

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

DATE: 6/9/25

Meeting called to order at: 1:30

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

Absent: John Hurley

Minutes of May meeting were approved.

Finance: Sid reported that BBO payments continue to trend lower. But the F2F income was the best since Covid.

- The month showed a profit of 3,080.21
- Final numbers for the Regional are not available yet. Jefferson Parish Tourism awarded LBA a \$2,000 grant for holding the event in Jefferson Parish. This money is classified as a donation and therefore LBA does not have to share with District.
- \$20,000 was moved from checking account to investment account.
- At the next meeting Sid will present a report showing YTD vs same period 2024.

Coffee Service: Quin is working to finalize his comparison of vendors for coffee service. The options are Community Coffee and 5 Star (our current vendor). The board asked him to include Standard but they apparently no longer service this market.

F2F Outreach Follow-up; Mike reported status of three projects:

- Proposal to sell ads for Kibitzer - Carol Jambon, Richard Jeansonne and Raphael Velazquez are taking on this project.
- 0-5 Game – this is starting June 12. The game will run simultaneously with Circle game with Kathy Plauche providing a short lesson and directing.
- Legacy Project – Greg Browne and Mike are exploring the paperwork and structure needed to implement such a program.

Education:

- Beginner Class Survey: 9 people responded with all favorable reviews of Wayne's class. Costs for class and fees collected were pretty much a wash. Director fees were split 75% Wayne – 25% Kathy since Kathy was very helpful.

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- Board will seek to add members to the Education. Committee.
- Wayne may present a 2 Over 1 class, probably mid-July. Dates and details not yet developed.

Cup Holders: Replacement holders purchased from Bridge Buddy; Vicki and Glenn will place on tables. Members are asked to be careful and aware to holders sticking to large cups and being carried away and LOST.

Audit Cmte: Full report at next BOD meeting.

Clean-up: Janitor's closet and Kitchen closet have been purged of excess detritus. Remaining materials were sorted and organized. Board room will be done next. Input from Theresa and Kathy will be sought re their particular materials before shelves and storage containers finalized.

Club Manager: The board acknowledged the generosity of Copeland Tower staff in allowing us to play there free of charge during the movie filming. The club will extend a written thank you and publicize them in our ACBL tournament flyers. Sherrie will follow up.

- Movie – wrapped up at the club with minimal number of items or issues at end. The crew was cooperative and careful.
- NAP: Strate levels have been modified – A (Open), B(3,000) and C(750) levels with a Championship level. The board discussed the impact that the 750 C level would have on our 299 and 499 games.
 - The 299 game will be left as is. If anyone at that level desires to pursue red points or NAP qualification they can readily shift to a qualifying game.
 - The Friday 499 game will be shifted to 750 **ONLY FOR NAP DAYS**.
- July 2,3 4th Tournament: Mary LeBlanc will chair. Efforts will be made to have an understudy for each day to create a core of experienced members for future tournaments. On Thursday of the tournament, we will have a cake in honor of new Platinum Life Master Larry Federico. We will also acknowledge Judy Katz and Jean Talbot for their Platinum Master achievement levels (although not recently achieved).
- Saturday game is consistently not making even with the copious amounts of time and effort that Sherrie has put into pushing for it. The board has decided to discontinue Saturday games except for special occasions or tournaments.

Maintenance: Charles coordinated inspections of our fire suppression system. The building's system has been certified for a 5-year period meeting Fire Inspector's requirements.

- A new toilet was put into the Men's room replacing one that has been malfunctioning and causing plumbing repair costs.
- Upon recommendation from Newt, the board approved an annual contract for inspection and service on a priority timeline for our A/C units. The cost of \$540 a year. This year the inspection will be in September; going forward we have scheduled it for May so as to be ready for the summer heat.

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Partnership Board: Mary Belcher has volunteered to maintain a Partnership Board for the club. Players seeking a partner will be able to post their contact info and check board for potential partner. The Partnership Board will be on the hallway wall.

Phone Directory: Keenan will prepare a draft of a new directory for early July with target of late August for release. Members will be able to request a PDF or purchase a printed copy.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25