

Louisiana Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 by the president, Larry Federico. Additionally present were Diana Powell, Jim Thornton, Mary LeBlanc, Sherrie Goodman, Jackie, Madden, Lowen, Jennie Flynn Sauviac, and Suzanne Cliffe.

The minutes of the November 15 meeting were approved.

Finance – Mary LeBlanc, treasurer, reported that we made about \$1600 over the past month including insurance reimbursement and BBO income. We made about \$500 on the November tournament. The finance report was approved. Jim Thornton asked that we consider going back to cash for entries in order to save the money that we spend for the credit card machine costs.

Club Manager Report – Sherrie reported that she had surveyed the people that had participated in the “chat” game that the club had and they would like to continue it on a regular **monthly** basis on the Monday afternoon. This game is aimed at people that haven’t been playing on a regular basis since taking lessons previously at the club. The Board approved this game on a monthly basis for the second Monday of each month starting at 12:45 in January.

There was a discussion about the possibility of the club’s saving money if we didn’t have a nationally rated director for our tournament games. The Board doesn’t want to make that change.

There will be a fundraiser online in our virtual games for the NABC charging an extra dollar. Those games will award double points to participants. The money raised will be paid to District 10. District 10 is also **reviving** its newsletter. They want information on “newsy” games **or members**.

Sherrie reported that the ACBL is making lots of changes. The sanction fees are going up on both Face to Face and Virtual games. If our face to face numbers are good, we should get a rebate from the ACBL for the increased fees. If we don’t, we will consider raising our playing fees.

Maintenance/Janitorial – Wayne is checking on cameras for the parking lot. One bid he received for 4 cameras and monitoring is \$2300. He is going to get another bid. Jackie reported that she needs to know when we are having Saturday games so that she can arrange the cleaning.

Jackie also gave information she had from Jennifer Holmes regarding the teaching at the club. She said that Lowen wasn’t able to do it but that Lype Koshy would be able to give the first series which will be on Saturday mornings. Jennifer said that Lype would charge \$40/student for each 2½ hour lesson and that he would pay the \$90 cleaning fee

for the extra Saturday cleaning. He will pay the club \$2/student up to 100 students and the \$1/student after 100. These are to start on January 14. Sherrie said she would verify this with Iype. The Board approved the schedule.

Sherrie also wanted to verify that events and classes at the club are first checked with her so that there aren't conflicts. She has asked Wayne to do an explanation on the new convention cards for club members before the NABC in March. Then Kathy Plauche was asked to do it by someone who didn't know that it had been arranged. Kathy will do it for her classes and Wayne will do it for the club. Larry again reiterated that everything at the club should be coordinated through our Club Manager.

NABC – Larry reported that there is a conference call on December 28th with the ACBL when they will have a discussion on the parking at the Marriott and other issues that need resolution before the tournament. Currently the plans for the Intermediate/Novice breakfasts aren't complete. These events were not well attended in Phoenix. Almost all games will be held at the Marriott. There will be a meeting with the ACBL on **Wednesday, January 4**, at the Marriott to try and finalized many details. Larry said that all committee chairs should attend as well as anyone interested.

New Business – Larry reported that we have been approached to sell the building. He would like permission from the Board to get an appraisal on the property. He asked Jim to talk to the bank to get the name of an appraiser that could do the work and find out what the cost of the appraisal would be. The Board approved that if the cost is less than \$2000 that we should proceed with having it done just for information purposes.

Sherrie reported that the bridge teacher/professional Gail Greenberg will bring her "bridge camp" to our club on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before the Nationals begin on March 9. Our club members can attend her games and lessons and then her players will play in our games.

Larry congratulated Jennie and her fundraising committee for the money they have raised for National. The hope was that they would be able to raise about \$5000 to help cover our costs, but to date, they have raised over \$18,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Suzanne Cliffe
Recording Secretary