

Louisiana Bridge Association BOD meeting September 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 by President Carolyn Dubois. In attendance: Carolyn Dubois, Jim Thornton, Mary LeBlanc, Larry Federico, Jennie Flynn Sauviac, Ellen Lappa, Theresa Federico, Lowen, Diana Powell, Bill Weiss, and Vicki Willis. Club manager Jack Lewis was also in attendance.

The previous month's minutes were approved.

Re: Sherrie Goodman's letter. Carolyn contacted ACBL for more information about the club manager. ACBL states that a club can have only one club manager. Jack will reach out to Sherrie again to resolve communication issues in a mutually acceptable manner.

Mary gave the financial report. She arranged to have Jani King on an automatic withdrawal from our checking account. We can try to get a credit card in LBA's name. Jim and Mary will check this out and get back to us.

Maintenance: Mary reported that our building sustained damage in the ladies' room and part of the board room. The actual playing area was not damaged. The board room had roof damage in the corner by the A/C unit. Wayne Weisler will check on getting a commercial roofer to make repairs.

Nationals: Larry will put together an advisory committee concerning the national tournament that is to be held in New Orleans in 2023. Vicki will find out if we have to host this tournament.

Carolyn has asked a committee of 5 people to find a new club manager as Jack said he was only taking this job temporarily. Lowen is head of this committee. Lowen asked Jack to be involved in the selection process because he's familiar with the job.

Club Manager: Jack reported that the Tuesday 299er game is struggling with attendance. Wayne Weisler directs this game. A motion was made and seconded to change the Tuesday 299er game from Tuesday morning to Monday morning after the club re-opens. A lesson will be included. Point range will be decided by Wayne and Jack. Motion passed. Jack also stated that we need to encourage the novice players as they are the future of our club. Everyone agreed. He suggested that we offer a 99er game with a longer lesson. He will find out if we need another sanction for this game.

Ellen suggested that instead of a raised hand vote on anything concerning a personal matter, we take a written vote. Everyone agreed. She will also find out why she is being blocked from Pianola. She is our webmaster.

Larry asked if we could not change the meeting time unless there is an emergency. All agreed. A motion was made and seconded to change the meeting time from 2:30 to 4:00. Motion passed. The meetings will now take place at 4:00 on the second Monday of the month.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Willis-Recording Secretary