

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

DATE: February 10, 2025

Meeting called to order at: 2:15

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

Absent: Sherrie Goodman, Kathy Logue

Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

- Treasurer, Sid LeBlanc presented January results which were a loss of \$566.
 - 2025 budget is projected to be a loss of \$23,000. However, that number is not firm as we still do not know the impact of ACBL's change in on-line reimbursements for our virtual games and the impact that their new online games will have to our club.
 - Insurance costs for the year is slightly more than last year; \$25,600 vs \$25,500.
 - The January tournament netted \$2,600 profit.
 - *Learn Bridge in a Day* showed a loss of \$450. The BOD felt that the loss was a good investment as illustrated by the size of Kathy Plauche's introductory classes.
 - We are waiting on ACBL and District reimbursements for ad expenses incurred by the club.
- An Internal ad hoc Audit committee will be formed to perform a limited scope audit of the club's finances as per our By-Laws. This year, the committee will consist of John Hurley, Steve Romig and one other non-BOD person who will be recruited from the club's membership. The committee will submit a report annually to the BOD in the first quarter of each year.
- The monthly costs for our coffee service have risen substantially. Quin Bates will continue to look into this to determine a reason.
 - We will seek a quote from Community Coffee
 - Directors will be instructed not to make fresh pots of coffee in the last hour of any game.
- The Logistics committee for the April regional reported that Copeland Tower requires that we move our tables to their facility either the Thursday (4/10) or Friday (4/11) before the tournament. The BOD has decided to make the move on the 10th, which will

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necessitate **canceling the PM Open game that day**. A decision on whether the Circle Game can be held will be made in next weeks.

- **The Friday (4/11) games will be held at Copeland Tower.**

- The committee formed to present ideas to the BOD on increasing Face-to-Face attendance met and the group is conferring with the general membership and developing proposals for the BOD.
 - One specific action that is being pursued immediately is to form a relationship with the Senior Olympics of NO area to host a bridge tournament as part of their program.

- Sherrie Goodman (via telephone) reported that the club has sold naming rights for each of the 5 days of the upcoming regional for a total of \$2,500.
 - She also reported that 3 additional clubs are joining our virtual club.
 - The rules that ACBL will use to reimburse clubs are still hazy. Currently we receive \$1.25 for each of our members who plays in an *ACBL Clubhouse* game. This may change after the first quarter.

- Newt Jackson reported that there were no significant maintenance issues this month.
 - We are still in need of a member to volunteer to serve as 3rd person of our maintenance committee and the names of any handymen who we could call on to handle small jobs at the club.

- There will be a game Mardi Gras day starting at 10:30. Lunch will be served.

- Lowen has begun his *Play of the Hand* lessons.
 - Sue Guarisco will prepare a survey to gather player's input near the conclusion of these in order for BOD to evaluate next steps

- A new sound system has been purchased to improve the audio for large events.

- A request was made to have bottled water in the vending machine. The vendor is being contacted.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15.