

September 29, 2018
Minutes of LBA Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President John Van Cleve.

Other board members in attendance were: Hannah Davis, Beth Dlutowski, Chuck Fassler, Judy Gerald, Dotty Losey, Kay Omanson, Stuart Ray, Norman Smith, Denise Tonini, and Janet Vowels.

Board members absent were: Judy Banks, Mike Berman, Matt Just, Darlene Pyles.

Verna Goldberg attended as Directors' Representative. Non-voting members in attendance were Kit Overpeck and Vangie Smith.

Board of Governors

Kit Overpeck reported on the District 11 Board of Governors. Vangie Smith is the education chair for the district, and she and Kit are working together to address the responsibilities of D11 education.

The ACBL renegotiated the Pianola contract, and it is free through the end of 2018.

The Board of Governors passed a motion for holding stakeholder meetings at regional and sectional tournaments. At the last district meeting, they discussed Best Practices at Tournaments. Kit is working with Matt Just to set up stakeholder meetings at the unit level, and they would like to set aside time starting at the February sectional after the Friday night game. Some example topics he mentioned were how the ACBL works and increasing membership. These are intended to improve the quality of the players' experience and the quality of bridge. At the November regional, Mike Lipp and Baron Barclay will attend to discuss Pianola and Common Games. Our unit is running the Common Game only on Thursday night.

After Kit's presentation, Kit and Vangie left the meeting.

Old Business

Approval of June Minutes

Dotty Losey read a revision of the June minutes regarding the Thursday night game. The revised minutes were approved, and the revised version will be posted.

Financial Review

Denise Tonini distributed Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss reports as of August 31, 2018. Most line items are comparable to 2017, and nothing unusual pops out. The table rent figures includes some sales tax due at the end of the quarter; Denise will break out sales tax in future reports. It runs about \$1,000 per month.

The lease will go up \$300/month in December. John will review the lease to confirm whether it's for five or ten years.

Action Items from June Meeting

- a) Denise Tonini investigate interest-bearing options at Commonwealth Bank: The club has \$50K in savings, as required by the by-laws, and \$15K in checking. At Commonwealth Bank, we need \$5K in savings to get Bill Pay. Denise outlined various CD and money market options at Commonwealth and other banks, including online. Money market accounts have no time requirements. Judy Gerald's moved to let Denise investigate and do what is best for the club; Chuck Fassler seconded, and the motion passed.
- b) Chuck and Denise review budgeting: This will start in 2019.
- c) Transfer of Pat London Sunday night game to LBA: Complete.
- d) Kay Omanson make free passes for first-time social players: Kay asked for guidance. It was agreed to print passes on dark paper (to prevent copying), signed and numbered, with an expiration date. Maintaining a log was discussed; Verna Goldberg said that the passes will be good for her classes, and it's OK to maintain a log. Beth Dlutowski suggested using gold coins, but it would be possible for others to purchase gold coins.
- e) JVC discuss with Bill Toutant a Google Search app for partner search. Bill set this up two years ago, and no one has used it. Verna suggested posting a document on how to use it. Beth suggested announcing at games for a while (communication step, education step, how-to step). Beth will follow up with Bill.
- f) Denise to call Lexington treasurer discuss pricing of sectionals with sales tax, Columbus 2020 National \$1.00 contribution, and lunch: We are collecting \$1.00 for all sectional and regional games (except not at NLM or STaC games) for the Columbus National; the Profit & Loss statement includes the NABC Fund line item. See New Business below for discussion of various pricing issues.
- g) John to talk to Mark Ambrose about window tinting: John got a quote for about \$2,000. Blinds cost less but require cleaning and can break. A committee will investigate further; Hannah Davis and Norman Smith volunteered. Are there utility savings? Norman noted that it is too dark by table one.
- h) John to get quotes for a partition in the men's room: Norman brought a partition, and Chuck helped him install it.
- i) Norman to organize a painting party: Complete.
- j) Denise, Verna, Kay, and Janet to clean Bridgemates: Schedule is pending. John wants to organize a team to clean them regularly. Verna is concerned that we do not have enough operational Bridgemates for a big sectional. They cost \$250 each, and a pad replacement is \$1.00. John will look into this.
- k) Judy Gerald's to organize a chair cleaning party: Complete.
- l) John to look at a separate location for the photos: Bulletin board installed.
- m) John to talk to Bill McAvinue about 2-session Swiss games: Complete.
- n) John to talk to Kit about the Thursday night game. Complete.
- o) John to talk to Paul Coulter about returning to directing. Complete. Paul is directing the Thursday night game.

