

LBA Board of Directors Meeting
November 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the President, Larry Federico. Present were Jackie Madden, Mary LeBlanc, Jim Thornton, Diana Powell, Wayne Weisler, Lowen, Jennie Sauviac, Newt Jackson, Sherrie Goodman and Suzanne Cliffe.

The first order of business was an address by Jennifer Holmes, who is heading up the committee to recruit and bring back members to the club. Her committee has met and identified tasks which they then divided between the members of the committee. They organized a "chat game" for Monday, November 14, which had 8 tables. Jennifer would also like the Board approval for an "Interview" series with various people before some Friday games. The Board approved this action. She would also like to have an education series on Saturday mornings. She said Lowen would do the first four week series, possibly covering tournament play, convention cards, and other topics of interest to the payers. Larry thanked her for all of her work for the club, especially the "chat game" which was very popular with the participating players. He also said that if anything were done on Saturdays that it be done prior to a game so that maybe people would stay to play in the game. Larry also said that if anyone was wanting to sponsor a special event at the club, providing anything special, that it needs to be coordinated with the Club Manager so that she can check the calendar.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Financial report: Mary reported that last month we made about \$100.

Sid LeBlanc, who oversees the investment account in Vanguard, requested that the Board approve moving the account to TDAmeritrade due to new paperwork that Vanguard was requiring.

Larry reported that the November Sectional tournament made about \$800-900.

Jennie reported that as of today, she and her committee have raised over \$12,000 for the LBA's expenses for the March, 2023 NABC.

NABC Report: The site meeting at the Marriott for the committee chairs will be January 4 at 9:00 a.m. Parking is still a major unknown. Currently overnight parking is \$50/day with a 35% discount. They are trying to get a discount for our day players and Larry is hoping that we will be able to give coupons to them to help with the cost of parking.

Maintenance: Jackie reported that we are still paying Jani-King \$90 for cleaning after every game. There were a few reports of things not being done, but she has met with them and that should be taken care of in the future.

Wayne reported that the fence in the back gate was cut so that people walk through. He is getting a proposal to put in 4 cameras on the gate, parking lot, and building.

Jackie reported that the company that services the snack machines has been sold. Our contract expires in July, 2023.

Nominating Committee: Lowen reported that there are seven people running for the Board. He has asked them to give him short biographies that we can post in the club and on the website.

Old Business: There was a discussion of the games that we are currently having. The Wednesday game on November 9 was a STaC game (Sectional Tournament at Club) that the ACBL has several times a year. During special games, STaC week, club championships, or other ACBL promoted games, the Board had previously voted to approve that the Wednesday game would be open to all players rather than just 0-750 players. All of our ACBL promoted special games will be open to all players. The Tuesday night game is not making. Two weeks ago there were 1 ½ tables and last week there was 1 player. It was voted that it would be held this week, Tuesday, Nov. 15, but that if it doesn't make it will be discontinued after November. The Saturday game will also be discontinued at the end of November as it isn't making and we pay Jani-King \$90 to clean Saturday afternoon that isn't necessary.

Club Manager: Sherrie reported that our July tournament will be moved to July 13-15 in 2023 in order to get a director.

The club will not host a night time Holiday Party this year but will have our traditional daytime party. The two dates discussed are Friday, December 9, or Friday, December 16. Sherrie will check with Baton Rouge to find out when their party is so that we don't have a conflict.

District 10 will start a newsletter.

Larry reported that the ACBL is combining the 25 districts into 13 regions. Our district, District 10, will be combined with District 8 and District 11 to become Region 7. Larry Sealy has been head of District 10 and will run for the post of head of Region 7. The Board members of each unit board will have an opportunity to vote. This will be sent out by the ACBL to the Board members in December. Sherrie said that Larry Sealy has been a very effective head of our district and she would recommend that we vote for him as Region 7 head when we have the opportunity.

Larry announced that our 2023 tournaments will continue to be 3 day tournaments, Thursday through Saturday, with Saturday being Swiss teams. We also will not schedule any 499'er tournaments at this time as the attendance by the limited masterpoint players at the tournaments has not warranted a full tournament. If that changes we will revisit the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25. The next meeting will be Monday, December 12, at 4:00 p.m.

Suzanne Cliffe
Recording Secretary