

## February 18, 2017 - Minutes of LBA Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by President Vangie Smith.

Other board members in attendance were: Judy Banks, Frieda Trower, Chuck Fassler, John Van Cleve, Norman Smith, Rachelle Goodwin, Jean Donoho, Denise Tonini, Hannah Davis, Beth Dlutowski, Darlene Pyles.

Board members absent were: Jim Morguelan, Janet Vowels, Dotty Losey.

Verna Goldberg was there as Directors' Representative.

### Minutes

John asked for a clarification on the item regarding ordering plastic vs styrofoam cups, it is 8.1cents for paper, 1.4 cents for Styrofoam (each). Chuck asked that John get total \$ from Sams Club to find out total dollars spent, John agreed to find out. Hannah Davis moved that we approve the minutes of the January 7 2017, meeting, John Van Cleve seconded, and the motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Freida Trower reported we don't have finalized reports for January, the current status is: \$23k in checking, \$27k in savings. There was no treasurer's report to approve at the meeting.

### State of the Bridge Center

Vangie stated that the state of the bridge center is good.

### Columbus Nationals Fundraise

Vangie informed the group that during the week of May 8-14, we will be helping raise money for the 2020 Columbus National. There will be an additional \$1 for games that week.

### Sectional tournament

Jean indicated it looks like we are having a successful tournament. We discussed ensuring there is a key holder to assist Jackie with opening and closing the tournament.

### Concessions

Norman informed the group that the Pepsi machine has not yet been removed and he is working to get that done. Coke sales have picked up. Coke is providing notebooks; we will use for the NLM tournament. Beth asked Norman to get 100, Norman to followup with Coke.

### Maintenance

The circuits blew out multiple times during the holiday party; John has found someone to upgrade our electrical circuits. Verna asked if we can upgrade the lighting over the tables along the wall, it's really dark. John is working through this issue. Vangie mentioned that Jim M is looking into the costs to get a door for the training room, Rachelle suggested an accordion door.

### Education

Rachelle provided the group with details of the lessons which continue at Bates Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup> year), the program runs March 1 through the end of April. The high school classes had low turnout, and having it after school is difficult as teens are involved in other activities. Thinking of having classes on Saturday at the club, open up to students 16+, perhaps there would be higher attendance, working on getting info to the schools. Rachelle wants to start supervised play,

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usually 0-99mps. There would be a certified instructor (not running the game); each player is allowed to ask one question per round. Rachelle suggested starting this on Thursday afternoons and reviewed the process. Regarding getting people certified: ACBL has certification classes, Norman would like to do this. Vangie indicated that Joyce P at the district level would like to offer this at the Cincy regional – the cost is \$1700 to bring a person from ACBL. Vangie asked if the downstate clubs would like to have training? Rachelle said more research will be done on this. Vangie said that we are looking at the mentor program during March, April and May (the 6-time play between pairs). Verna asked if we will have a mentor-mentee game, as lessons will be completed at the end of March. Suggested that we have an April 1 (April Fools) game. Rachelle asked if we would like to bring in education lecturers to the club (such as the Clerkins from IN, Verna indicated that they may be interested). Verna will ask Randy if he is interested.

### NLM Tournament

Beth provided an overview of the NLM Tournament that will be taking place August 19-20.

Changes to the event will be:

Schedule

- Saturday August 19:
  - o **10:00am – game**
  - o **2:15pm – education session**
  - o **3:00pm – game**
  - o **\*\* hold separate game for 0-20 players if there are 6 or more pairs interested**
- Sunday August 20
  - o 2-session playthrough Swiss
  - o **Stratification: 0-100, 100-300, 300-500**

Goals

- 1) Highlight Louisville Bridge Association
- 2) Provide a good game for attendees
- 3) Invest in new players
- 4) Target 100 unique players during the weekend (2016 was 78 unique players)
- 5) Increase table count by 20% for a total of 52 tables (2016 table count was 43: 20 tables at 1pm, 7 tables at 7pm; 16 tables at Swiss)

Additional details:

- Cost would be \$10/session, \$20/Swiss (+\$3/game for non-ACBL)
- **For Saturday only, for players in the 0-5 range, “Buy 1, Get 1 free”. Pay \$10 for the first game at 10am, and get the second game at 3pm for free.**

Several requests for the tourney: change to a 750 NLM (from the 500-point limit). Also, look at getting feedback from attendees for future events. Beth will followup with these items.

### NLM Regional

LBA will hold this in 2018; Vangie is going to request that we substitute the NLM Sectional dates (August) for our NLM Regional. Second alternate dates we would request is June 2018.

### Bulletin Board

Everyone agreed that Denise did a fabulous job with the bulletin board. If anyone else would like to provide info for the board, please forward to Denise.

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### Downstate

Darlene thanked the LBA for providing funds to the club. Games are suffering, multiple days do not have enough pairs to play. Vangie asked if lessons could be offered.

### Dealing machine

Bill Toutant provided info for a dealing machine. The Abrams are having a 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and their children would like to make a gift of the dealing machine to the club to celebrate; they would order it and provide to LBA. Vangie suggested that we do something at the club to memorialize the gift, Hannah offered a motioned that the LBA provide a plaque or related item, John seconded the motion, and this passed by the group.

NLM Tournament in Lexington: to be held April 29-30.

GNT Tournament: Kit is our rep. The Louisville club will host the GNT on February 24-25 2018; we have asked for \$1000 from the district for the use of our facility.

Swiss/8 is enough: Verna suggested that we offer regular Swiss games, suggest alternating open and 299 monthly. Perhaps the Tuesday night, or Sunday afternoon sanctions. Vangie will talk with Bill about doing this on Sunday. Lexington has a successful once-a-month "8 is Enough". Verna suggested that we have a 299er group that is a part of promoting the group. Norman suggested that we select names randomly the night of the event, attendees provided support.

### LBA Game

Bill would like to move the LBA game from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month to Thursday night. Norman suggested we leave it on a Tuesday, Rachelle suggested moving to Thursday. No resolution on this topic was made.

### Adjournment

John moved to adjourn the meeting, Norman seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm.

### Action Items

1. John will get total \$ spent on cups in the past year; info to be used to determine if we purchase Styrofoam vs paper cups.
2. Norman to ask Coke for 100 notebooks we can distribute at the NLM tournament.
3. Jim M to provide options on a door for the training room
4. Rachelle to research certification training for those interested
5. Rachelle to coordinate mentor-mentee game for Saturday April 1
6. Verna to ask Randy about being guest lecturer at the club
7. Beth to get NLM Sectional to be 750 Max point
8. Beth to get feedback after NLM from attendees
9. Vangie to confirm dates for NLM Regional in 2018
10. Vangie to followup with Bill regarding holding a monthly Swiss and/or 8-is-enough game

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Dlutowski  
Board Member