

June 22, 2018
Minutes of LBA Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President John Van Cleve.

Other board members in attendance were: Judy Banks, Hannah Davis, Beth Dlutowski, Chuck Fassler, Judy Geraldts, Matt Just, Dotty Losey, Kay Omanson, Darlene Pyles, Norman Smith, Denise Tonini, and Janet Vowels.

Board members absent were: Mike Berman, Stuart Ray.

Verna Goldberg attended as Directors' Representative.

Approval of February Minutes

Hannah Davis moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Matt Just seconded, and the motion passed.

Financial Review

Denise Tonini distributed Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss reports as of May 31, 2018, showing a YTD profit of \$5000, which includes LBA's \$10K share of the November 2017 regional. This is about the same as 2017, and we have three more tournaments to bring in income this year. Putting money into interest-bearing accounts, such as money markets or staggered CDs, was discussed; Denise will see what Commonwealth Bank, where we have our checking with bill-paying facility, has to offer.

Rent is now \$4800 per month; this goes up to \$5100 at the end of 2018, and after two years will increase to \$6000. At the time of the second increase, our \$50,000 escrow will be returned.

Chuck Fassler noted that we do not have a budget. John asked Chuck and Denise to review budgeting and to make a presentation.

Action Items from Last Meeting

- a) Transfer of Pat London's Sunday night game to LBA: John submitted paperwork but has not heard back. Dotty Losey will follow up with ACBL.
- b) Class or discussion for GNT: Complete.
- c) Outreach to social players: Ongoing. John wants to give free play passes to first-time social players and also to rent out the training room at a nominal fee for social games. Kay Omanson will make up free passes and will coordinate with Denise. John talked to a neighbor who plays bridge at Hurstbourne Country Club. Verna suggested approaching churches to put information in church bulletins. Ken Hayes suggested resurrecting holding free classes, such as Dot Weiss once held; Verna said that this idea needs further discussion.
- d) Schedule of Swiss teams or Eight is Enough: Ongoing. John has talked to Bill McAvinue about holding team games, and Bill likes Swiss but not Eight is Enough. Verna said that someone else will do this if Bill doesn't want to.

- e) Carolyn Carpenter and Vangie Smith communication position. Beth Dlutowski reported that the Gmail account is done.
- f) Bridge in a Day for Elizabethtown: Project given to Vangie Smith, on hold during her convalescence. Judy Banks and Darlene Pyles advised that Bridge in a Day is not needed, as they have a good beginner class in Elizabethtown. Eight students have been attending (until summer reduced attendance), and another group will start in the fall. Classes have been presented at no charge, with regular bridge players helping out.
- g) Investigate game reservations in Lexington: Verna talked to the Holts in Lexington. They use a Google Search app for players to look for a game partner and also as an announcement site. They feel it has been successful. Verna asked if there had been any problems; the partnership functionality is anonymous, so there have not been hurt feelings. Hannah asked if they used it to determine whether there would be a game at a given time, and Verna didn't know. Norman Smith asked if someone outside the Lexington club could contact players; Verna said no, as users must sign up. John will talk to Bill Toutant about setting this up. Mike McCain in Lexington can help him.
- h) Fix the coffee machine: Complete.
- i) Installation of new lights: Complete.

Kentucky State Tax Issue

The Kentucky legislature passed a sales tax on 17 services, and it will apply to bridge games beginning 7/1/2018. Our directors collect entry fees and pay rent to the club; thus directors would collect and pay tax. If the club pays tax, do we have an issue with directors not being employees? Also, if the club pays tax, there is inconsistency between sales tax and income tax returns. Chuck recommends producing a document laying out our process, to be used as an explanation if the state questions us. Chuck is not a practicing lawyer now, but as a board member acting on the directors' behalf he can draft this document. Denise has not registered us yet with the state, so it's not known whether we would need to file monthly or quarterly. We need a permanent sign about fee and tax for regular games and for upcoming tournaments held at the club. The tax does not apply to the November regional held in Indiana.

Beth asked about the \$1 donation the district agreed to collect at sectional and regional tournaments to help with the upcoming Columbus nationals. Beth noted that if we again charge \$11 for the August Non Life Master tournament, plus tax and \$1 for Columbus, with rounding up the \$11 plus tax to get to an even dollar amount, then the Columbus contribution becomes \$0.96, and the total would be \$13, a considerable increase that may affect attendance. The cost could go down to \$10.37 plus \$0.63 tax plus \$1 for Columbus for a total of \$12. There will be a local director, which will lower our expenses. John wants to take up the issue with other Kentucky clubs in order to stay consistent. Denise will call the Lexington treasurer.

Verna noted that there are two groups meeting about the new sales tax law and possible ways to get around it. Mauri Malka has information about the session on sales tax; its cost is \$25.