New Business

Lunch at Sectionals

Beth requested setting standards for each year for paying caddies, providing lunch or not, and the charge for lunch. The lunch today cost about \$300, or roughly \$3/person. John said he will get in touch with Andra in Lexington to find out how they handle lunch. Beth suggested charging \$3 extra per person for lunch. Chuck moved that we provide lunch for the tournament Swiss games and no lunch for other sectional events, and that we leave it up to the club officers to determine a charge for lunch; Judy seconded; and the motion passed. Verna, Norman, and John will work out lunch cost.

Caddies' Fee

The going rate for caddies is \$30/session (a day of Swiss counts as two sessions). Beth paid caddies less at the NonLife Master tournament, due to incorrect information. She will pay those caddies a supplement to get them up to \$30/session. Norman moved to standardize the pay for caddies at \$30/session; John seconded; and the motion passed. It was also noted that Cindy Viers did more than caddies, with all her help with the food, etc., and she should be paid more than the caddy rate.

Scheduling Future Tournaments Update

Dotty distributed a schedule of our sectional tournaments, which have been approved through 2023, with one exception. The Spring 2023 tournament has two options: Mar. 31-Apr. 2 or Apr. 14-16. Neither option conflicts with Easter, Passover, or Gatlinburg, although the later date is right before the Gatlinburg regional. The earlier date will conflict with the NCAA tournament semifinals, so it was agreed to go with Apr. 14-16, 2023.

New Chairs

Judy Gerald is interested in getting chairs with arms. She has a quote of \$91 for chairs with arms (one is in the club for testing) and \$81 without arms. Some chairs have slides; will slides catch in carpet? We need samples, and Judy will request additional samples. If the club doesn't have funds for chairs, Judy suggested soliciting chair donations, as was done when we moved. It was asked where Lexington got their chairs with arms.

Donation to District 11 Charity

The district has \$30,000 to give to charity and has asked all units for recommendations. Several suggestions were made: Alzheimers (supported by ACBL), Dreams with Wings (founded by Jean Naiser), and Mattie's House (drug rehab). Denise distributed a list of charities we donated to in the last five years. Hannah moved to donate to Mattie's House and also to Dreams with Wings, if a second charity is allowed; Janet seconded; and the motion passed. John will ask A.J. Stephani if we can submit two names.

Nominations/Election for Board of Directors

The nominating committee, consisting of Dotty Losey, Norman Smith, Hannah Davis, Joanne Traver, and Nancy Muzzey, announced the following candidates the board of directors for 2019-2020: Terri Chandler for downstate, and Pat Barber, Mike Berman, Carolyn Carpenter, June Woo Clausen, Jean Donoho, Bruce Ebanks, Judy Gerald, Monty

Grubbs, and Kit Overpeck for four open Louisville seats. The Kibitzer with a ballot will be mailed on Friday, 10/19/2018. The election day with free game for members will be Tuesday, 11/13/2018.

Holiday Party

Verna will talk to the directors to decide on a date for the holiday party, either 12/1 or 12/8. There was an issue last year with the Saturday night sanction as it was inactive; Dotty will check with Nancy Hall at the ACBL to activate the Saturday night sanction.

Charity Game

John has checked with Matt about the charity game, which he is working out.

Sales Tax

Chuck noted that we should show the sales tax designation for the tournament entry fee tomorrow. John will put it on the white board (Game - \$12.26, tax - \$.74, NABC - \$1.00).

Security

Norman brought up a serious issue regarding building security in the evenings, when the shopping center is sparsely populated and dark. Doors should be locked; smokers can go out and lock the doors again when they come back inside. Fire code is not an issue—doors are easily unlocked. Verna will advise directors to lock doors during the nighttime games.

Adjournment

Hannah moved to adjourn the meeting, Denise seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Executive Session

A brief executive session was held after the regular meeting adjourned.

Action Items

1. Beth will follow up with Bill re: the Google Search app for partner search.
2. A committee will investigate window tinting further; Hannah Davis and Norman Smith volunteered.
3. Denise, Verna, Kay, and Janet to clean Bridgemates: Schedule is pending.
4. John will look into repairing/replacing non-operational Bridgemates.
5. John will get in touch with Andra in Lexington to find out how they handle lunch at sectionals.
6. Verna, Norman, and John will work out lunch cost for Swiss events at sectionals.
7. John will find another source of board-making other than an individual playing in the tournament.
8. John will ask A.J. Stephani if we can submit two names for district charity donations.
9. Verna will talk to the directors to decide on a date for the holiday party, either 12/1 or 12/8.
10. Dotty will check with Nancy Hall at the ACBL to activate the Saturday night sanction.
11. Verna will advise directors to lock doors during the nighttime games.

Respectfully submitted,
Dotty Losey
LBA Secretary