

Louisiana Bridge Association
BOD Meeting Minutes
April 2025

DATE: April 7, 2025

Meeting called to order at: 2:00 pm

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

Absent: Mike Russell

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Finance: Sid reported that the F2F table count was down for March after great results for January and February. Glitter points started in March at the ACBL online clubhouse continue and the impact is yet to be determined. However, we did receive \$336 from ACBL for the community game; this was a first-time reimbursement that we hope will be ongoing. So far BBO profits are better than expected.

Audit Committee: John Hurley gave a brief update on the Committee's progress. They hope to have a final report to the board by the June board meeting.

Coffee: Quin is bringing in Community Coffee after the Regional to give us a proposal since our current coffee expense is considerably over budget. Thus far, the reasons for the additional expense have not been identified. Keenan asked for a resolution in the near future as this was first discussed in January.

Derby Day: This is usually celebrated as part of our May tournament which is not being held this year due to the Regional. The board agreed that we would celebrate the event with a 2 PM pair game followed by a social hour of mint juleps (Sherrie handling), race betting, and appetizers to be provided on a potluck basis. Colorful hats and bowties suggested. Keenan also reported that there will be a Derby Day hat raffle for the two weeks prior to the event; the proceeds will go to the replacement of cupholders. Beth Bayer is going to do additional research on cupholders (again).

Plants: There was a discussion relative to the indoor plants, a complaint received relative to mold issues, and a complaint to the board about how this was handled. The board agreed that actions taken were in the best interest of our members and funds for replacement were not authorized.

Beginner Bridge Follow up Lessons: The board reviewed the limited feedback received from the Eight Lesson series on Play of the Hand offered by Lowen in conjunction with the current Beginner Bridge series. Feedback was very positive. The Board discussed at length whether to continue to offer the series for the remaining five weeks of the Beginner Bridge series, who might teach that series, and at what price/instructor compensation. This was a lengthy discussion.

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The decision was made to have Wayne Weisler teach the class if he would do so at a lower cost to students and compensation more in line with what is currently offered for Beginner Bridge

Club Manager Report: Sherrie reviewed plans for transitioning to Copeland Tower for the Regional; the board authorized payment of accommodations for Theresa Federico for her making of the boards which will be labor intensive. Sherrie also reviewed dates, events and directors for the July tournament, and a possible issue with the Fall tournament dates that she will need to resolve.

She also reported that she has been approached about having an evening weekly covered dish game for singles. The first event was approved.

There is a bridge movie in the works, part of which will be filmed at the club. There is also a program to Jumpstart Bridge through Math program in the schools and anyone with school contacts is asked to contact Sherrie with that information.

Maintenance: Newt reported only routine maintenance issue with the exception of graffiti on the back side of the building which he will have painted. Perpetrators were not caught on camera; the cameras do not appear to be charging properly.

Game Time: Due to the change in the Monday open game time, the board meetings will begin at 1:30 PM effective with the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Keenan Romig/President for Mike Russell/Recording Secretary