

Louisiana Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 10, 2022

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

The Minutes of the September meeting were approved as previously distributed.

Mary LeBlanc presented the Treasurer's Report. It was approved.

Sherrie Goodman, Club Manager, presented her report. She said that recently on a Tuesday afternoon when there had been a 299'er game and an open game scheduled that the games were combined in order to have enough tables to make a game for the open players. The 299'er players objected, they want to have their own game. Sherrie has instructed the directors to not combine the Tuesday afternoon games in the future. If there aren't enough open players for a game, they will be sent home.

There has been a face to face sanctioned game approved for Tuesday night with Wayne directing. There is already a party game on Tuesday night. There was a discussion as to whether to allow a party game at the same time as a sanctioned game. There was a motion made to temporarily allow both the party game and the sanctioned game beginning Tuesday, October 18th. There will be a six week trial period. If the sanctioned game isn't able to draw enough tables to make it financially viable, it will be cancelled.

Sherrie reported that Gail Greenberg, a bridge teacher and professional player, has contacted us about using our club for a "bridge camp" before the NABC in New Orleans in March. We would hold our regular games and her players would participate in those games. On the Wednesday before the NABC starts, our regular 0-750 game would be an open game so that all could participate. Our players would also be able to participate in her lessons. This was approved by the Board and Sherrie will work out the details with Greenberg.

On Saturday, October 29, Sherrie will donate a lunch for all players participating in the afternoon game at 1:00 p.m.

Sherrie reported that Jennifer Holmes does not need the database and that we are not sharing the database. There are privacy and security issues with doing that. Sherrie is able to obtain any information that Jennifer needs for her committee.

Sherrie also reported that she has provided a list to Sue Guarisco of all beginners that have taken lessons recently at the club but have never played in our games. Sue will contact them to see if she can encourage them to come play at the club.

Newt Jackson is the liaison between the Board and the BBC (Back to the Bridge Center) committee. They had an organizational meeting and formed various committees to work with the newcomers, publicity, games, recruiting players and directors. They have a list of 59 tasks they are working on. Their next meeting will be October 22.

Larry brought up reimbursing members that take the director's course and pass the test for their expenses. This was approved.

NABC report – Larry reported that they have been having monthly conference calls with the ACBL. They had also sent the new guidelines for the committee chairs that he is having copied to distribute to the chairpeople.

There will be a site visit on January 3 with the ACBL representatives.

Currently the amount of the parking discount is unknown or how it will work for our members.

The ACBL will no longer provide any night food during the tournament but there will be some morning food. Again, no details at this time.

It is unknown if there will be a Learn Bridge in a Day presentation.

Jennie Sauviac recommended that one day during the NABC, the LBA should sponsor a Wes Busby Day in recognition of the large donation (\$100,000+) Wes left to the club at the time of his death. This was approved by the Board.

Nominating Committee – Lowen reported that he has 3 people confirmed to run for the Board in 2023.

Maintenance – Wayne reported that he is still waiting on vents for the ladies' restroom. The Club will be closed for 10 days in March during the NABC, this is when we should look into maintenance that needs to be done. There was a discussion as to the kind of work that might be done, sinking vestibule, rot in front of building, water leak at back of the building. Most of these would be expensive "fixes" and will probably not be done at this time.

Wayne is also getting a new lock for the cabinet where game supplies are kept in the main playing area.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on November 14, at 4:00 p.m.

Suzanne Cliffe
Recording Secretary

