

Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/Board of Directors Meeting September 18, 2017

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

The order of business was delayed to hear from John Lowenstein (Lowen). He spoke to us about the possibility of changing the 299er game currently held on Mondays to a 499er game. He presented good ideas about this transition. A motion was made and seconded to poll the members who have 0-499 points to determine if they want to change the masterpoint requirement for this game. Motion passed.

The minutes were approved and the financial report was given. Vicki gave the D10 report. She stated that the 2019 Spring Nationals will be held in Memphis. It is time to send Unit 134 nominations for the Goodwill and Charity committees to ACBL. As of January 1, 2018 the use of the STOP card will no longer be used at tournaments. It will be optional at the club level.

Wayne reported that the club is in good shape as far as maintenance goes. Sharon reported that there were no new issues with ethics. Ellen will head the nomination committee. She has a willingness to serve sheet posted and has asked several of our players to sign up. The names of the nominees will be posted at least 30 days prior to the election.

Old Business: Jim gave the BOD a flyer and a budget for the NLM tournament in 2019.

New Business: A motion was made and seconded to discontinue the use of the STOP card at our club. Motion carried. Mentoring program: Carolyn would like to start a Youth game on Saturdays. She would also like to do a social (women only) in March 2018 on a Saturday.

More players are needed to sign up for the mentoring game on Thursday, September 21. There will be a mentoring Swiss game during the day on Tuesday, October 31. Sherrie will get another director for the Sunday Swiss team game. It was determined that the Tuesday night game needs to speed up and that the director may not fill in to play.

Suggestion box: It is the director's decision on how the guide cards are placed on the tables. We need to re-visit the policy about classes being held during a game. We will discuss this further at the next BOD meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Vicki Willis  
Recording Secretary