Louisiana Bridge Association

Board of Directors Meeting

September 12, 2022

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

The first order of business was a presentation by Jennifer Holmes to present ideas as to ways to increase attendance at the club games. She had a number of limited masterpoint players in attendance to support her including Quinn Bates, Sharon Ordoyne, Denise Nagim, Carolyn Dubois, Carroll Jambon. She presented several ideas to try and “get people in the door” and a budget request to fund the ideas. The requests with the amounts requested were as follows: Update data base, $450; Newcomer Packets and Swag Bags, $200; Flyers for Distribution, $100; Social Media Campaign, $1000; Mailing cards, $307.50/mo; Christmas Bazaar, $1000; a total start up request of $3057.50. This was approved by a majority of those present with the understanding that Jennifer would be the chairperson of the committee, that she would report back to the Board with information as to who is on the committees and what they are doing, that the database work would only be done with the inclusion of Sherrie Goodman, and the Newcomer efforts would include Kathy Plauche.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

In the absence of the treasurer, there was no report.

Club Manager absent, no report.

Maintenance chairman absent, no report.

NABC – Larry reported that the new handbook that was promised came out and he would distribute it to the various chairpeople.

The October, 499’er tournament was canceled because the responses received from the survey of the 499’er players did not indicate enough interest to justify the effort and money required to host the tournament.

Our future planned sectional tournaments, in November, January, May, and July will all be 3 day tournaments, at least for the foreseeable future.

Nominating Committee: Lowen reported that Sue Himel and Debbie Habig had agreed to be on the committee. He will prepare a Willingness to Serve form to he hung in the club, have it in the October Kibitzer, and ask Sherrie to send out an email to the membership.

Larry reported that the recommendations that he and Jackie had received for the $5,000 charitable contribution relative to the NABC were all for the Second Harvest Food Bank. The Board voted to approve this donation.

Jim reported that Sherrie, the club manager, would like to try a Tuesday night game and Wayne had said that he would do it. It would be an Open game. It will be tried for 6 weeks and if it doesn’t have enough tables to justify it, it will be canceled.

Jim also reported that Sherrie would also like to donate a brunch in October for one of the days when there aren’t as many tables as a way to try and create interest. The Board voted on a brunch/party to be held on Monday, Oct. 31, Halloween. Sherrie will determine the time.

There was discussion about the once a month Saturday Swiss teams. It was reported that it usually runs about 5 tables. Other special games that are held on Saturday aren’t well attended because of the confusion as to when they are. The Board didn’t make a decision regarding these games but will revisit it in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30. The next meeting will he held on Monday, Oct. 10 at 4:00 pm.

Submitted by

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