

February 23, 2019
Minutes of LBA Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President John Van Cleve.

Other board members in attendance were: Judy Banks, Pat Barber, Terri Chandler, Hannah Davis, Jean Donoho, Judy Geraldts, Dotty Losey, Norman Smith, Denise Tonini, and Janet Vowels.

Board members absent were: Bruce Ebanks, Matt Just, Kay Omanson, and Stuart Ray.

Verna Goldberg attended as the Directors' Representative. Bob Losey, non-voting member, was there for the latter part of the meeting.

Old Business

Minutes of Last Meetings

Norman Smith moved to approve the minutes of the 9/29/2018 meeting, John Van Cleve seconded, and the motion carried. The minutes of the 12/22/2018 meeting have been recorded, distributed, and posted, but as there was not a quorum attending in December, John did not call for approval of those minutes.

Financial Review

Denise Tonini distributed Profit & Loss (Jan-Dec 2018) and Balance Sheet (through December 2018) reports. 2018 profit of \$11,000 is down from 2017's \$14,000; the major factor in the downturn is that three former games (Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday nights) are no longer held. 2018 tournament income was ~\$23,000. Rent is going up \$300/month.

Verna Goldberg noted that Lexington's monthly 8 is Enough potluck game averages 18 tables. In Lexington, players use sign-up sheets to get their own teams together. Hannah Davis moved to hold a monthly potluck game on last Sunday of the month, starting in March. Judy Geraldts seconded, and the motion carried. John will talk to Bill McAvinue about kicking this off on March 31. Verna suggested encouraging Bill to talk to Mauri Malka about 8 is Enough, as Mauri held a successful one a few years back.

Addendum: On 3/7/2019, John emailed board members the following 8 is Enough update.

In our last Board meeting we discussed having Eight Is Enough on the last Sunday of March or March 31st. I just realized we have a major conflict with the NABC in Memphis. I discussed this with Verna this morning, and she agrees that we should cancel the game. We suspect many players will be in Memphis playing, driving back home or just burned out. So the Eight Is Enough game originally scheduled for March 31th is cancelled and we will look for another time in the future.

Bill would you please look at the schedule of events for the rest of the year. We want to schedule single Swiss, Double Swiss and Eight is Enough throughout the year Sat or Sunday.

The club will hold a Spring Sectional on April 5-7, 2019. We have scheduled this additional sectional going forward, and it will bring in more income. John will announce this on Sunday and send out flyers.

Action Items from last meeting

1. Using Google group for finding partnerships: Complete.
2. Investigate window tinting: Bought shades instead. Will wait for summer to see if the window without a shade will need it.
3. and 4. Clean Bridge Mates/Status of Bridge Mates: John can demonstrate how to clean them after the 2/24/2019 game. Bring alcohol and microfiber cloth.
5. Discuss lunches with Lexington: John talked to Andra. Lexington charges \$13 for one tournament session and \$16 for one session with lunch. This amount covers the \$1 for the Columbus National and sales tax.
6. ACBL/District 11 Charity donation: At our club's recommendation, ACBL/District 11 made a donation of \$5,000 to Mattie's House, a drug and alcohol recovery program for women. Tom Reece's wife is involved with Mattie's House, and Tom expressed his appreciation for the donation.

New Business

Kentucky State Tax Issue

Sales tax is being filed quarterly. It's possible that the tax on not-for-profits will be rescinded. If sales tax goes away, the club will continue to charge \$7.50 per game.

Special Project on Chairs with Arm Rests

Judy Gerald distributed the Chair Committee Report. The committee completed a survey of members' preferences among the eight different chairs available. The top two favorites were the maroon chairs and the sample smaller black padded chair with arms and sled base. The cost of reupholstering old chairs is higher than buying new ones. The club has \$2,000 in donations set aside for chairs.

Norman moved to buy 24 of the recommended black chair with arms and dispose of 24 bright red chairs and also the 12 threadbare ones now in storage, Jean Donoho seconded, and the motion carried. John authorized Judy to buy new chairs. Norman will give her the information on ordering them. The chairs will need to be assembled.

Addendum: On 3/3/2019 John emailed board members the following update on chairs.

