

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting May 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Thornton at 2:30 P.M. In attendance were: Nelson Daigle, Carolyn Dubois, Sharon Henry Ellen Lappa, Mary LeBlanc, Ben McKown, Steve Plotkin, Jim Thornton, Wayne Weisler, and Vicki Willis. Absent: Larry Federico.

The regular order of business was suspended to hear from Sue Himel about the mentoring program. She presented the BOD with several wonderful ideas about how to improve the effectiveness of this game. She stated that the next mentoring game would be on September 21 and players wanting to play in this game would be required to sign up 24 hours ahead of the game so partnerships can be arranged. She also suggested changing the name of the game.

The April minutes were approved and the financial report was given. Our club is still losing money. We are continuing to run the club at a deficit. A motion was made and seconded to raise playing fees from \$6 to \$7. This was approved unanimously. Jim will have Ellen put something online about this. The new price will go into effect on July 1, 2017. This increase will not affect charity games, special games, or tournaments. Mary will file a tax return shortly.

Maintenance: Wayne reported that our handyman (Mike) has bought a new stove without the self cleaning oven feature for our club. We will decide about purchasing a new oven with the self cleaning feature at a later date. Discussion of fees for student's private lessons will be discussed at a later date.

A motion was made and seconded to rescind the vote about not hosting the 2021 Regional. Motion passed.

Ethics: Steve has volunteered to speak to the offending player.

Ben left the meeting at 3:25.

Old Business: The National tournament will be held on March 9-19, 2023 at the Marriot and Sheridan Hotels. A chairman needs to be appointed no later than 2019.

Youth Day: Carolyn has made wonderful plans for this which will take place on June 17.

The secretary will bring Robert's Rules of Order to each board meeting.

Paul Freese did statistics for the night games. The BOD will decide next month about continuing one of these games. The Mini-McKinney pins will only be given to the 299er players.

New Business: There is a \$91 charge for the cloth linens in the ladies room. We voted to keep them. Garbage cans with lids will be purchased for the ladies bathroom. It was

decided that if a non-ACBL player plays with an ACBL member and wins, they will both be eligible for master points. We will discuss this further with Sherrie Goodman.

Suggestion Box: ACBL's position about the convention card is as follows: At the club level at least one convention card needs to be filled out. Our players are breaking this rule constantly. The directors will be asked to penalize players who don't comply with this rule beginning July 1, 2017. The directors will be announcing this before each game.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Willis
Recording Secretary