

**March 7, 2015**  
**Minutes of LBA Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Vangie Smith.

Other members in attendance were: Carolyn Carpenter, Candi Conway, Hannah Davis, Betsy Dues, Erin Kennedy, Dotty Losey, Tom Reece, Norman Smith, Marianne Thomas, Bill Toutant, and Tinker Zimmerman.

Verna Goldberg was there as Directors' Representative.

Not in attendance were: Betsy Blakeman, Kay Omanson, and Darlene Pyles.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Marianne Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2015, meeting; Tom Reece seconded; and the motion passed.

Sectional Data

Vangie distributed preliminary figures on the February sectional tournament. The loss to date is \$1,744, and additional costs for hospitality are expected. The loss is attributable to the bad weather (table count was down 50 from last year) as well as an unexpected increase in the St. Matthews Community Center rental.

There were many positive comments on the location, and it was noted that the number of novices attending was high. Some players did not want to pay for lunch on Sunday.

The June sectional is scheduled for 6/19-21/15. St. Matthews Community Center will want \$3,000 again for space rental. Less parking will be available there due to a ball game, but the banks of snow will not be an issue for parking.

Treasurer's Report – Year End

Vangie distributed Kay Omanson's end of year Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet reports. Total 2014 income was \$90,783.32, and net income was \$14,739.53.

Frank Bowen's recap of 2014 table counts was distributed. Totals for 2014 were 6,039.5 non-STaC tables and 310.5 StaC tables.

New Facility

Vangie distributed a summary of pros and cons with respect to 10300 Linn Station Road, asides on other possibilities, and a rough comparison of 2014 expenses for the current location versus the Linn Station location with an estimated increase in table fees.

10300 Linn Station wants a 3-year lease with a 3-year option to extend. We want a 5-year lease with 5-year option. Pros and cons were discussed. Verna advised not to let them pressure us; we can give them our parameters and let them choose. Bill Toutant asked whether it is still too early to be doing anything now; the lease is up November, 2015, we

must be out in October, 2016, and any buildout will take time (about three months for current location). We don't have to panic, but we can't let it go.

Vangie will appoint a committee to head up the new facility search. Bill Toutant and Norman Smith agreed to serve on the committee; Vangie will ask John Van Cleve or Ken Hays to join them. The committee will report on a monthly basis.

The following parameters for the search were agreed upon:

- Optimal lease start date between 11/30/2015 and 8/1/2016; earliest date possible is 9/2015
- 4500-5000 square feet
- Good storage
- \$10/sq. ft. or less
- 100 parking spots

Buildout must be considered. Sufficient space for sectional does not have to be a requirement.

It was agreed that engaging a realtor is to our advantage. Verna and Vangie will give their realtor contact information to the committee. We will have Mauri's father continue his effort.

The board recognized Vangie for doing a great job on the facility search.

#### Downstate

The downstate games in unit 117 (Campbellsville, Hodgenville, and Glasgow) do not receive any funds from the unit. Vangie discussed their needs with the downstate reps. Hannah Davis moved to give \$500 for 2015 for the downstate reps to divide as needed; Tinker Zimmerman seconded; and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Charity Game 3/10/15

Players in Verna's games have asked how the Pro Player raffle will work. Ticket purchasers will not choose a specific "pro;" there will be drawings from the pot for each game. It was suggested that "local expert" may be a better description than "pro player." Candi noted that raffle ticket sales to date are \$795. At the game she will announce that the charity (Alzheimer's) was chosen in honor of Mike Sloan's parents. Mauri Malka will direct, and she is prepared to do a 299er game if there are sufficient numbers.

#### Education

Tinker Zimmerman discussed various education activities.

JCPS: Candi Conway and Norman Smith are looking into possibilities at JCPS. Tinker has material used previously, and other material is available from ACBL. Norman gave pre-K-1 information to Candi; will focus there. Candi will present to the principal, planning on one hour on Wednesdays. Vangie will sub for Candi when she is in Gatlinburg.

Boys and Girls Club: Tinker will present information on LBA's Boys and Girls Club program at the First Gatlinburg National Youth Bridge Conference in April. Tinker is waiting to hear from the Shawnee Boys and Girls Club on dates for summer; then she will contact last year's teachers and others interested. About 10 teachers are needed to provide five teachers per week. Last year students received a framed certificate, cards, and a pizza party, for a total expense of ~\$50. Vangie moved that we pay for certificates, cards and pizza; Bill seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Mentoring Program: The mentor/mentee game is scheduled for 3/21/15 from 10:00 – 12:00. We need to figure out whether the sanction needs to be changed for the 10:00 start. It was agreed to charge \$5.00 for mentees. Tinker will provide coffee and pastries. Carolyn Carpenter has name tags. Verna will put up a sign-up sheet.

Vangie and Tinker met to discuss the Dayton mentoring program. Tinker wants Verna and Mauri to suggest people to be mentees. The main point is to make new players comfortable playing the game and that established players are nice. Tinker wants to organize the program to start in mid-May or June and go 6-8 weeks, until the beginning of August. A couple of games will be targeted for mentoring. Betsy asked whether it's okay for mentor/mentee pairs to be in the C group, regardless of the mentor's points; this can't be done. It is not feasible to designate the Tuesday night game for mentor/mentees; but Vangie said it's okay to do once a month. Tinker will outline the mentoring program and e-mail to all for suggestions.

Vangie will e-mail the information on the Rockford, IL, mentoring program that Brian Ross sent her.

Home Style Bridge: Tinker is interested in something between Home Style social bridge and Bridge the Gap. She envisions a one-time game where current players bring in a friend to play to see if it works. It would be more social by being friendly, explaining alerts, avoiding calling the director on small things.

Learn Bridge in a Day/Patty Tucker's Whirlwind Bridge: The cost of \$150 covers all materials and license to teach for one year, which can be renewed. When Tinker gets information on Bridge in a Day, then a date can be determined and program information sent to Retired Teachers. September schedule must work around Rosh Hashanah (9/13-15) and Yom Kippur (9/22-23).

ACBL Educational Materials: Free certificates for bridge students are available from ACBL. The upcoming Nationals in New Orleans will have a two-hour seminar on education, and Tinker will see what materials they have. Look on the ACBL home page under the "Learn" tab for an abundance of materials and resources.

Norman Smith noted that we want to educate people and bring in new players, and he believes we can best do this by concentrating on two or three programs. Tinker agrees and will start with the mentor/mentee game. Vangie has four priorities: Boys and Girls Club, JCPS, mentor/mentee game, and mentoring program.

### Complaints

Marianne Thomas communicated a continuing problem with fighting between partners. There were complaints at the sectional. Calling the director is the proper procedure to address this issue.

Erin Kennedy asked if we could install cameras to stem thievery. Monitoring the cameras is an obstacle, and cameras will not be installed.

### Directory

A new directory will be governed by the new ACBL privacy policy. Carolyn Carpenter will do the directory after the June sectional. Marianne Thomas volunteered to help with phone calls if needed.

### Friendliness

Tom Reece said that he makes an effort to introduce himself to new people at the club, and he always speaks to those he knows. As board members, it starts with us to set a good example.

At 11:55 Tom moved to adjourn, Tinker seconded, and the motion passed.

### Action Items

1. Provide \$500 to downstate representatives to divide among downstate games (no assignee).
2. Figure out whether the sanction needs to be changed for the 10:00 start of the 3/21/15 game (no assignee).
3. Tinker will outline the mentoring program and e-mail to all for suggestions.
4. Vangie will e-mail the information on the Rockford, IL, mentoring program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dotty Losey  
LBA Secretary