

October 3, 2015
Minutes of LBA Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by President Vangie Smith.

Other board members in attendance were: Betsy Blakeman, Carolyn Carpenter, Hannah Davis, Erin Kennedy, Dotty Losey, Kay Omanson, Darlene Pyles, Tom Reece, and Bill Toutant,

Verna Goldberg was there as Directors' Representative.

Other non-voting members in attendance were: Jean Donoho, Bob Losey, Kit Overpeck, Betty Paterson, and Janet Vowels.

Not in attendance were: Betsy Dues, Candi Conway, Norman Smith, Marianne Thomas, and Tinker Zimmerman.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Hannah Davis moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2015, meeting; Darlene Pyles seconded; and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Kay distributed and discussed year-to-date (January-August 2015) Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet reports. The club is \$9000 positive for the year. The spring sectional lost \$1800, due to the bad weather and the unexpected extra \$1500 fee for the space; the summer sectional lost \$663, due to contention with Father's Day; the NLM tournament made about \$2000 (some expenses are currently outstanding). Tom Reece moved to approve the report; Carolyn Carpenter seconded, and the motion passed.

Education

Boys and Girls Club: Vangie reported that after several sessions it was decided that the program was not viable. Parents did not send their kids every day, lessons could be done only as one-time things, and there was no continuity.

Bates Elementary: Norman Smith and Candi Conway conducted an 8-week after school program at Bates Elementary. There were three tables, attendance was good, and they went through the beginner program. They will repeat with the same group in February-March 2016.

Manual HS: Candi is working with Manual on a bridge program and would like to get another high school to compete with them. Classes will start 10/15/2015 at Manual using the ACBL curriculum. Kay Omanson and Sandi Bryant have been recruited as teachers. The board discussed offering students free play as a separate group in a sectional and also challenges with Lexington and Cincinnati's high schoolers.

Mentor/Mentee: This program was super successful. Verna matched up pairs, and a game with pizza was held just for this group. Vangie wants to do this twice a year.

See Tinker Zimmerman's report addendum at the end of the minutes.

Charity Game

Candi Conway is not able to do the charity game. LBA has not been participating in the ACBL charity games as they have been scheduled at times when we don't have a sanction, but we could do the 11/30/2015 Monday evening game if we could get a volunteer. Judy Gerald's was mentioned as a possibility.

Supplies

Verna noted that it would be helpful if directors would notify her or Bill Toutant if any supplies run out. A white board for noting supply needs was suggested.

Lessons

Bridge lessons are starting the first and second weeks of October and finish in early December. Verna is pleased with the turnout for classes and the number who have continued to play at the club. Verna prefers to wait to hold Bridge in a Day after we're in a new place. The next mentor-mentee game is tentatively scheduled 1/9/2016.

Nominations for Goodwill and Charity Committees

Vangie asked for suggestions for Goodwill and Charity Committee nominations. Verna Goldberg, recently appointed to the Goodwill Committee, said that this is honorary; no work is involved. One person from each district is appointed. Hannah Davis nominated Norman Smith for Goodwill; Kay Omanson seconded; and the motion passed.

Club Computer Guru

Gary Peterson has been in charge of the club's computer, with Bill Toutant as backup. Bill and Ralph Letizia have been updating the club's website. As recognition of Gary's time and technical expertise (and since he declined a quarterly \$150 stipend), the board agreed to give Gary free plays at unit sectionals and to pay for his play at the Louisville-Lexington regional. Hannah Davis will coordinate with Sondra Holt for Unit 117 to pay for Gary Peterson's play at the November regional. Bill gets free sectional play for his help setting up and taking down tables.

Regionals

Hannah noted that evening games at the November regional will start at 7:00 pm, rather than 7:30 pm as in the past. Morning and afternoon game schedules remain the same. Hannah asked everyone to talk up the regional, show up and play, and support our unit. Sondra Holt is asking about discounts for the buffet at Horseshoe. The casino will have concessions near the buffet, not at the entrance to the game room. A new restaurant will open in November, with the exact date unknown. Marianne Thomas will soon put out sign-up sheets for help at registration.

Nominating Committee

Carolyn Carpenter distributed a list of candidates nominated for LBA officers and board of directors. The officer nominees are: President - Vangie Smith, Vice President - Jean Donoho, Secretary - Dotty Losey, Treasurer - Freida Trower, Historian - Marianne Thomas.

The nominees for five board positions (four two-year terms and one one-year term, due to Marianne Thomas' nomination to Historian) are: Frank Collecchia, Bill Cook, Hannah Davis, Betsy Dues, Charles Fassler, Matt Just, Mickey Miller, Norman Smith, Denise Tonini, John Van Cleve, Janet Vowels. The down-state representative to the board, replacing Betsy Blakeman, is Judy Banks. Carolyn talked to all nominees and made clear that all board members are expected to handle a job assignment. Erin Kennedy suggested making sure that all board members get a job description. Vangie noted that job descriptions need to be updated. Hannah will take pictures of nominees for the Kibitzer.

