioning vents but has not been given an estimate by either. She will continue to look into this.

Mary will call an exterminator regarding flies and gnats.

Jackie reported that they are looking into a remedy for the odors in the men's room. Jani-King will provide odor absorbent mats around the urinals.

Insurance: Hunter reported that all policies are issued.

Reports on ongoing contracts: We pay \$600/month for garbage pickup.

There was further discussion on the parking agreement with the Asian Market. There is confusion as to which parking places we are allowed to use. Carolyn and Hunter want to make signs for the spaces we can use and Lowen wants a diagram posted. What they have told Carolyn differs from what they have told Sherrie when she spoke with the manager. He told Carolyn 12-13 places and he told Sherrie that we could park in any places other than the first 3-4 places next to the building in the front and the first 3-4 on the riverside of the parking lot. This was tabled until a future time.

Membership Secretary: Lowen reported that as part of Carolyn's planning committee he was sent a packet for new players. He wants to develop a welcome sheet for all new players with Kathy Plauche. Sherrie will get the forms to send to the ACBL. Lowen should check with Deborah Skorlich who is the new member coordinator.

Lowen is contacting people that have had their memberships expire or are in arrears.

When someone is playing at the club on a regular basis that is a non-member, the fee for playing is \$10.00

There was a meeting of the planning committee. They pointed out that the primary weakness seems to be what they referred to as "Director Supply". The committee consists of Jennifer Holmes, Deborah Skorlich, Henry Bodenheimer, Sid LeBlanc, Steve Romig, Carolyn Dubois, Mimi Wilson. Jennifer is the chairperson of publicity. They are working on developing a social media campaign. They are also trying to tap into the local schools.

Mentoring: Diana reported that we had 24 tables for the game, Eight is Enough. Each team had a 3, two 2's, and a 1. We will try and repeat it quarterly and there was lots of positive feedback. Our thanks were extended to Diana and Sherrie for their work and coordination of this event.

New Business: Eleanor Onstott has agreed to chair the 2023 NABC to be held in New Orleans. The Board approved the replacement of the membership Board on the bulletin board in the playing area. Linda Freese will head this up and Ellen Lappa, Mary LeBlanc, and Suzanne Cliffe will assist her.

Theresa Federico asks that she has the Board support for keeping the closet adjacent to the Board room clean and free of all extraneous materials so that she has the room she needs for

all of the supplies she needs for making the boards, hand records, and keeping the cards clean and replaced. The Board is in agreement.

Workshops: The club has sponsored several successful workshops given by various presenters. This was done as a benefit for our members and from the numbers that have attended it seems well appreciated. There have been several people attend these workshops that are not members or players at our clubs and we want to have their names for our data base so that they can be notified in the future for workshops, lessons, and events that they might like to attend. We will ask all presenters to provide the names and contact information, including e-mail addresses to Sherrie to put into the data base.

The presenters have used our facility to provide these lessons and the presenter has been able to set their own price of what to charge for the lessons. Steve made a motion that the presenter pay the club \$1.00/person in the future for each lesson. This was accepted by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for the second Monday in April, April 13, 2020.

Suzanne Cliffe  
Recording Secretary