

Louisiana Bridge Association
Board of Directors meeting
June 13, 2022

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

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the May meeting. Larry corrected that the reimbursement for half of the electrical was from the contractor, Cotton, not the roofers. The minutes were then approved.

Finances report, Mary LeBlanc.

Mary reported that in May we had lost approximately \$13,000. Approximately \$2,000 was a loss on the Derby Day tournament. There is also a loss from Ida of approximately \$4,300 which is our half of the electrical.

One of the larger bills was from Mike's Maintenance for over \$4,400. This was submitted in smaller amounts, one of \$958 and another for \$978 for painting, repointing concrete blocks at back of building, changing air conditioning filters, lights, and other maintenance. Wayne will get copies of Mike's insurance for the club. We did receive payment of \$5,038 for reimbursement on lost bridge supplies.

Lowen suggested that we ask Mike to provide an itemized estimate of the work before it is done and that the submitted bills have the actual itemization of the work done.

Lowen also made a recommendation that the Board assemble a committee to discuss the possibility of selling the building. The committee would need to determine an estimate of the real value of the property, whether the LBA would then rent and what those options and costs would be, or determine whether this building or another one, if purchased or leased could be used as a multifunctional building. This committee would be made up of qualified individuals with backgrounds in business and real estate, as well as knowledge of the LBA's needs. Several people were mentioned as possibilities, but the Board didn't follow up on this at this time. The Board approved the exploration of a committee to determine and present to the Board these possibilities.

Maintenance: Wayne didn't have anything specific to add to the maintenance discussed under finances. Larry reported that the hurricane repairs are 98% complete. We still owe about \$14,000, which is being withheld until all the jobs are finished.

Old Business: The general membership meeting for July to discuss bylaw changes has been canceled as the notifications that need to be posted and sent to the membership has not been done.

Club Manager: Sherrie Goodman reported that the ACBL has informed her that the masterpoints in the club virtual games will be limited to 2.5 while the BBO/ACBL games will offer up to 4 masterpoints. They ACBL said that this is to encourage the players to go back to their club Face to Face games which can award more masterpoints than 2.5. In reality, Sherrie predicts that what will happen is that the online players will play in the

BBO games rather than either the virtual club games or the the face to face games. She will report back on this.

Sherrie said that we need a chairperson to work on the Learn Bridge in a Day that we want to have in September. At this time, there is no one to volunteer for that. Sherrie will cancel it with Patty Tucker. We will try and have it during the NABC to be held in New Orleans in March 2023.

Sherrie also said that Larry had suggested that we try a once a month Swiss Face to Face game at the club on a Saturday. This was approved and it will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the first one to be held on July 16.

At the last meeting we had discussed opening the Wednesday game to all players from a limited masterpoint game. Larry said that he had received lots of negative feedback from the players. The Board voted to continue it as a 0-750 game.

NABC- Larry said that he had a meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, June 14, at the Marriott with the ACBL to go over the site and details of the tournament. He said that the rooms will be \$225/night and parking will probably be in the \$35/day range. The cost of the events is to be determined. There will not be as many night events. The events for the Novice/Intermediate players are mostly arranged locally. We have to arrange the speakers, coffee and pastry for two breakfasts and a reception, all of which the LBA will pay for. Jackie has ordered stickers for the convention cards for about \$3,000. At this time Larry has a monthly conference call with the ACBL to go over any new details.

New Business:

Sherrie brought up what some other clubs do when someone playing in a face to face game tests positive for Covid shortly after they have played in the game. The Board voted to notify people that played in a game where someone tests positive after the game. Only those players will be notified and the name of the person who has contracted Covid will not be shared unless they don't care.

Discussion of obituaries on the website. In the past only obituaries of members that have died have been posted. It has been suggested that we should inform the membership when a member's spouse has died.

Mary said that Linda Freese who is directing the Longest Day games said that the games were advertised for \$15/session and lunch is being provided by Michael Joyner Catering. They would like to have a count in order to plan for the food.

Kathy Logue wants to start a separate 299'er game on Tuesdays at 12:30 at the same time as the Open Game. This was approved.

Larry said that Ben McKown had approached him about bringing players to the club that he is teaching at the Metairie library and start a separate game for them that he would run. The Board determined that at this time, the club won't be opening at another time.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45. The next meeting will be on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Suzanne Cliffe, Recording Secretary

