

September 28, 2019
Minutes of LBA Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President John Van Cleve, and a quorum was established.

Other board members in attendance were: Judy Banks, Carolyn Carpenter, Terri Chandler, Hannah Davis, Jean Donoho, Judy Gerald, Dotty Losey, Kay Omanson, Kit Overpeck, Norman Smith, Denise Tonini, and Janet Vowels.

Board members absent were: Pat Barber and Bruce Ebanks.

Verna Goldberg attended as the Directors' Representative. Sondra Holt and Terrell Holt attended the first part of the meeting.

Regional Tournament Update

Sondra Holt, Terrell Holt, and Hannah Davis reported on the upcoming regional tournament at Horseshoe Casino in November. Construction at the casino has prompted changes. They are doing away with golf carts, and scooters can be rented @ \$20 for 24 hours. The veranda is now part of the casino, and the partnership and prize desk will be inside the playing room. The buffet and bar will not be there, and there will be smoking from the casino.

The contract with Horseshoe goes through 2023. They have gone around to look at hotels, but the other hotels need guarantees of 250 rooms per night, which Horseshoe does not require. Verna Goldberg noted that we make money on the tournament, and Horseshoe subtracts the money we spend on food from their minimum. Norman Smith said that Louisville members are only interested in hotel options.

John thanked the Holts, and they left the meeting.

Old Business

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Norman moved to approve the minutes of the 6/23/2019 meeting, Hannah Davis seconded, and the motion carried.

Financial Review through August

Denise Tonini gave the financial report. Net income through the end of August is \$16,000. Kit Overpeck asked about reserve funds, and Denise responded that she will move money around among accounts.

Action Items from last meeting

1. Aluminum recycling: Norman reported that we will continue with volunteers. The return on recycling is not worth the effort for the club to manage.

2. Status of the code of conduct: Kit is working on code of conduct standards. As of January 2020, there will be no more unit recorder or discipline chair; these duties will be handled at the district level. Club games are independent within the ACBL, and all issues except for ethics are left to the director or owner. A director can turn an issue over to the district if desired. LBC games are technically owned by the president (sponsor), who gives them over to directors. The chain of command is first director, then sponsor. Kit wants a code of conduct that can extend consequences across all games. It will be ready soon.
3. Volunteers for Columbus: Hannah and Norman have talked with Columbus re: the nationals to be held there next March. Columbus would like to get a list of people with days and times they could volunteer. Hannah suggested the need for a deadline for our club to sign up by the end of January. They will put up a signup sheet.
4. Impact of defibrillator on insurance cost. Norman reported that defibrillator costs have not changed (\$1200-\$5000). Directors can be trained, but Norman suggests they have personal liability coverage. The Good Samaritan law was discussed. The issue of liability is a negative factor.
5. Sandy Spears utilization: Sandy got bridge teacher certification and is teaching a class at the Mid-City Mall library. Kit will form a planning committee (consisting of himself, Randy Baron, Verna, and Sandy) on education and outreach to make better use of our resources. Kit also noted that we have been losing ~ 20 members per year.
6. Director meeting on using Common Game, controlling games and bad conduct: Verna has decided to use the Common Game, and Kit will help her get set up. The other directors don't want to use it now, but Verna thinks they will come around.
7. Status of NAP: The NAP promotional game at the club is scheduled October 12. The NAP finals will be held October 19. Qualifiers are posted. Kit noted that the ACBL may not have a complete list, so members should check the posted list. Downstate games need to print their own lists for their games.

New Business

District 11 Board of Directors

Kit reported that the D11 board is reformatting the way GNT is run. They will hold championship, A, and B flights in Cincinnati every year, and the C flight will rotate among the places interested. C flight games will be a one-day format, with all profit/loss assumed by the host unit. They suggest holding C flight games during a sectional, when a director is already available. Kit said we could hold a C flight on Saturday and Swiss on Sunday, so that folks could play on two days, thus increasing participation in both the GNT and tournament. No conditions of contest are available at this time. The next available one is in 2022, and we can notify Ryan Schultz, district GNT coordinator, that we would like to host. Carolyn asked what the attendance for C flights has been: 8-10 tables. It's not large, but it could add to a sectional.

Four weeks of regional tournaments are now allocated to each district. Kit expects this to go down to a "day" format, which will be decided by the district. There are so many

regionals now that they cannibalize each other. A. J. Stephani wants to know which units want to host Non-Life Master regionals.

The district has asked for nominations to run district discipline, and Kit submitted Bill Cook's name. Bill is the unit 117 Conduct and Ethics chair.

District 11 bylaws are under review.

