

October 15, 2016
Minutes of LBA Meeting

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

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

Verna Goldberg was there as Directors' Representative.

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

Minutes

John Van Cleve moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; Norman Smith seconded, and the motion passed.

President's Report

Vangie Smith reported that the club is doing well financially. Table counts and income are up. Classes are doing well. The club's PC crashed, and data past February last year was wiped out. Frieda has reconstructed through May.

Vice President's Report

Jean Donoho noted that the sandwich lunch today at the Swiss sectional was a success; people liked it, and it moved quickly. Norman suggested that we need tongs to handle food; we can check the kitchen for tongs.

Treasurer's Report

Freida Trower distributed a basic balance sheet as of 9/30/16. She will have a detailed balance sheet next week. Cash is up. Vangie asked Freida to post a financial report monthly.

Concessions

Norman Smith is considering going back to Coke for the soda machine, as we have a secure closet to store drinks. This would allow the club to make a profit on drinks (there is none with Pepsi). We would need to raise the price to \$1.00 or \$1.25 for a 20-ounce drink. Norman will look at pricing and present a proposal. Norman will follow up with the vendor to get a voucher for reimbursements for money lost in the Pepsi machine.

Maintenance/Air Conditioning

John Van Cleve reported that some LED lights were just repaired and filters replaced. During the regional tournament, additional cold air returns and air vents (for ease of filter changes) will be installed, at an estimated cost of \$1500. The section on the east side is not on a heat pump, which concerns John. There are no dampers on air outlets, so air control is not available. Tim Curry, the AC contractor, is not expecting any problems. Carpet cleaning will also be done during the regional tournament.

Education

Candi Conway and Norman Smith are back at Manual, and this size of the class doubled (to two); it's going well. They will work with the same group of 18 at Bates Elementary. Verna Goldberg heard from Sandra Marlin that she is offering two classes for seniors at UK, and there are over 20 students in each class. Verna will get more information and pass it along to Candi.

Regionals

Per Sondra Holt, the regional planning is going fine; we have schedules. Hannah Davis talked to Sondra about charging all members of a team (when there are more than four on a team), and she agreed to the change.

New Business

- Erin Kennedy and Kit Overpeck are switching days that they direct (Erin to take Thursday and Kit Saturday). Kit proposes holding a free 9:00-9:30 introduction to bridge for beginners followed by an introductory duplicate game. Then there would be the regular open game and a 99er game with fewer boards and \$1 lower cost. Kit would like to start in December. Norman asked about waiting until January, to avoid a break for the holidays, and everyone agreed that starting in January is a good idea. Erin will be available to cover for Kit to direct the Saturday open game.
- Our dealing machine is broken and is being sent to an authorized dealer in Virginia to see if it can be repaired. Baron Barclay lent us one, and Verna asked them not to sell it without giving us first right of refusal. A new machine is \$4500. We take turns with Lexington dealing for the regional, and it's our turn this year. Norman asked if there are newer, better products available. Vangie will ask Gary Peterson or Bill Toutant to research dealing machine options.
- The club is using card tables that are owned jointly with Lexington for use at regionals. The non-folding tables we have are manufactured in Louisville but only available through a dealer. John Van Cleve will see if Costco has these. The club has 30 non-folding tables, and we will consider buying 10 more.
- Gus Schlueter wrote a letter about directors, as he is unhappy that Verna didn't run the instant matchpoint game, which provides a gold point for section top. Verna could not run the instant matchpoint game, as she does not have a Friday afternoon sanction; instead she ran a club appreciation game, which gives extra points. Gus's letter was caustic, and he later apologized. He said that where he played in Illinois, the owners of games had to sign a contract to do as the association desires, and he proposed a contract for club owners that they agree to do special games. The ACBL has these games as optional.
- Key List: We have not completed a key list for the new location. Dotty Losey will produce a list for key holders to sign.
- The Louisville fall sectional will be a two-day Swiss for the foreseeable future.
- The Holiday Party will be on Saturday, 12/10, with the LBA game in the afternoon and a club championship in the evening.

- ACBL-wide Charity Game: Erin Kennedy is running the ACBL-wide Charity Game on Tuesday, 11/22. She is organizing it, getting prizes, and directing.
- Annual Meeting and LBA/membership game will be on Tuesday, 11/15. The ballot box needs to be located.
- Goals for new year:
 - Discussed how Lexington holds monthly Swiss team games. We can do two sessions on Saturdays, and we discussed having Kit Overpeck run a two-session Swiss on one Saturday a month, starting at 10:00 a.m. like the sectional.
 - Running shorter games (21 boards) that start and end earlier and cost less may bring in new players.
 - Bring ideas to the February board meeting.

Fall Sectional

The board members acknowledged Jean Donoho's great effort and success in this weekend's tournament.

Tom Reece moved to adjourn the meeting, John Van Cleve seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:05.

Action Items

1. Freida Trower will post a financial report monthly.
2. Norman Smith will look at Coke vending pricing and present a proposal.
3. Norman Smith will follow up with the Pepsi vendor to get a voucher for reimbursements for money lost in the Pepsi machine.
4. Vangie will ask Gary Peterson or Bill Toutant to research dealing machine options.
5. John Van Cleve will see if Costco has tables like those in our club.
6. Dotty Losey will produce a list for key holders to sign.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dotty Losey
 LBA Secretary