New Facility

Vangie reviewed the current situation with the search for a new facility. We have until the end of October 2016 where we are now. The committee has visited every site suggested, and there are two possibilities at this time. The Linn Station Road location is beautiful, but the cost of \$14.50/sq.ft. is too much for our budget. The South Hurstbourne location is unpopular with many club members, and to put that in perspective, it was noted that the last two club moves were met with major resistance. A larger problem is that it's in receivership. John Van Cleve talked to the receiver, who would be willing to look at the proposal and would probably approve. John is preparing a schedule of reduced rent payments to recoup the club's construction costs. The committee continues to look at other properties. Regarding safety concerns in the South Hurstbourne area, Jean Donoho noted that she has lived there for 20 years, and it's safe. Bill Toutant asked if Mike Bauda expects a commission; per Verna, the owner would pay. Kay Omanson noted that our table fees are really low, and we may need to raise them. Many clubs charge a membership fee and have higher table fees for non-members.

NAP

Kit Overpeck is taking over NAP and GNT duties for the district. NAP coordination is more complicated. Kit is formalizing a process that will be rolled out in November to all units in the district. Each of the seven units will have a coordinator to work on point and partnership matters and to promote NAP participation. Vangie asked Tom Reece to be the Unit 117 NAP coordinator, working with Kit and Verna. Tom, Kit, and Verna will talk later. Kit noted that the District 11 website has a flyer for NAP and is a valuable resource for anyone playing outside the unit; we need a link to the district on our website.

Zero Tolerance

Kit discussed Zero Tolerance, an ACBL construct regarding conduct and ethics, administered at the local level by each sponsoring organization, i.e., LBA, Verna, Tony, Mauri, Bert, and Pat. Kit is drafting a conduct and ethics platform for directors to endorse and follow. All bad behavior should be reported to the unit recorder (secretary in unit 117) in order to establish any pattern of behavior. Discipline is administered by the director and recorder. Pam Feldhoff is the unit Conduct and Ethics appointee.

Other

Bill Toutant asked if we should have a policy or person in charge of cleaning out the refrigerator. Jean Donoho volunteered to throw out anything expired. Carolyn Carpenter

suggested that anything purposely left overnight should have a name and date on it. Refrigerator clean-up will be added to the Vice President's job description.

At 6:20 Bill moved to adjourn, Erin seconded, and the motion passed.

Action Items

1. Hannah Davis will coordinate with Sondra Holt for Unit 117 to pay for Gary Peterson's play at the November regional.
2. Hannah Davis will take pictures of nominees for the Kibitzer.
3. Tom Reece, Kit Overpeck, and Verna Goldberg will follow up on NAP coordination procedures for the unit.
4. Jean Donoho volunteered to throw out anything expired from the refrigerator.

Respectfully submitted,
Dotty Losey
LBA Secretary

Addendum to October 3, 2015 Minutes of LBA Board Meeting

Education

As I come to the end of my term on the Board, I want to say that it has been a pleasure to work with all of you all. I am also willing to continue to help build the education programs of our Club.

Programs

- 1) Mentor-mentee games after classes taught by Verna and Mauri

We have held one or two of these each year depending on scheduling issues. I do think these games should continue to help new players meet regulars and encourage participation. This game has been free for mentors; mentees pay for themselves only.

- 2) Boys and Girls Club classes

After three sessions, we the instructors decided that this is not a viable program. In the eight week summer program this year we only had six students out of 20 who came to at least five classes. Those six received framed certificates and decks of cards. Others who participated received decks of cards only. The problem which cannot be controlled by the staff is that the parents don't send the kids every day for eight weeks. For their summer program they need activities that are completed in one session for the kids who are there that day.

- 3) New Mentor-Mentee Program

This Spring/Summer we started a mentor/mentee project which paired experienced players with newer players who want to improve their skills. This was a loosely organized program. Some of the mentees were relative beginners while others were learning two over one. Verna helped match mentors with mentees, and in some cases mentors asked friends to be mentees. A general goal for most was to enable newer players to feel comfortable playing in the open game. Improving skills in playing the hand and bidding were left up to individuals. Each mentor's goal was to play six times or more with their mentees. The program concluded in mid-August with a special Tuesday night free game just for mentors and mentees. We had free pizza before

too. We had six and a half tables. About six pairs were unable to play.

For discussion:

- . Continue this program once or twice a year
- . Start one session after Verna's two over one class and work with these students
- . Final game was fun and successful. Should it be free?
- . When we move and have more space, we should start mentoring pairs of mentees who are regular partners. This way the mentor acts as observer.

4) Candi and Norman have another teaching program going. They should report on it. Their efforts are promising avenues for future bridge education.

Conclusion

I would like to see the programs we have started continue. As a retiring board member I volunteer to coordinate the next mentor-mentee program while working with the board's new coordinator of education.

Sorry to miss the meeting. See you all soon.

Tinker Zimmerman