

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

DATE: Oct 13, 2025

Meeting called to order at: 1:30

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

Absent: Kathy Logue, Sid LeBlanc, Beth Bayer

The Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Financial: The treasurer being absent, no full financial report was made. The P&L statement for the month was distributed and showed a net profit of \$5,651.64 and a YTD net profit of \$24,908.80.

Board members commented that specific entries, such as fees from Iype's class were not readily visible. A meeting with Sid before next board meeting was suggested to discuss how to better reflect significant, discrete entries.

Sherrie reported that in the coming new year, BBO fees will be significantly increased (50%) which will further reduce the income that we enjoy from online games which will increase our need for enhanced revenue from other sources. More detail below.

Club Manager: We will have our holiday party on December 12th. Mary LeBlanc and the Luchsingers will take the lead on food.

Swiss Mentoring game for October 20th has 21 teams as of this date. A few more mentors are needed. Prior to the game, Larry Federico will go over Swiss with tips for how to approach the strategy of the scoring. The session will be 3 rounds with lunch, prepared by Beth and Sherrie, served between rounds 2 and 3.

The Eight is Enough game has been pushed from December 6th until spring next year, the calendar being deemed too crowded in the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

2026 will be a Centennial year for bridge and ACBL will have Glitter points at various dates during the year. During that time, ACBL Weekend games will offer more chances for extra Glitter points so the Board will consider having special weekend game(s) next year.

The Wednesday Coffee group is doing well, with mentors helping during the hands and with discussions afterwards. The Board expressed appreciation for the many members who volunteered to mentor. Special note was made about John Federico's preparation and distribution of handouts.

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ACBL has contracted with 6 new platforms that will offer online sanctioned games. Our club is making a trial of using *Real Bridge* for our Swiss online games. This platform offers audio and visual capabilities.

In January, ACBL will be raising their fees for our online games from \$4/table to \$6/table. Our costs will continue to include payments we make to online directors.

Sadly, Kathy Logue will resign her directing duties after December 31st.

Presidents Report: Prior to the start of the Friday Open games, the noise level during registration has been problematic to the Intermediate game which starts 30 minutes before the Open. Simply putting up the folding partition has not helped appreciably. After discussing various options, it was decided to move the registration for the open game to the far end of the room and to use the partition as an added help for reducing noise.

Everyone should be cognizant of other games in progress when coming in or leaving the club and respect the noise level for those players.

A 50/50 raffle was suggested for the tournament this month but considering the logistics, especially the lack of volunteers to help, it was deemed not practical. Adding a 50/50 to future club events would be welcomed provided helpers were available.

A survey of membership was discussed and postponed until next year.

A motion to revisit last month's decision on payment structures for teachers was made and passed. This will be done at November meeting.

Maintenance: no issues to report.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:25

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Russell, Recording Secretary