

Louisiana Bridge Association  
Minutes of Board Meeting August 12,2024

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm by Keenan Romig. Present were Keenan Romig, Larry Federico, Kathy Logue, Newt Jackson, Mike Russell, Sherrie Goodman, Vicki Willis, Quin Bates, Wayne Weisler and Sid Leblanc. Absent was Jennifer Holmes.

The July minutes were approved and accepted.

Sid LeBlanc provided the financial report. We will be receiving approximately \$300 less interest income per month due to the large expense of the new air conditioning units, but future small profits are still expected. It was noted that coffee expense is 50% higher YTD than budgeted and the contract with the vendor will be reviewed. Savings are being realized from the new credit card system. The July tournament was profitable (approximately \$800). The financial report was approved.

Sherrie Goodman reported that we will hold a Club Appreciation game on Friday, October 4 during Club Appreciation Week. The event will be lunch followed by a single-session bracketed Team event. This event will offer **Gold** points.

Sherrie hopes we can offer Patty Tucker's "Bridge in a Day" seminar either during the Regional or prior to the start of the January beginner bridge series. This program was previously approved by the board and should contribute in recruiting new students/members. After discussion, it was decided to see if the program could be offered on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Sherrie will follow up.

Sherrie also reported on the progress of the April 2025 Regional. The contract with Copeland Tower will be signed shortly and committee member recruitment is going well. Sherrie noted, however, that Regional attendance is flat nationwide compared to pre-covid levels. It is hoped that pairing the event with the French Quarter Festival will draw in more players. Jennifer Holmes will coordinate publicity.

Sherrie also noted upcoming events and reported that the profit from online games is expected to change drastically in January. Due to ACBL changes, she anticipates a drop in online income from approximately \$3,000 per month to \$800 per month. Playing in our virtual club games rather than the ACBL games should be encouraged.

Mike Russell reported briefly on the New Board Member orientation handbook that is in its earliest states. A draft will be presented to the board at a future meeting.

On the subject of Zero Tolerance and any additional promotion needed, Larry Federico commented that we have fewer problems at the LBA than were seen many years ago. Keenan Romig will cover in the upcoming Bridge Etiquette class. No additional publicity of the policy was deemed necessary at this time.

The Board confirmed a policy of NO animals at the club as some of our members are highly allergic. This policy will be noted in the Kibitzer.

The question of whether to change the time of the Monday morning Open game was discussed and it was determined that this matter should be decided by the club members who do now and would play (if the time was changed). Players may be asked about their preferences.

LBA will host a Labor Day lunch on Monday September 2. Vicki Willis will coordinate. Hot dogs and chili and baked beans will be served. Desserts, drinks, etc. will be solicited from players.

Newt Jackson stated that the electrical work has been completed, but the 4<sup>th</sup> air-conditioning unit has a duct problem that needs to be addressed. He is waiting for a quote on the repair work and hopes to schedule the repair at a time when disruption to players will be minimal.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Kathy Logue, Recording Secretary