

**June 20, 2015**  
**Minutes of LBA Board Meeting**

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

Other members in attendance were: Carolyn Carpenter, Candi Conway, Hannah Davis, Erin Kennedy, Dotty Losey, Kay Omanson, Norman Smith, Marianne Thomas, Bill Toutant, and John Van Cleve (non-voting member).

Verna Goldberg was there as Directors' Representative.

Not in attendance were: Betsy Blakeman, Betsy Dues, Darlene Pyles, Tom Reece, and Tinker Zimmerman.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Norman Smith moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2015, meeting; Marianne Thomas seconded; and the motion passed.

President's Report

Vangie thanked the members of the board and other appointees for their outstanding work, with particular mention of the facility search committee, ongoing facility maintenance, new directors, supply purchasing/stocking, website maintenance, bridge lessons for first graders at Bates Elementary, and responsibilities fulfilled through surgery and family death.

Elections will be held in November, and Vangie asked if there are any volunteers for the nominating committee, which will consist of three board members and two at large. Changes to the standing rules to reflect the nominating committee were approved in Barren River last year. Dotty Losey will update the standing rules and send to Bill Toutant to post on the website. Vangie will run for president again, unless someone else really wants it. Bill noted that it would be especially good for Vangie to continue while the club is in the middle of its real estate change. Carolyn Carpenter is not returning as vice president. Dotty will run for secretary again, and Kay Omanson is considering whether to return as treasurer. Kay suggested a slate with the exact number of slots, to avoid hurt feelings. Nominations from the floor are allowed.

Treasurer's Report

Kay distributed year-to-date (January-May 2015) Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet reports. The spring sectional lost \$1800, due to the bad weather and the unexpected extra \$1500 fee for the space. The club has approximately \$100-120K available for renovations in the new facility, but we don't want to use it all. Hannah Davis moved to approve the report; Bill Toutant seconded, and the motion passed.

Education

Tinker Zimmerman texted the following to Vangie:

We had a mentor/mentee game for players with less than 20 points in March or early April after

Verna's class ended.

We have 19 mentor/mentee pairs working together now. We need to do this again. There will be a dinner on Tuesday, August 4 followed by a game. We need a director for this game.

The Shawnee boys and girls club bridge class is going on now for nine weeks. It ends for us on Wed., August 5. Marilyn Riese is in charge.

The YMCA program did not work out this summer. Norman may be able to report.

Candi or Norman can report on next year at Bates Elementary.

Vangie commended Candi Conway and Norman Smith for their work on bridge classes in school. They are working with Jeffersontown HS to establish a bridge class/club during school hours, and will go back to Bates Elementary for the after-school program. The Boys and Girls Club program will run for eight weeks this summer for third graders; about 12 are participating. The Mentoring Program has been quite effective; there are 25-30 players looking for mentors. There will be a game designed for mentor/mentee participants on 8/11. Carolyn Carpenter suggested doing another mentor cycle after the completion of Verna Goldberg's 2/1 class, which has 20 students. Tinker will write a report as an addendum to the meeting minutes (see attached addendum).

### Downstate

Downstate received \$500 to divide up as the downstate reps see fit, as agreed at the March 7, 2015, meeting. Betsy Blakeman will not be running again as downstate rep; Judy Banks will.

### New Facility

The facility search committee (Norman Smith, Bill Toutant, and John Van Cleve) made site visits to every place that anyone suggested. A location on South Hurstbourne is a good fit for the club's criteria. Verna engaged a professional space planner who designed a plan for 6,600 square feet, and Verna presented the space plan blueprint. The main playing area can handle approximately 32 tables with good space between, and the classroom will accommodate 12 tables. There is plenty of space to hold sectionals there, there is good parking, and the price is affordable. John discussed his plans to negotiate, along with the realtor, the lease and build-out. Bill moved to authorize John to enter into lease negotiations on behalf of the board; Hannah Davis seconded; and the motion passed. Verna also noted that the space planner advised that the build-out will need daily supervision.

### Directory

A new directory will be governed by the new ACBL privacy policy. Carolyn Carpenter will start on the directory after the June sectional. The current directory has about 600 listings, and so far about 270 directory update forms have been received. Carolyn will put up a sign at the desk, and she asks that we check with everyone we play with on whether they have filled out a directory slip. Without the slip, those listed must be called, and calls will start around 7/15/15. Marianne Thomas volunteered to help with phone calls. Verna will mention this at games, and other directors will hand out slips. Kay mentioned that Olan Mills and Life Touch produce directories for free (making their money on photos), and she will check with them to see if they are interested in doing a directory for us. The flash drive with the old directory is missing; if anyone has any idea where it could be, please tell Carolyn.

### Recovering Chairs

Hannah was on an earlier committee to purchase chairs, and they found it was cheaper to buy new chairs than to recover old ones.

### Hospitality

Marianne asked for a third person to help with hospitality. A few names were mentioned, and the hospitality chairs can form a subcommittee. Marianne will recruit volunteers. Verna will look for a 299er to help.

### Recycling

The club once had a container for recycling aluminum cans, but there was a problem with bugs. Phyllis Costello takes cans for recycling, and Kay volunteered to take them on days she plays. Paper recycling was also discussed. Directors can reduce the number of hand record copies they make, as more players look at the hands now posted online. Kay will also take excess paper.

### Meeting

Dotty requested the use of the club for one time only to hold a U of L Women's Club meeting during a time in July when there are no games. There are several bridge players among the group, and this would introduce them to our facility. Vangie moved to approve Dotty's use of the facility and to provide free play passes to attendees; Kay seconded; and the motion passed.

### Fall Charity Game

The fall charity game will be held on 10/27/15 in conjunction with the LBA game. This is not part of the ACBL-wide charity game, which conflicts with the November regional.

### Election

The board election will be held on 11/17/15. See the President's Report and Downstate sections above for details related to who's running.

At 6:30 Candi moved to adjourn, Kay seconded, and the motion passed.

### Action Items

1. Dotty Losey will update the standing rules and send to Bill Toutant to post on the website.
2. Kay will check with photography studios to see if they are interested in doing a directory for us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dotty Losey  
LBA Secretary

**Addendum to  
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### Education

#### Mentor/Mentee program

We started this program in May by lining up possible mentors. Then, Verna put up a sign-up sheet to see who wanted to be mentored. We have 19 pairs working now. We have ten who have not gotten a mentor yet. I plan to contact them to say we are working on the next mentor/mentee session and that they will be at the top of the list.

The current session ends, at least formally, with the game on August 4 before the non life master sectional. Some pairs may continue to play after that to get to six times.

I attended an education conference in Gatlinburg and learned about many exciting programs for teaching youth that are going on all over the southern region. I have materials to share and will plan a time to talk to interested teachers. (This will have to be after my jury duty in late July or in mid-August.)

We should have another 0-20 mentor/mentee game after the current classes end.

Submitted by Tinker Zimmerman