

Louisiana Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Dubois, President, at 4:00 p.m. Present were Carolyn, Jim Thornton, Mary LeBlanc, Diana Powell, Sherrie Goodman, Larry Federico, Jackie Madden, Lowen, Newt Jackson, Wayne Weisler, and Suzanne Cliffe, Board members. Also present was Bill Weiss in charge of reconstruction after Hurricane Ida.

Carolyn offered her thanks to the past Board members and welcome to the new Board members that were elected.

Bill Weiss was called upon to report on the ongoing work to reassemble the club from the hurricane damage. Bill reported that the work is ongoing. The roof work is complete but waiting on flashing. There is an air conditioner compressor that has gone out and needs to be replaced. He will see if the insurance will cover that as it was in working order at the time of the hurricane. There were two invoices submitted for contents damages for insurance. One was submitted by Carolyn for \$4516.17 which was paid by insurance and an additional invoice for \$3038.95 to cover bridge supplies as determined by Theresa Federico and Sherrie Goodman. Steve Romig is working with an agent to find a new insurance company as our previous company is no longer writing insurance in the state. Bill offered to continue with the work on the building as long as it is needed which the Board accepted with thanks.

The first order of business was to determine the length of terms of the new Board members based on the votes cast. According to the By Laws of the LBA, the terms are staggered. At the next election in 2023, there will be 4 members replaced, in 2024 there will be 3 members, and in 2025, there will be 4. Of the 7 new Board members elected (Sherrie Goodman, Larry Federico, Wayne Weisler, Newt Jackson, Jackie Madden, Lowen, and Suzanne Cliffe) Suzanne Cliffe, Lowen, and Jackie Madden will serve 2 year terms through the 2023, and the others will serve 3 year terms.

Officers were elected and the new officers for 2022 are Larry Federico, President, Jackie Madden, Vice President, Mary LeBlanc Treasure, Suzanne Cliffe, Recording Secretary, and Sherrie Goodman, Membership Secretary. Larry welcomed all as the new president of the LBA and stated that as president he would pledge to the Board members that all meetings will start on time, that he will always have an agenda, and everyone will be treated with respect. Sherrie suggested that Lowen be the Tournament Coordinator. He said that he would do that job with her help. Larry said he would announce appointments of committees at the next Board meeting. Sherrie is the Keeper of the Keys and Carolyn turned in her key which was transferred to Larry.

Financials: Mary distributed the financial report which was accepted. Lowen recommended that the extra fees that the club pays for special games be charged to the players. This had been approved at a previous Board meeting in 2021 but was not on

the Directors' Calendar so was not passed on to the players. Larry said that Jennie Sauviac, in charge of the Directors, should communicate this to the game directors, and Sherrie will put it on their calendar. It was reported that the January tournament had a gross income of \$4236. After expenses of director fees, ACBL fees, and food, the club netted approximately \$500. Sherrie reported that the reservation system worked well in determining how much food to order which eliminated waste and recommends that it continue. It was also reported that we had quite a few out of town players which helped to boost the numbers. There was a discussion of whether to hold 3 or 4 day tournaments in the future. There will be further discussion of this prior to the Derby Day tournament scheduled for the first weekend in May. After the tournament, the club was cleaned and fogged for sanitization. Jackie recommended that the fogging continue through the end of February which was approved by the Board.

Mary reported that the bank needs either a resolution or the minutes from the meeting showing new officers for check signing. Suzanne will follow up on this.

Larry discussed Zero Tolerance in connection to the behaviour of players at the club saying that there has been much improvement in recent years but he wants to emphasize that it is still very much in effect and that Jennie Sauviac should communicate to the game directors that it should be enforced.

NABC report: Larry and Jackie are working on the NABC scheduled for March, 2023 in New Orleans as co-chairmen and committees have been appointed. The ACBL will come for a site visit this spring at the Marriott on Canal St. It is not expected that the District (District 10) will contribute as much as in the past towards the cost. There will be some district wide fund raising games but it is not anticipated that we will raise game fees to help raise money. Naming rights for some games/events at the tournament will be available as a fund raiser. Larry said that they will meet with their committees and report in future meetings.

There was a discussion of By-Law changes. Lowen reported that the committee had recommended changes but that there would need to be a special meeting of the LBA in order to vote on the proposed changes.

The next scheduled meeting of the LBA Board of Directors is on February 14 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Suzanne Cliffe
Recording Secretary