Scheduling Future Tournaments Update

Dotty prepared a schedule of LBA tournaments sanctioned to date, and John distributed it with the meeting agenda. A new spring sectional will be held in April, beginning in 2019. Hannah asked that we not schedule the summer sectional too close to Lexington.

Request for Shades on Windows

John has received complaints about too much or too little light, in equal measure. Verna suggested tint on the windows, as was done at the old bridge center. John will ask Mark Ambrose how it was done at Dupont Circle and then get costs.

Request for Partition in Men's Room

John will get a cost quote for a partition.

New Thermostat Keys for Directors

John is giving keys to directors and putting them in charge of the temperature. Verna suggested putting a note on the website re: keeping the temperature consistent and suggesting players wear layers. Norman reminded us that at a Barren River meeting we voted to follow federal temperature guidelines.

Painting of the Walls (Touch Up)

Norman volunteered to take charge of organizing a painting party.

Cleaning of the Scoring Machines and Chairs

Denise and Verna volunteered to clean Bridgmates, and Janet Vowels and Kay will help. Judy Gerald's volunteered to organize chair clean-up/steaming. The chairs can be cleaned in November when the carpets are cleaned during the Horseshoe regional.

Program to Assist Entry Fees

Some players have approached Beth about assistance for some who don't come to play because they can't afford it. We discussed possibilities for implementing and decided that it's an admirable idea but not feasible.

Noisy Kitchen during Tournament

Beth had feedback from 299 players re: the distracting noise level in the kitchen. She asked about putting food in the training room instead of the kitchen. Using the training room for anything other than the Sunday sandwich lunch is not feasible. John will make an announcement tomorrow morning about holding down noise.

Cost for Teams With 5 or 6 Members

At the last board meeting, there was discussion of charging per person, rather than a flat team rate, for teams with five or six players. Hannah discussed this with the Holts in Lexington, and Sondra said that charging individually will lose professional players—she estimated a \$2500 drop in income. Verna thinks that the entry fee does not affect pros. At nationals, each person on a team is charged. It's not clear whether points are pro-rated for

teams that have more than four players but pay the four-person entry. John says that our tournaments will charge per person, and we vote for a per-person charge at the regional.

Bulletin Board for Photos

Judy Gerald's has been displaying photos of players, and someone suggested a bulletin board just for photos. John will take care of it.

Swiss and Eight is Enough

Verna said we should have a two-session Swiss. We have two sanctions on Saturday, and we can hold two sessions on Sunday with a temporary change of sanction for two sessions. John will talk to Bill McAvinue. Everyone likes the 10:00 and 2:30 times.

Thursday Night Game

Hannah asked what's happening with the Thursday night game. Games have been cancelled due to low attendance. Matt noted that Paul Coulter may be interested in directing again, and John will follow up with Paul.

Dealing Machine

Norman has heard about lots of problems with the dealing machine. According to Verna, it works best with ACBL cards, Kem cards do fine, and expensive cards are problematic. The machine needs periodic cleaning, which Tony Lipka usually does. The new dealing machine has been in storage and the old one in use in the meantime. Louisville will be responsible for dealing boards in November 2018 at the regional; this alternates yearly with Lexington.

Next Meeting

There will not be a meeting during the Non Life Master tournament. The next meeting will be in September during the Fall Swiss tournament. Kay is in charge of ordering dinner.

Adjournment

Kay moved to adjourn the meeting, Janet Vowels seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Action Items

1. Denise Tonini will investigate interest-bearing options at Commonwealth Bank.
2. Chuck Fassler and Denise will review budgeting and make a presentation.
3. Dotty Losey will follow up with ACBL on transfer of Pat London's Sunday night game.
4. Kay Omanson will make up free passes for first-time players from social games and will coordinate with Denise.
5. John Van Cleve will talk to Bill Toutant about setting up a Google Search app for game partner searches.
6. Denise will call the Lexington treasurer about their plans for pricing sectionals with sales tax and Columbus \$1 contribution figured in.
7. John will ask Mark Ambrose how window tinting was done at Dupont Circle and then get costs.
8. John will get a cost quote for a partition in the men's room.

9. Norman Smith will organize a painting party to touch up walls.
10. Denise and Verna Goldberg will clean Bridgemates, and Janet Vowels and Kay will help.
11. Judy Geraldts will organize chair clean-up/steaming.
12. John will look into a separate bulletin board for photos.
13. John will talk to Bill McAvinue about scheduling two-session Swiss.
14. John will follow up with Kit about the Thursday night game.
15. John will talk to Paul Coulter about returning to directing.
16. Kay will order dinner for the September board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Dotty Losey
LBA Secretary