

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

DATE: March 10, 2025

Meeting called to order at: 2:05

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

Absent: Quin Bates

Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Finance: Sid reported that the club had a good month with income of \$39,048.59 (Budget: \$24,250) versus expenses of \$32,2494 (Budget: 27,127) for a net of \$6,800.

- Face to Face income was \$17,859, reflecting a continued positive trend.
- Online income was \$21,190. The long-term prospect for this income is still question as the ACBL has not clarified what their new regime will look like. As of now, ACBL has increased the degree of competition with the various virtual clubs in number of games, points and point types awarded and fee structure.

Audit Committee: John Hurley reported that Carolyn Stoltz has agreed to be the third person on that committee, joining John and Steve Romig. They had an organizational meeting laying out their game plan and are dealing with issues related to versions of QuickBooks (Desktop vs Cloud) that must be reconciled.

Coffee: No update on the increase in expenses for coffee due to Quin's absence.

F2F Outreach Committee; Mike Russell reported that the committee has vetted ideas and will meet March 11th to prepare a compilation of ideas to present to the BOD. The expectation is that a report will be completed in the next few weeks so that BOD has this information prior to the April meeting.

- Senior Olympics: A representative of the group visited the club to assess our viability to host a Senior Olympics tournament next spring.
 - In addition,, we prepared LBA posters about our lessons and games which they will set up at the various registration sites during this year's games.

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- Currently senior bridge games are happening at various centers around Jefferson Parish. We will talk with them about a joint set of games.
- UNO Beginner lessons: Are scheduled to start March 13th. At this moment, the viability of these lessons is in doubt for several unrelated issues. If the timing doesn't work now, we will focus on a start for the Fall semester.

Regional Tournament:

- The hotel will provide box lunch sandwiches for purchase. Copeland's Food Truck is not available.
- Arrangements have been made for tables to be moved from the club to the hotel (4/10) and back (4/19).
 - Both the Circle Game and the afternoon Open game will be cancelled on April 10th.
 - Games scheduled for April 11th will be held at Copeland Tower.
- Speakers have been lined up.

Game Time Changes:

- Starting on April 21st (after the Regional tournament), the Monday Open game will begin at 10:00 with continuous play and no lunch break. Players who want to visit may stay and have lunch afterwards if they wish. This motion was unanimously approved.

After much discussion, a motion to move the Tuesday Open game to 1:00 PM was tabled indefinitely. A request to move game times later in the week up by 30 minutes was discussed but no action will be taken at this time.

Color Points vs Double Points: When ACBL offers color points in their online Clubhouse games our club currently can offer them at the same time for our F2F games at no additional charge; double points cost an additional dollar. The board voted in favor of the color points/no extra fee when possible. What effect the increase in ACBL competition (number of games, pricing and glitter points) will have on our virtual games is an open question .

Introduction to Swiss for newer players: Intermediate players in the Monday and Tuesday games will be asked for interest in a "mentoring" Swiss game in preparation for the Regional. The game would be on a Wednesday.

Recording Opening Lead; Several members suggested that we program our Bridge Mates to record the opening lead. Board consensus was that this would further complicate entering information into the Bridge Mates, already an ongoing problem for Directors, and appreciably slow down movement.

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Maintenance:

- No one has answered the BOD request for a club member to serve with Charles Waldrop and Newt Jackson on this committee.
- Steve Castjohn, a licensed residential contractor and son of our former handyman, has been selected to be our go-to person for small jobs
- A sink in the men's room became detached from the wall. Steve is fixing that.
- Blair plumbing did some unclogging of drains in the men's room.

Because of the Regional Tournament the April BOD meeting will be on April 7th.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Russell

Recording Secretary