

August 26, 2016
Minutes of LBA Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Vangie Smith.

Other board members in attendance were: Candi Conway, Hannah Davis, Jean Donoho, Dotty Losey, Tom Reece, Norman Smith, Freida Trower, and John Van Cleve.

Verna Goldberg was there as Directors' Representative.

Not in attendance were: Judy Banks, Darlene Pyles, Marianne Thomas, Denise Tonini, and Janet Vowels.

Resignation

Vangie called the board together to discuss the recent resignation of Erin Kennedy from the board of directors and her decision to stop directing the Saturday game. Erin had expected to direct the 8/27/16 mentor-mentee game, which is being held during Erin's regular Saturday game time. She had directed the mentor-mentee game that celebrated the end of the pairing of new and experienced players for a series of games over the spring and summer. The upcoming mentor-mentee game is a one-time pairing of students from Verna Goldberg's and Mauri Malka's lessons with more experienced players, and for many years Verna has matched up pairs and directed the game. Erin is upset about missing games two weeks in a row (the NLM tournament was last weekend) and wanted compensation.

The board discussed the possibility of compensating a director when their regularly-scheduled game is overtaken by other events, such as a tournament, mentor-mentee game, or holiday game. Tom Reece asked if there is a contract with directors that specifies their games; there is not.

The board decided against paying directors for missed games, as this goes against all precedent.

The board expressed the potential they see in Erin; she has done well with the Saturday game, and there has been a wish to bring her into the bigger games. Jean Donoho noted that Erin was in a car accident on I-65 and is on pain medication. The board agreed that the secretary will send Erin a letter saying that we regret this situation and are sorry for the misunderstanding; we value her contributions and would like her to come back when she is ready; compensation for missed games is not possible; and for business reasons we need to know her decision by October 1, 2016.

It was agreed to leave Erin's board seat open, as it is due to end at the end of this year.

National Goodwill and Charity Nominations

Beth Reid requested nominations for the national goodwill and charity committees. Vangie nominated two members for the goodwill committee: Jean Donoho and John Van Cleve.

Adjournment

At 3:40 p.m. Vangie adjourned the meeting.

Action Items

1. Dotty Losey will send a letter to Erin Kennedy on behalf of the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Dotty Losey
LBA Secretary