I believe I did not adequately explain my thoughts, concerning chairs. Judy and the committee did a great job gathering the information. Judy's survey said the bright red chairs were the least appreciated. With that said everyone was thinking they should be eliminated. I do not believe that should be the case. I believe the chairs that are thread

bare or severely stained regardless of color should be the top priority. We will do this by closely inspecting the chairs. Judy had already started with the bright red chairs, but the rest need to be evaluated.

The other issue was the selection of the arm chair to be purchased. I believe we need to find a compromise on this issue. The arm chair the club evaluated and selected on the survey was totally ignored and a chair not evaluated by the entire club was selected because it had a hard surface on the arms. I think the compromise is to buy 12 of the soft arm chairs and 12 of the hard surface arm chairs. We can see over time how these chairs hold up.

This is the route I want to go and will proceed. I have already discussed this issue with Norman and Denise, and they support my decision. If you have a serious issue then you can contact me. I appreciate everyone listening.

We discussed the possibility of donating chairs to downstate clubs. Judy Banks said there is no place to store them, so they can't use them. Judy Gerald's will advertise the old chairs on Craig's List with an asking price of \$5 apiece.

We have 25 smaller black cloth chairs that stack and are used for tournaments. Norman will check with the fire marshal on stacking them in the back hallway. They may also be stored in the training room.

Recycling

Phyllis Costello has petitioned to stop using foam cups and plates, replacing them with paper products, in an effort to go green and help the planet. Foam does not disintegrate in landfills. John distributed his analysis of prices for current foam products v. paper product replacements. The additional cost is about \$600 annually for paper, mainly for cups, which we use at the rate of 11,000 per year.

85 members signed Phyllis' petition, and Phyllis said that there are donors interested in supporting a change to paper. We could put up another jar to collect donations for paper cups. The use of ceramic mugs is a dishwashing issue due to lack of space in the dishwasher for the volume, directors not running the dishwasher, and a question of cleanliness.

John suggested starting small and using paper plates and bowls, after using up existing product first. Verna suggested putting up signs and a notice on the website that we're going green. Hannah will set up a green box for donations.

Norman asked about looking at what we can do to recycle aluminum cans and whether the payment for aluminum is worth the effort. The club's cans now go to Kay Omanson's church for recycling. Norman will look into aluminum recycling.

Education Committee Report

Kit was attending Bob Losey's presentation on IMP strategies, and he provided a written U117 Education Report, provided below.

- The Saturday morning Critical Thinking program is going well. The average attendance is 30 participants. Anecdotal feedback indicates that this is popular and worthwhile program.
- The U117 Ed committee has acquired funding to send Kit Overpeck and Vangie Smith to Memphis to take Learn Bridge in a Day training.
- There was positive feedback on creating a UCC [Uniform Code of Conduct for the club].
- U117 Ed is researching several programs. I will keep you updated.

John will follow up on where the funding for Bridge in a Day training came from.

With respect to a UCC, Norman noted there is the usual grumbling at games. He suggested that each of us take responsibility for being sure we treat people cordially and with tolerance.

Any New Issues

Relaxed Bridge: Verna is concerned that relaxed bridge may not work out because about half of the 299ers complain about slow play. Perhaps it would work for another time, such as Friday night.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED): Pat Barber suggested having an AED on-site, given the demographic profile of our players. This was once investigated and decided against, due to cost, training, maintenance, and potential liability. The cost has gone down. Norman will investigate again.

April 2019 LBA Game: The fourth Tuesday of April coincides with the Gatlinburg Regional. We agreed to move this game to the third Tuesday, 4/16/2019.

Adjournment

Judy Banks moved to adjourn the meeting, Jean seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Action Items

1. John will talk to Bill McAvinue about kicking off a monthly potluck Eight is Enough game in March to be held on the last Sunday of the month.
2. Judy Gerald's will order 24 new chairs in the recommended style with arms and sled base.
3. Judy Gerald's will advertise the old red chairs on Craig's List with an asking price of \$5 apiece.
4. Norman will check with the fire marshal on stacking the small black chairs in the back hallway.
5. Hannah will set up a green box for donations for paper products.
6. Norman will look into aluminum recycling.

7. Norman will investigate an Automated External Defibrillator again.

Respectfully submitted,
Dotty Losey
LBA Secretary