

June 22, 2019
Minutes of LBA Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President John Van Cleve.

Other board members in attendance were: Pat Barber, Hannah Davis, Jean Donoho, Bruce Ebanks, Judy Geraldts, Dotty Losey, Kay Omanson, Norman Smith, Denise Tonini, and Janet Vowels.

Board members absent were: Judy Banks, Terri Chandler, Matt Just, and Stuart Ray.

Verna Goldberg attended as the Directors' Representative. Bob Losey, non-voting member, attended, and Kit Overpeck, non-voting member, also attended for the first part of the meeting.

Old Business

Minutes of Last Meetings

Norman Smith moved to approve the minutes of the 2/23/2019 meeting, Hannah Davis seconded, and the motion carried.

Financial Review through April

Denise Tonini distributed Profit & Loss (Jan 1 - April 30, 2019) and Balance Sheet (Jan 1 - April 30, 2019) reports. Denise set up a 15-month CD for \$50,000 earning 2.5% at Commonwealth Bank. The \$50,000 escrow with Brixmor will be available December 2020. John will provide a copy of the lease to Denise. The chair fund now stands at ~\$450 after buying 12 chairs with padded arms and 12 chairs with non-padded arms. John moved to buy additional non-padded arm chairs and to use any remaining funds to clean chairs with cloth backs; Norman seconded; and the motion passed unanimously. Since the end of March, sales tax is no longer collected; the state will not refund the first quarter tax. We had decided not to lower game fees after the tax was rescinded, and the club is now making an additional \$700-800 monthly. Net income through April is approximately \$3,750.

Action Items from last meeting

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. Bill scheduled a game on 7/21/19, and there is a sign-up sheet on the whiteboard.
2. Status of the chairs. 24 new chairs have been received.
3. Norman will check with the fire marshal on stacking the small black chairs in the back hallway. Norman will check first with the landlord regarding what will be offered to a new tenant that takes the space vacated by the restaurant. He asked if the lease addresses use of the back hallway. John will get the landlord's phone number for Norman.
4. Hannah will set up a green box for donations for paper products. John thanked Hannah for setting up on the directors' desk the donation box, which is collecting contributions.

5. Norman will look into aluminum recycling. Pending. Vangie now takes cans for her granddaughter, and Kay takes plastic recycling. The board agreed that it's okay for Vangie to take cans. Norman is looking for places to take recycling, and he notes that we need to manage this better.
6. Norman will investigate an Automated External Defibrillator again. Norman reported that it costs a minimum of \$1200 for a dependable unit (lower than the last time the club checked). Red Cross gives AED lessons. Opinion was split among board members whether an AED would be a positive thing, given the age of our membership, or a potential liability. Denise will ask our insurance agent for an opinion on having a defibrillator and also whether the insurance covers medical liability.

New Business

Education, NAP/GNT, Code of Conduct

Kit attended the first part of the board meeting and provided an update on education, NAP/GNT, and conduct. In the next 30-60 days, four new education programs will begin.

- Learn and Play: On Thursday evenings, there will be a lecture before the game; the lecture fee will also cover playing in the game that follows.
- Critical Thinking Skills: This class will resume. Kit has four presenters to assist.
- Group Discussions: After the Monday, Tuesday, and Friday games, there will be a discussion of "What Went Wrong and How to Keep it from Happening Again." Kit is recruiting discussion leaders. There is a calendar for sign-ups. Kit will coordinate the schedule with Verna and Randy's classes.
- Eight is Enough: Starting in August, Kit is planning a Saturday evening Eight is Enough game. Denise is helping him. He wants to break up the "super B" teams, with a maximum of 3 Bs on a team. This game will be more about education with a goal of attracting C players in a more relaxed environment.

Unit NAP Finals

Kit is the NAP/GNT coordinator for the unit. He proposed holding U117 non-binding NAP Unit Finals on Saturday, 10/12/19, at 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The district holds NAP Finals the following weekend for district pairs (3 As, 4 Bs, and 4 Cs) to compete in the nationals. The unit finals are non-binding, as they are not needed for district qualification. The purpose is to advertise NAP and to provide C players an opportunity to earn red and gold points. Kit provided a breakdown of costs based on 10 tables, which he thinks is a conservative number and would break even, after awarding \$50 to the top pair in each stratification. Bill McAvinue agreed to direct the games, at a reduced table fee if necessary. Lexington can be invited to play. John asked that Kit confirm the gold point awards. Norman moved to accept the U117 NAP Finals proposal, Bruce Ebanks seconded, and the motion was approved. We need to get this on the calendar and start promoting it.

