

LBA Board Meeting, March 18, 2019

Prior to the Board Meeting, Barbara Fitzhugh came to report on the Decorating Committee's recommendations as to work to be done to the building. She reported on quotes from contractors for painting and carpeting. The committee recommended that the tile be deep cleaned at a cost of \$900. They felt that removal and replacement of the existing tile would be too disruptive to the club for too long a period of time. The committee recommends that the cleaning of the tile be done prior to painting. The painting of the entire interior of the building including a 20' section of carpentry, all materials would be \$14,900 including a premium grade of paint. The quote on the carpet is \$12,853, but she is waiting on another quote. Someone asked who on the committee would facilitate and she said that the committee would meet and report back as to who will be in charge of the work.

The meeting was called to order by the president at 2:45. Present were Linda Freese, Wayne Weisler, Carolyn Dubois, Lowen, Hunter, MCFadden, Theresa Federico, Jackie Madden, Ellen Lappa, Mary LeBlanc, and Suzanne Cliffe. Absent was Steve Romig.

Discussion continued about the decorating. A motion was made to paint the entire club as per the estimate. Carolyn asked where the money was coming from. Mary pointed out that we have approximately \$120,000 in cash which includes the \$20,000 donation from Marcie Pick. There was a discussion of the plumbing problems and how much it would take to fix those. Those problems seem to be resolved at this time. Steve had told someone else that repaving and grading the parking lot was not an option that we wanted to pursue as the cost would be prohibitive and there were no guarantees that it would work. Theresa said that Larry said he had opened the drains in the parking lot in the past by putting a hose down the drains and flushing them. Linda said she would do that. Jackie made a motion to have the painting done, Mary seconded, it was approved. As to the carpet replacement, the committee will get the second estimate and a decision will be made on that. The tile is to be cleaned. Barbara Fitzhugh will replace the blinds.

Jackie spoke to Jani-King regarding better cleaning of the building, she said that they are to start cleaning the tables on a regular basis and vacuum better.

The minutes were accepted as sent out.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report showed a loss this month because the annual insurance was paid. Lesson income needs to be collected from teachers giving private lessons. Regarding the audit, Steve recommended that an ad hoc committee be formed to do a review of the books. Jim Thornton and Hunter McFadden will serve on the committee. The review audit can be approved prior to the May meeting. The coffee and snacks bill from Refreshment Solutions is \$1823. There is a question of the water bill from Kentwood. It was pointed out that Kentwood was cancelled when Refreshment Solutions took over and there should be no bill from Kentwood. Mary will find out about that.

There was a discussion of a bill from Mike's Maintenance for February for \$1467 which included work he did on the air conditioning. Linda would like to have the air conditioning people do the work, as the last work they did may still be under warranty. Wayne wants to be able to use Mike when the club has a problem as Mike has a key and can come when he calls which is a faster way to get the work done. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Steve will talk to Sherrie about Cloud Storage for our files.

Small Games: We will continue to keep the small games at night as they are performing a service for the players. Jack has been able to get additional players in the Thursday night game.

Theresa reported that she is unable to find any accident forms to have on hand but should there be any accidents on the premises, she will follow up on them.

Carolyn inquired as to the new Easybridge! game that was started on May 14th and why the Board didn't know about it or approve it. Suzanne reported that she had the same question and had spoken to both Sherrie Goodman, the club manager, and Elizabeth Sewell who would be teaching it. They said that there were about 16 people who wanted to start lessons and they hadn't wanted to lose their participation. The plan was for them to have the 4 free lessons on Thursday morning and then move them into the 0-20 masterpoint game that is already in progress on Wednesday afternoons. Sherrie said that she had spoken to Wayne Weisler, the Intermediate/Novice coordinator and that he had approved it. At the first Thursday lesson on the 14th, they had 5 tables. It was agreed by the Board that it should continue as planned, but that the Board should be informed in advance in the future.

Back to the Vending machines and Refreshment Solutions, Carolyn reported that we have a 5 year contract with them.

New Business: Linda reported that the ABA wants to borrow 35 tables for their convention some time in mid-April. She agreed that we could lend them some of the 50 tables that Baton Rouge gave us. They will pay us a \$5.00 deposit per table and will transport them back and forth.

There was a question of buying additional Bridgemates for the Non Life Master Tournament which will be held at the end of May. It was reported that it wasn't necessary as Jim Thornton and Diana Powell, the co-chairs of the tournament had made arrangements for borrowing them. We needed additional Bridgemates when we lent them to Baton Rouge for their last Regional tournament. It was decided that we didn't need to buy them just to lend them and that we should notify Baton Rouge that we don't want to lend them in the future. When we did last time, they were returned with updated software on some and not on others and they weren't compatible with the software installation on our computers. That had to be updated before we could use them which was a problem for the director at the time it was discovered. Suzanne will

notify Baton Rouge that will not lend them for future tournaments and that they should make other arrangements for any additional Bridgemates that they might need.

After discussion, it was recommended that the Sunday games during all of our tournaments be single session Swiss teams held in the afternoon. This will start in July if it is possible. Linda will check with Sherrie.

There was a discussion as to the various lessons/workshops that different teachers will give and when will they be given. Linda said that Sherrie was not going to arrange these as originally planned. Different teachers would like to charge different amounts of money. Lowen recommended that the club charge \$60 for a 4 week series of 2 hour lessons. It was pointed out that this is being done as a service to the players rather than a way for the club to make money and that the club can collect the \$1.00/player per lesson, but that the rest of the money will be going to the teacher. Lowen said that he is willing to give a series of lessons on Saturday mornings beginning on June 8th for 4 weeks. Wayne said he would also be willing to do a series. Lowen asked if Theresa could make up boards for these lessons. It was agreed that she could and she will be paid the regular amount she is paid for a set of boards.

Theresa reported that a player in the Wednesday 0-20 game complained to her about the players coming in for the Open game coming into their game to talk to people, eating their lunch in the area they are playing in, and talking on their phones in that area. Lowen said that the same thing occurs during the Monday games. It was suggested that the directors ask the players to not come into that area during these games, and that all of the directors work together on this.

Larry Federico made a suggestion in the suggestion box that all night games be Charity games but with no extra fees but extra points to encourage additional players in the night games. Linda will email Sherrie to see what kind of games are available for extra points.

Lowen brought up that he didn't think that we should have upgraded games at the club during Nationals or Regionals being held close to our club which our players might want to attend. He will talk to Sherrie about the special games for next year. Suzanne said that the special games were a way for the players at the club that don't go to tournaments to get additional points while the other players are away. It is to encourage play at our club even though there might be a large number of players away at tournaments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Suzanne Cliffe
Recording Secretary

