Minutes-Louisiana Bridge Association/ Board of Directors meeting September 15. 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Keenan Romig at 2:30 P.M. In attendance were: Pat Burke, Keenan Romig, Wayne Weisler, Jim Thornton, Fred Lay, Mike Lappa, Sid LeBlanc, Jackie Madden, Sherrie Goodman, Ben McKown and Vicki Willis.

The August minutes were approved and the financial report was given.

September business:

The average masterpoint method will begin at the November sectional tournament. The board previously approved its initiation at the club level at the same time. Keenan requested that this be deferred until the first of the year so that feedback on the system could be obtained.

The BOD has chosen Ann Barone as the nominee for goodwill member of the year. Vicki will write the nomination letter to be sent to ACBL.

John Onstott's party will be held on November 1. This is to honor him for his achievement of accumulating 25,000 masterpoints. Cocktails will be served at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 and music will be provided by Linda Freese. The nighttime Christmas party will be held on December 13 and will be chaired by Sharon Henry. The daytime Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 19.

The Wednesday 499er game has been poorly attended, but the board agreed that it can continue on a trial basis through the end of the year. It was agreed that life masters will be allowed to play in that game (if under 500 points).

Keenan asked that the board approve Jani-King to handle clean up after tournaments/special events. The board agreed.

RE: Maintenance,, Wayne reported that the ladies room now has a new granite countertop and has been repainted. Some of the heating pipes need to be replaced.. He will also get prices on new carpeting in case we decide to replace the carpeting during the Nationals. Much of the deferred maintenance has been addressed. He was asked to investigate having the grout cleaned.

Nationals-Jim asked if we can use the money raised by the club to subsidize parking. Jackie is working with the Marriott on food.

Linda Freese suggested new pencils for the club (and possibly Nationals); approval to proceed was granted. There was a suggestion to obtain another timer for N/S benefit since they do not face the current timers; Mike will look into this. Another suggestion was to see about using the Bridgemates for Swiss team events. Additional research is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vicki Willis Recording secretary