

December 22, 2018
Minutes of LBA Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 by President John Van Cleve.

Other board members in attendance were: Pat Barber, Jean Donoho, Bruce Ebanks, Dotty Losey, Stuart Ray, and Janet Vowels. Kit Overpeck attended the first part of the meeting as a non-voting member.

Board members absent were: Judy Banks, Terri Chandler, Hannah Davis, Judy Geraldts, Matt Just, Kay Omanson, Norman Smith, and Denise Tonini.

Chair

June Clausen donated a chair for testing. Feedback is that it's comfortable and a good height.

Education Committee Report

Pursuant to Article 7.2 of the bylaws, John has named Kit Overpeck to a non-voting board position. The duties of this position will be to form and chair a committee to develop and coordinate new education programs. This position will not affect existing education programs.

Kit--with a singular focus on education--sought permission from John to make the committee report first on the meeting agenda. Upon completion of the report, Kit would then be able to leave the meeting.

Kit supplied a mission statement: develop simple and successful programs within the following three areas:

1. Outreach
2. Quality of experience
3. Quality of play

The first two items the committee will work on are: 1. An innovative education program developed from an European educational approach. 2. A program to develop and train new directors.

Assignments

The board member assignments for 2019 were finalized.

- Calendar and Back Page: Stuart Ray. John asked Stuart to talk to Beth Dlutowski, as much of this is automated.
- Bulletin Board: Judy Geraldts will continue here.
- Maintenance, Concessions, and Janitorial Supplies: Bruce Ebanks. There is not much maintenance besides changing air filters quarterly. Concessions include

ordering drinks, stocking the drink machine, and coordinating drink and coffee money deposits with Denise Tonini, Treasurer.

- Kitchen Supplies: Jean Donoho.
- Hospitality: Janet Vowels and Kay Omanson will continue here. John asked everyone on the board to pitch in with food and clean-up.
- Newcomers and Novices: Pat Barber and Bruce Ebanks. The club's viability relies on recruiting new players, and the focus of this assignment will be on getting novices to play at the club, sectionals, and regionals, as well as bringing in new players. John is willing to meet with social players, provide free plays at the club, and make the training room available for social games at a nominal fee. Responsibility for the Non-Life Master tournament will be folded into the VP's job. Pat will also shadow Dotty Losey's secretary activities.
- Regional Hospitality: Judy Banks will continue here.
- Down State Growth: Terri Chandler will not be assigned to regional hospitality but will work with Kit on education and training down state.
- Charity Games: Matt Just will continue here.

General Discussion

LED Lights

John is replacing fluorescent lights with LED panels, providing savings in energy and maintenance.

299ers

Bruce pointed out that it's a good idea to invite 299er folks to play in sectionals and regionals, and John encouraged experienced players to play with less experienced ones.

Bidding Boxes

Janet asked if we can replace dirty bidding box cards. John noted that we have new cards; if you see old dirty cards, take them out and replace them.

Bridgemates – Sticking Keys

Bridgemates sometimes have keys that stick. John knows how to clean the interiors, and he will ask for volunteers to clean up machines. John will also ask Bill Toutant if we can buy a supply of pads for inside Bridgemates. If a display can't be read, the Bridgemate needs to be sent out, which Bill Toutant coordinates.

Teacher Certificate Training

District 11 will sponsor Teacher Certificate training, likely in Cincinnati.

Adjournment

Pat moved to adjourn the meeting, Janet seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

Action Items

1. John will ask for volunteers to clean up Bridgemates.
2. John will ask Bill Toutant if we can buy a supply of pads for inside Bridgemates.

Respectfully submitted,
Dotty Losey
LBA Secretary