

**Louisiana Bridge Association
BOD Meeting Minutes
Jan 2025**

DATE: January 13, 2025

Meeting called to order at: 2:15

Attending: Keenan Romig, John Hurley, Quin Bates, Glenn Barnett, Charles Waldrop, Kathy Logue, Vicki Willis, Mike Russell, Sid LeBlanc, Sherrie Goodman and Newt Jackson

Going forward, future meetings will start when the 10:30 game finishes. Members should be ready from 2:00.

Minutes from December meeting were approved.

- A packet of information was sent to newly elected members containing BOD Handbook and Policies; financial reports for EOY 2024 and information about table counts.
- It is anticipated that changes by BBO for online play will be implemented which will have significant adverse effects on our cash flow. Sherrie will update as the changes become clearer.
 - Sid projects that budget will be approximately \$20,000 to \$40,000 in the red this year.
 - Number one priority for the BOD will be to facilitate an increase in Face-to-Face play.
 - Sid estimates that for the approximately 600 paid ACBL members in our unit that we get a check from ACBL for 5% of the dues paid by our members; about \$1,800.00/year.
- A rise in coffee expenditures by 38% will be looked into by Quin. Other vendors will be queried and a system for monitoring deliveries and usage will be explored.
- New BOD Officers for 2025
 - President Keenan Romig
 - Vice President Vicki Willis
 - Treasurer Sid LeBlanc
 - Recording Sec'y Mike Russell
 - Membership Sec'y Sherrie Goodman
- Keenan met with 2024 Longest Day Cmte to discuss BOD proposal of Wednesday as the day for 2025 Longest Day. ACBL allows each club to decide which day of that week to

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hold the event. Friday is the club's biggest revenue day and the BOD felt that the club could not afford to forego that day because of our projected financial loss for the year.

- The LD Cmte suggested Saturday rather than Wednesday and the Bod has approved of that change.
 - The BOD unanimously expressed its thanks to the LD Cmte, and all of the volunteers for another successful Longest Day.
 - The BOD is looking for two volunteers to chair the LD 2025.
- Changes to policy for players leaving a game in progress for non-emergency reasons.
 - First Offense – automatic 60 day suspension
 - Further offense(s) would be subject to increased penalties.
 - Pre-covid, this was an automatic 6 month suspension.
 - This will be added to the Game Directors Handbook .
- Proposed Discipline policy was adopted by the BOD. Copy at end of this document.
- The BOD was asked to review the suspension of 2 players for leaving a game in progress. After discussion the BOD voted to uphold the original suspension.
- The Patty Tucker *Learn Bridge in a Day* was a huge attendance success with 80+ attendees.
 - Many members attended to provide much needed and appreciated assistance with the attendees, managing the registration and providing the food.
 - A final profit/loss for the event is still pending but the BOD is confident that even with a small loss that the potential for new members is huge.
 - To that point, Kathy Plauche's classes are full to overflowing (70+).
 - Mentors will be needed for Tuesday AM and PM classes. Check with Maureen Richoux and sign up to assist.
- Sherrie reports that so far there are 20 replies to the survey of members for helping with various tasks at the club.
- Our long time go-to handy man that was used for various jobs at the club has sadly passed away. Anyone who has knowledge of a reliable person who can handle routine maintenance items, please let the BOD know. President's message in next Kibitzer will ask for input from members who may know a reliable handyman. .

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- The Maintenance committee for the board is seeking a club member to volunteer to join it; next Kibitzer will ask for volunteers.
- Charles Waldrop and Newt Jackson are BOD members of the cmte.

- Mike Russell will spearhead formation of a committee made up of club members and one newly elected board member (Glenn Barnett), as liaison, tasked to provide suggestions to the board to:
 - Increase attendance at our F2F games
 - Develop new game directors.
 - It is anticipated that the committee will have representatives from the open as well as from the intermediate game participants and will work for approx. 6 to 8 weeks.

Meeting adjourned : 3:40