Education (Kit Overpeck provided this addendum 10/24/2019.)

Currently the LBA is not providing any funds for outreach and education. The Education Committee is not complete. There may be some additions. The purpose of the committee is to help form a long-term plan for outreach and education

Sectional Tournaments

Dotty Losey distributed a chart of our sectional tournaments requested through 2023; all have been approved except for the spring 2023 sectional, which is being reviewed by the district tournament coordinator. Proposed dates for 2024 and 2025 tournaments were also on the chart, and they were okayed for submission for approval.

The club game calendar for December does not show STaC games. It was confirmed that they are scheduled for 12/26/19 through 1/1/20. Dotty will ask Beth Dlutowski to add them to the calendar.

Verna was disappointed in the 299er turnout for the tournament this weekend. Did we advertise the tournament well enough? Denise suggested setting up an easel to advertise. John advised that the winter sectional next February will change the C stratification from a limit of 299 to 499. Lexington's recent tournament used 499, and this appealed to the Louisville players.

Dishwasher

Verna said that the dishwasher is not running properly, and she feels it's unsafe and needs to be replaced with a unit that's not the bottom of the line. Judy Gerald's moved to buy a new dishwasher, Hannah seconded, and the motion carried. Norman volunteered to find a new dishwasher and have it installed. He noted concern that our dishwasher is abused, with many different people operating it.

Endowment

The club has been approached by a generous person about making a donation and getting a tax deduction. John is working with Cindy Coffee on this possibility, to figure out if we can set up a restricted fund.

Thumbs Up Award

Judy Gerald's asked what we think about the Thumbs Award. Hannah moved to make it a quarterly award, Norman seconded, and the motion passed. We will start with a quarterly award in the fourth quarter, and it will be drawn at the holiday party.

Charity Game

Carolyn announced that the charity game will be held on Tuesday, 10/15.

Golden Age Masters

Kit and Verna are working on Golden Age Masters awards for several members. This is an honorary rank, not official, and it does not affect members' attendance in limited games. John asked Kit to organize a committee to research and report back on obtaining a board/plaque, like the life master board, for posting Golden Age Masters and on finding a good place to locate it. Hannah has information about the vendor for the life master board.

Games with Extra Points

Terri Chandler voiced concern about the monthly game calendar not identifying which games pay extra points. The downstate people would like to know about them in advance so they can plan to participate. More would come to play if they knew ahead of time. Verna noted that directors often decide to use one of their increased-point options on a day when they have a good turnout, so they can't predict. She also suggested that they come to her Tuesday and Friday games, which have more points based on table count.

Cell Phone Fines

Denise has seen other clubs fine \$1 when a cell phone rings during a game. Verna will get feedback on this idea from the directors.

Recycling Information Sheet

Phyllis Costello approached Denise about posting a sheet with recycling information at the club. John has said no to other items like this. It could be appropriate to put it up by the recycling bins.

Candidates

The nominating committee (Dotty Losey, Hannah Davis, Norman Smith, Sue Finnegan, and Martha Sutt) have completed recruiting candidates for 2020-2021. The officer candidates are:

- President – Hannah Davis and Kit Overpeck
- VP – Norman Smith
- Treasurer – Denise Tonini
- Secretary – Pat Barber
- Historian – Sue Finnegan

Candidates for the board of directors (four two-year terms and one one-year term from Louisville and one downstate two-year term) are:

- Carolyn Carpenter
- Paul Coulter
- Bob Losey
- Nancy Muzzey
- John Peake
- Joanne Traver
- Freida Trower

- Judy Banks (downstate)

Trailer

Norman noted that the trailer has insurance, but he questioned whether it has road insurance. Denise will ask about road insurance for the trailer. Terrell told Hannah that he's going to get new tires for the trailer.

Thank You

John is finishing his term as president, and he thanked all the members of the board for all their support. He could not have done his job without everyone's help. Board members gave John a standing ovation.

Adjournment

Kay Omanson moved to adjourn the meeting, Norman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Action Items

1. Hannah and Norman will put up a Columbus volunteer signup sheet.
2. Dotty will ask Beth Dlutowski to add STaC games (12/26/19 through 1/1/2020) to the game calendar. DONE. [10/1/19: Beth advised that she has added the STaC games to the calendar.]
3. Norman will find a new dishwasher and have it installed.
4. Kit will organize a committee to research and report back on obtaining a Golden Age Masters board/plaque and finding a good place to locate it.
5. Verna will get feedback on cell phone fines from the directors.
6. Denise will ask about road insurance for the trailer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Losey
LBA Secretary