

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting November 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Thornton at 2:30 P.M. In attendance were: Carolyn Dubois, Nelson Daigle, Ellen Lappa, Wayne Weisler, Jim Thornton, Larry Federico, Mary LeBlanc, Steve Plotkin, Ben McKown, and Vicki Willis. Absent: Sharon Henry.

The minutes were approved and the financial report was given.

Maintenance: Wayne reported that there is an ongoing problem with the plumbing. The sewer lines that run to the street are not adequate. He will check with Mike to see what can be done.

Ethics: A committee will meet to make a decision about a complaint on one of our players. Another player will continue to be observed.

Youth: Carolyn is continuing to work on this. She would like to host a Saturday game for the youth once a month.

Wayne suggested that we put hand sanitizing machines out. Good idea and he will take care of this.

Nominating committee: Ellen has asked for biographies from the candidates. Bummy Rosenfield, Linda Jacobs, and Alan Jacobs will be the election committee. They will count ballots and announce the results.

Old Business: 60% of the I/N players voted to increase the masterpoint requirement to 499 from 299. A motion was made and seconded to approve this change. Motion carried. This change will begin on December 4 (Monday). The BOD voted to change the times of the sectional tournaments to 10 and 2. One of the board members suggested that cell phones be turned off at the board meetings. The Tuesday night game attendance is dwindling. The BOD decided to let this game continue as long as it doesn't lose money. Kevin Perkins will receive a negative report for this last tournament because of his behavior with the 299ers. The annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 2. The calendar events report for 2018 was given by Larry in Sherrie Goodman's absence. The BOD will attempt to coincide the game times for these events. A motion was made and seconded for the players to pay the surcharge for any special daytime games beginning January 1, 2018 with the exception of the Charity games. Motion carried. Kevin recommended that the B strata be increased from 2000 to 2500. We will do this starting with the May tournament. A motion was made and seconded to raise the entry fee for our section tournaments from \$10 to \$12. Motion carried. This increase will begin with the May tournament. A motion was made and seconded that in the event a member makes a complaint against a game director a meeting must be scheduled within 7 days that includes the executive committee. The club manager and director involved shall attend. The conclusion of the committee is final and is appealable only to the full BOD. Motion carried.

Suggestion Box: A new TV has been donated.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Willis

Recording Secretary