



BOD Meeting Minutes April 2026

DATE: April 13, 2026

Meeting called to order at: 1:30

Attending: Keenan Romig, John Hurley, Glenn Barnett, Vicki Willis, Mike Russell, Sherrie Goodman, Beth Bayer, Hans Jonassen and Newt Jackson

Absent: Charles Waldrop, Carolyn Stolz

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Financial:

- Schwab: all forms and materials have been signed and notarized as needed to change persons approved to act on behalf of the club. New group will be John Hurley, Newt Jackson and Mike Russell.
- Gulf Bank:
 - Any check or ACH amount requested that is above \$1,000 needs approval by President or, in his absence, a member of the Executive committee.
 - Direct deposit is in place for almost all directors; remaining ones are expected soon.
 - Payments to other clubs are now being handled via online authorization for check issued from the bank. Soon these will be shifted to direct deposit where possible,
 - Credit card application being processed; John has emphasized to the bank the desire to have these in place prior to upcoming tournament. Cards will be issued to Newt, Beth, Sherrie and Theresa Federico. We have pledged \$11,000 CD as collateral for \$10,000 card limit.
- Insurance: The property policy which was renewed earlier this year was discussed and whether or not we should be reducing the amount of coverage. The board felt that we did

not have sufficient information to be making a decision. Hans was appointed chair of an Insurance committee and it was agreed that Sid LeBlanc would be asked to be a member of the committee along with at least one other club member with insurance experience. The committee was charged with reviewing various options available to the club in the event of major damage to the building and levels of insurance appropriate for the various options. The work is to be done and reported back to the board with sufficient time for full discussion before next renewal period (January 2027).

- Glenn Barnett was appointed to be a member of the Investment committee.

Club Manager:

- Online revenues have dropped substantially, from \$56,000 year to date last year to approximately \$25,000.
- Next month will offer increased opportunities for Gold points.
 - On May 15th, ACBL awarded the club a F2F game with gold points in recognition for the stellar work done by Sherrie related to the F2F and online games coordinated by LBA.
 - Grass Roots and Stardust weeks will offer 25% Gold.
 - The ACBL charity fund, Gold for Good, will award gold points for your two best scores on games played both face to face and online. A registration fee of \$30 will be required. This is to benefit ACBL's Charity Fund.
 - Saturday Swiss this month was successful and enjoyable to the participants. It was especially well attended by limited MP players.

Maintenance:

- Windows and sills have all been pressure washed and caulked. This should help lower utility bills going forward.
- \$325 was authorized for pressure washing walkways and outside entrances to remove mold and grime that becomes slippery during wet days.
- Because of the age of our electrical system, our insurance provider asked that it be inspected by a licensed master electrician and that we certify that the system was compliant with safety standards and regulations. This work was completed and after a minor repair was made, we responded to the insurance company that the system was compliant.
- There have been some ongoing issues related to fire suppression sprinkler system, Fire Marshall notices and coordination with the two service companies we have used. The result being that some modifications will need to be made to our exterior piping for that system and procurement/storage of spare sprinkler heads as required by Jefferson Parish codes. The cost for these actions should be approximately \$3,500.
- The carpets will be steam cleaned the weekend before the Derby Day tournament.

- Supplies for the kitchen and janitorial closet are being handled by Restaurant Depo. The first delivery has been made and Beth reports that all was done in a very satisfactory manner. Delivery was accurate and properly stored away.

Tournaments:

- Derby Day:
 - Beth and Newt will chair.
 - Beth will handle food. She reports that even doing much of the preparation herself, that \$1,500 may not be enough to cover the cost for all 3 days.
 - More volunteers are needed to help with managing the operations and bringing snacks/drinks/desserts.
- Longest Day:
 - Keenan Romig and George Jeansonne will be chairing The Longest Day.
 - Looking at the breakdown in which activities were more successful in raising money for the charity, they are assessing the mix for this year's event.
 - They are considering gift certificates instead of individual items in an auction.
 - The Free Play for a year was the biggest single source of cash.
 - The number of separate games to be offered is being reviewed.
 - The cost to play each game is also under review.

Volunteer Committee: At the January of the Board, the VP position was assigned the responsibility to chair a committee that would then be the mechanism for recruiting members to serve as volunteers for the various club functions and tournaments. The goal was to have these positions staffed and in place with sufficient time and manpower to assure smooth operations on the day of the events. Vicki reports that the response to her efforts to recruit volunteers has had minimal success. The matter was discussed and the suggestion made that efforts be focused on the recruiting several limited players to be part of the volunteer committee. Hans will assist in identifying possible members since he is more familiar with that group.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:05

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Russell, Recording Secretary