Unit GNT

The 2021 GNT games will be held in Cincinnati. Kit was assured that Louisville's interest in hosting in the future will be recognized.

Conduct

Bill Cook is the unit's Ethics Chair, and Kit is helping him produce Code of Conduct standards. John and Norman have concerns regarding some poor conduct observed. A newer pair reported feeling uncomfortable at the Worldwide game but would not give any details. Kit suggests using Common Game hands and records, as they allow players to make anonymous comments that are sent to designated contacts. Bill Toutant and Verna agreed to use Common Game hand records; Bill can lead a team to transfer files from a drop box to directors' folders. These are free and include expert analysis on daytime game hands. Verna is interested and wants to handle downloads for herself. Kit and Verna will set up a meeting with the other directors. The board is interested in giving this a try.

Norman is concerned about promoting an overall environment where players feel comfortable. Kit suggested that directors give a zero tolerance short spiel before all games. Verna and Kit will discuss controlling games and bad conduct with the directors. Kit noted that at LBA-sponsored events, complaints can be filed with the unit recorder, Dotty Losey. There is a form to complete, and the recorder researches the report and forwards it to the Ethics chair if deemed appropriate; another option is following up with coaching and counseling.

Kit left the meeting after the education, NAP/GNT, and conduct discussion finished.

Cleaning Bridgemates

After the meeting, John will demonstrate how to clean Bridgemates.

Code of Conduct Standards

Bill Cook and Kit Overpeck are working on Code of Conduct standards.

Volunteers for Columbus

Nationals will be held next March in Columbus, OH, and John recently sent an e-mail looking for volunteers to help with the tournament. Norman and Hannah are coordinating Louisville volunteers with Columbus. Norman has contact information, which he will post.

Bates Elementary

John complimented Norman and his team for completing their fifth year teaching bridge at Bates Elementary. They are talking about what they will do next year. Sandy Spears qualified as a bridge teacher, and Norman would like to use Sandy if we go to Bates again.

Other Bridge Class Opportunities

We need to grow the number of tables at the club. John asked Sandy Spears to get with Verna Goldberg and Mauri Malka, who teach classes at the club, to see if they can change things up, such as holding classes at the library. Sandy wrote a class proposal to Bellarmine. Norman will talk to Sandy about Bellarmine and also going back to the Board of Education to be included in Adult Education offerings.

Directing the LBA Game

Mauri Malka is no longer directing LBA games, due to her busy schedule. Bill McAvinue has taken over the LBA game, and another director has indicated interest in it. The board agreed with having two directors alternate running the LBA game, as it provides ready backup. John will follow up with the two directors.

Bridge Documentary

Bruce Ebanks is interested in *Double Dummy*, a documentary about young players in a tournament. Several board members received an e-mail about this, and Bruce will forward the e-mail to the entire board. Dotty Losey will follow up with the film curator at the Speed Museum to see if there is any interest in showing it at the Speed Cinema.

Guest Speaker: Robert Todd

Verna reminded us of the successful Frank Stewart program last year. Randy Baron is talking to Robert Todd, a nice, bridge-wise, younger generation player who has been presenting two-day seminars at tournaments. Todd is available on Sunday, 9/15/19, for a lecture and game, as was done with Frank Stewart, and Bill McAvinue can run the game. The board agreed to pursue this speaker.

Mentor-Mentee Game

Mentors and mentees have been playing together this spring. It was agreed to hold a mentor-mentee pizza party and game on Friday, July 12, 2019. Other special games in July are Eight is Enough on 7/21 and LBA on 7/23.

Adjournment

Kay moved to adjourn the meeting, Jean seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Action Items

1. John will provide a copy of the lease to Denise.
2. Norman will check with the landlord regarding what will be offered regarding the back hallway (where we would like to store black stacking chairs) to a new tenant that takes the space vacated by the restaurant.
3. John will get the landlord's phone number for Norman.
4. Denise will ask our insurance agent for an opinion on having a defibrillator and also whether the insurance covers medical liability.
5. Kit and Verna will set up a meeting with the other directors to discuss using the Common Game and controlling games and bad conduct.
6. Norman will post Columbus volunteer contact information.
7. Norman will talk to Sandy Spears about Bellarmine and also going back to the Board of Education to be included in Adult Education offerings.
8. John will follow up with the two directors re: alternating the LBA game responsibility.
9. Bruce will forward the *Double Dummy* documentary e-mail to the entire board.
10. Dotty will follow up with the film curator at the Speed Museum to see if there is any interest in showing *Double Dummy* at the Speed Cinema.

Respectfully submitted,

Dotty Losey
LBA Secretary