Louisiana Bridge Association

Board of Directors meeting

August 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the president, Larry Federico. Present were Larry, Jackie Madden, Mary LeBlanc, Sherrie Goodman, Wayne Weisler, Jim Thornton, Jennie Sauviac, Diana Powell, Newt Jackson, Lowen, and Suzanne Cliffe.

The July minutes were accepted as sent.

Finances

Mary reported that we had a profit for the month of July of $600. There was a discussion as to the cost of the coffee service which includes the snack machines and the water machine. That contract extends until July, 2023 at which time other services will be considered.

Mary reported that we have lost about $50,000 this year. This includes the $10,000 set aside for the NABC, increased insurance expenses of approximately $5,000 and the $17,000 incurred from Ida.

Larry reported that we would not need to allot $20,000 for NABC as previously thought. Our maximum contribution will be $10,000. We will provide the following items:

1. 2 Breakfasts for I/N players
2. Reception for I/N players
3. Snacks on tables where volunteers work, we do not deliver snacks to tables
4. Approximately 350 $10 coupons for volunteers from ACBL
5. An unknown amount for a parking supplement for our players.
6. Section Top Awards – the ACBL gives $4 towards the awards and we will give an extra $1.

We will get $20,000 from District 10. Larry reported that in addition The ACBL will provide $5,000 to the charity of our choice. All suggestions for the charity recipient should be sent to Jackie Madden.

Maintenance:

Jackie reported that the defibrillator was beeping. She has contacted people regarding this. She will contact Linda Jacobs who might have the contact information. She will also look into our providing another class for our directors and other interested members.

Lowen asked if we had received insurance proof from Mike. Larry said that he has seen it.

Sherrie said that the alarm isn’t being used yet. The electrician still has to replace and hook up fans and that once that is done, the alarm should be set.

Our JaniKing expense is $1800/month but that includes $400/month for fogging which was supposed to come off at the end of May. This will need to be credited to us.

Two ventilators in the ladies room need to be replaced. Wayne will get estimates from Mike and also an electrician.

Club Manager:

Sherrie presented a sheet of our expenses as well as how much we spend on all of our games, both virtual and face to face games. On her sheet we show a profit for June, but we will owe that to the ACBL for The Longest Day.

We have added two new clubs to the Virtual Club, Jackson, MS and Pensacola, FL.

She reported that Kathy Plauche will start a new beginner class on Thursday, September 15. Each student will pay $50.

NABC:

Jackie reported that they met with the chairmen of the many committees and they have gotten lots of volunteers. Most of the volunteer desks are all in the same room so that volunteers can be shared. This does not include Intermediate/Novice desk or Partnership.

The food is not decided yet, Jackie will be talking with the Marriott. The cost of parking is still unknown but it is supposed to be 30% off.

The ACBL will photograph all the winners. They will give us a list of the section tops every morning.

The I/N players will receive gifts at registration and they will get a gift provided by the ACBL.

We need to know from the ACBL the length allowed for the banners for the naming rights of events. It will have to be submitted to the ACBL who will provide the banners.

New Business:

We currently have an October 499’er Sectional scheduled and a November Open Sectional tournament scheduled. Susan Beobay will chair the November tournament but it is unknown about the October 499’er.

There was a discussion of the 499’er, as to whether we would have it since the 499’ers didn’t support the July tournament. The 499’er is scheduled for Oct. 6, 7, and 8th. It is to be a Non-Life Master Tournament. Wayne and Sherrie will send a survey this week to the 499’ers asking if they will support the tournament and ask for a commitment from them. They will have 10 days to respond, and a decision will be made based on the responses.

Lowen said that he did not want to continue as tournament coordinator, a job that includes obtaining sanctions, getting tournament and partnership chairs, and notifying other clubs in the districts as well as sending out the flyers. We are now looking for a new Tournament Coordinator.

Larry asked Lowen if he would chair the nominating committee for the Board of Directors to which Lowen agreed.

Directors Report:

Jennie discussed the clarification of the pay for the Face to Face games. She also reported that Kathy Loge said that if people don’t come to the games until starting time, they can’t expect to get out on time. There needs to be communication to the players to come 15 minutes early for the directors to be able to start the games on time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by

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