

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association-Oct.11, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Dubois at 4:05P.M. In attendance: Carolyn Dubois, Ellen Lappa, Mary LeBlanc, Lowen, Jim Thornton, Diana Powell, Larry Federico, Bill Weiss, Vicki Willis, Theresa Federico and Jennie Sauviac. Club Manager Jack Lewis was also in attendance.

The minutes were approved and the financial report was given.

Bill Jatzlau spoke to the BOD about our insurance coverage and what they are going to replace/repair in our club. Among the items mentioned were: New roof, new shingles, replace some of the ceiling, and drywall. A sample of the ceiling tile will be provided. Bill was asked about rising costs of materials and will that cost be passed on to us. He assured us that wouldn't happen. He estimates this work will take about 6 months. He was asked about the work interfering with our club. He explained that while they are working on the roof a portion of the parking lot will be blocked off where they are working. A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract he provided. Motion passed.

Club Manager: Jack reported that there were no games in September due to Hurricane Ida. The Virtual club is growing. Germantown and Nashville have been added to our virtual club. The Tuesday 299er game is still struggling. It was moved to Monday beginning October 4. Jack and Wayne Weisler (game director) talked about increasing the masterpoint cap to 499. All agreed. A motion was made and seconded to let the club manager and the game director have the discretion to add to the strata of these games. Motion passed. The Wednesday morning game will be bumped from 499 to 750. Jack will take care of the sanctions for these games. Jack announced that his last day as club manager will be November 30.

The committee to search for a new club manager is Lowen (chairman), Debby Habig, Steve Plotkin, Hunter McFadden, and Jennie Sauviac.

A motion was made and seconded to have Carolyn appoint 3 people to find candidates to run for the BOD in January. Motion approved.

Diana will be in training to be a backup for the email blasts.

Vicki was asked to find out if we are required to host the National tournament in 2023. We are required to host this tournament.

D10 report: Vicki reported that the revenue sharing checks have been distributed. There is a huge backlog of cheaters to be addressed. D10 membership has decreased by 9.8% The guest list for the virtual games can be wiped to make room for new players. The guest list can be converted to the membership list. Masks will be required at all tournaments. The Spring 2025 NABC will be in Memphis. All open sectionals in October have been canceled. Baton Rouge has canceled their December tournament. The January tournament in Birmingham is also canceled. Please let Charlie MacCracken know if your tournament is canceled. The new D10 by-laws will take effect on January 1, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Vicki Willis