

BOARD MEETING MAY 14,2018

Linda Freese convened the April Board Meeting of LBA at 2:30. Present: Linda Freese, Lowen, Sharon Henry, Steve Plotkin, Hunter McFadden, Nelson Daigle, Carolyn DuBois, Suzanne Cliff, Mary LeBlanc, Wayne Weisler and Ellen Lappa.

Carpet tile samples were on display for consideration. Marcy's donation will cover the cost of the carpet. We received a proposal for patching the tile floors and topping with vinyl planking. After we receive bids on repairing the structural rafters and roof repairs, we will vote on carpets and these repairs at some later meeting.

Minutes received by email were accepted.

Treasurer's report was given by Mary LeBlanc. The 299 tournament ended up making \$603.54. Suzanne mentioned that we are losing the income from the regular Games, and we have extra costs for food and sanction fees. Should we increase players' entry fee and/or eliminate 299 tournaments all together.? Discussion to be continued at a later meeting. Report accepted. Nelson estimates that the Dot Babin Tournament made a \$4000 profit. That profit does not reflect money lost from regular Games.

Suzanne was commended for her outstanding tournament reports and Linda suggested that it be the model for others. Suzanne volunteered to take over finding chairs for the tournaments for the rest of the year. She and the other 3 tournament mentors will meet with each of the tourney chairs. There are to be 6 Free Plays given to Tournament Chairs to share between them.

The Board voted to continue donating the Year-Long-Free-Play-to the person whose name is drawn.

Further discussion about the purchasing and the installation of a garbage disposer, resulted in Ellen's agreeing to research the best one.

Do we want to allow another social bridge Game on Wednesday afternoons. Further discussion resulted in Steve moving to increase the fee to \$5 by June 1 and Wayne seconded the motion. It passed and fees for all these party Games has been raised to \$5/person and Sharon will inform the members. Carolyn will ascertain when this new group wants to play.

Discussions:

We initially thought that the 0-20 Novice Game should commence at same time as other Games. However, it is too difficult for TD to start two games so close together, unless Novices moved out to big room. It's still difficult and possibly not enough room to have them all in one place. Last tournament Wayne moved 299ers to Open side to have more room. All future 299 tourneys will be held on the Open side. We agreed to pay Teresa \$50/Game during tournaments; she will be receiving more of what she is actually worth. All future 299er tournaments will have 0-20 Game start at 9 and other Games at 10. It is also felt that we have too many tournaments. Perhaps we should eliminate the 299 ones or eliminate one of the Open ones.

A Club Manager plaque was suggested by Carolyn to recognize the service of former and current Club Managers.

Since Dot Babin's money has run out, all future May tournaments will simply be called "Derby Day."

We decided to cancel the current EasyBridge! because of lack of attendance. A new EasyBridge! will start again in the fall, for which we plan to do a lot of advertising.

Steve suggested we consider the "8 is Enough Team Game" as played in the Slidell bridge center. Lowen added that this might be a way to get 299ers to play in Team Games and learn the concept.

Sharon agreed to write a response to Jennie on the issues that she put in the suggestion box. Jennie is out of the country.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.