

LBA Board Meeting
June 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the president, Larry Federico at 4:00 p.m. Present were Larry, Jackie Madden, Sid LeBlanc, Wayne Weisler, Jennifer Holmes, Newt Jackson, Lowen, Quin Bates, and Suzanne Cliffe. Absent were Sherrie Goodman and Kathy Logue.

The first order of business was to discuss the proposed by-law changes as presented by Lowen for the committee. David Williams as a member of the committee was present for the discussion. The proposed by-law changes were approved by the Board with two minor changes. The committee will make these changes and send out for approval. The By-Laws with the proposed changes will be posted on the website and posted in the club prior to the July tournament. A general membership meeting will be held on Friday, July 7, at 1:00 p.m during the tournament for the purpose of voting on the changes in the by-laws. When approved, the new By-Laws will be posted on the web site, sent to the State, and to the ACBL. Thanks were extended to Lowen and David for their work on the committee.

Minutes of May meeting: Objected to by Jennifer Holmes regarding work of the Publicity Committee. This was tabled.

Treasurer's Report: Sid LeBlanc reported that the attendance at Face to Face games continue to improve. May was the first month that the LBA has made money.

There was a discussion as to whether the LBA should carry Workman's Compensation Insurance on its directors or "self-insure". The Board voted to purchase the insurance to cover the game directors at a cost of approximately \$800/year.

There is no final bill from the ACBL for the NABC.

Maintenance: There is currently an air conditioning issue with one of the units. The estimate for a new compressor is \$11,600. Wayne will get a second estimate before a decision is made. Wayne reported that all water lines running to all sinks in both the bathrooms and the kitchens and to the toilets have all been replaced after finding one that was leaking. He also thinks that there could be an electrical problem with the lights in the parking lot.

Coffee/Concessions: Suzanne reported that after talking with the current vendor as well as another vendor, she recommends that we maintain the current vendor, Five Star Foods, with certain changes. The current contract terminates on July 23, 2023. She has given them written notice that the contract will not continue as it is currently written. There will be no contract after July 23, it will be on a month to month, as needed, basis. They will continue to provide the coffee and the machines and all the supplies at a reduced cost of 10%. The water filtration system will continue as is as well as the refreshment machines. We pay nothing for the snack and drink machines and they are maintained by Five Star Foods. This was approved by the Board.

Publicity Committee: Jennifer reported on the series of four lessons that Lowen is giving which started on Friday, June 9. On June 23, during The Longest Day Alzheimer's games, his lesson will continue but they will encourage the players to stay and play in some of the games. She reported that the Circle games on Thursday mornings and Thursday evenings have been well attended.

Larry reported that the Pro-Am Game held on May 12 was a big success with 16 tables. There was lots of food, paid for from the proceeds from the NABC. He would like to see this become a regular event, maybe quarterly.

There was a question regarding the plans for the July 4th game, whether there would be food provided. Since it is on the Tuesday before the Firecracker Sectional begins on Thursday, it is hard to get volunteers. Quin Bates will see if anyone wants to be in charge of providing food. Otherwise, it will be the same time as our regular Tuesday game, 12:30 with no food provided.

Club Manager: The following items were brought up at Sherrie's request in her absence:

1. Vaccination requirement: Should we continue? The LBA has been following the mandates of the ACBL, but some Board members recommend that we drop the requirement. This passed. As of July 1, there will be no Covid vaccination requirement by the LBA.
2. There have been requests for an Open game on Wednesday. There is currently a LMP game which starts at 9:30. The director can start an Open game at 10:30, which will allow one game to be started and under way before the second game starts and allows them to finish at different times as well. We will be able to use one director for this and the table count for the Open game will be able to include the tables from the LMP game. This was approved by the Board, the Open game will start on Wednesday, July 12, at 10:30 a.m.
3. There have been requests to change the start time for the Open game on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30. Before doing this, we need to check this with the teacher/directors of the 199'er game. There will be NO change for the 199'er game. This has been tabled until Kathy Plauche can be consulted.
4. There is an ACBL wide Instant Match Point game being offered on Monday, July 10. It will award GOLD points. Our players have requested that we have all games possible that award gold points. ACBL requires it to be an afternoon game. The Board approved this. On Monday, July 10, the 199'er game will be as scheduled, at 9:30 with the lesson before. The OPEN game will be the ACBL Instant Match Point game starting after noon.

There was a question as what has happened to the Memorial Plaque. It is hanging in the hall and will be updated.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, July 10, at 4:00 p.m.

Suzanne Cliffe
Recording Secretary

