

Lake County Duplicate Bridge Clubs, Inc.

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Special Board Meeting Minutes Saturday, February 18, 2017

The February 18, /2017 LCDBC, Inc. special meeting was opened by Steve Treiber, President.

Directors in attendance included: **Steve Treiber**, President; **Toni Taylor**, Vice President; **Joyce Engstrom**, Secretary; **John Carusone**, Board member; **Kathleen Rankin**, Board member; **Ginger Rudolph**, Board member. Also present were: **David Bischooping**, Club Manager; **Lindley d'Ouille**, Accountant; **Don Kramer**, Ethics Committee Chair; **Joan Mager**, Education Committee Chair; **Bill Yockel**, Club member.

SPECIAL MEETING DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Treasurer / Paid Accountant Positions:

After the ensuing discussion of each position as they relate to and are covered by or not covered by our Bylaws, as the case may be, it was decided that Ginger Rudolph, as the Board Member covering Finances, would meet with Lindley d'Ouille, the paid Accountant to become better acquainted with the Treasurer/Accountant functions. After the familiarization orientation has been completed, the Bylaws will be reviewed as they relate to the Treasurer/Paid Accountant functions to determine if an amendment is required to bring the functions in line with the LCDBC Bylaws. Step one is receiving an update from Ginger regarding her indoctrination sessions with Lindley. Step two will be a review of the Bylaws to determine if an amendment to the Treasurer's description portion of the Bylaws is needed to bring the Bylaws and the current Operational activities in alignment.

2. Increase to Regular Game fee:

It was determined that an increase to the current game fees is in order. The last increase was 8 years ago. Effective March 1, 2017 the game fees will be increased by one dollar from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for current dues paid Club members and from \$6.00 to \$7.00 for non-Club members/outside guests. Additionally, it was determined that, for now, the special ACBL special games would remain at \$7.00 for everyone. However, increasing guest fees to \$8.00 will be discussed at the March 8, 2017 Board meeting.

Also scheduled to be discussed at the March 8, 2017 Board meeting will be the consideration of prorating yearly dues. Because in addition to Club members who remain in the area throughout the year, we also have Club members who are in the area for 6 months, 9 months and other increments of time. If we offer prorated Annual Club membership dues, it may result in an increase in membership.

3. Monday Morning 299'er Game Status:

Based on comments and thoughts received from the David Bischooping, Club Manager, and members who play in the 299'er game, it was decided to leave the game at the 299 level for now. Further evaluation will be completed as we go into the summer months.

4. Change Board Meeting Time and/ or date:

Consideration of changing the Board time and/or date was reviewed for the purpose of making it possible for David Bischooping, Club Manager, (who has a full-time position outside of the Bridge Club) to attend the Board meetings. After an in-depth discussion, it was decided to leave the Board meeting day and time, as it is currently scheduled, the second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. If needed, David will be available via telephone during the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have.

5. **Other Discussion Item(s): Posting of Board Meeting Minutes:**

Based on comments received from Bryce Norwood at the January 11, 2017 Board meeting regarding the posting Board Meeting Minutes prior to being approved at the next Board meeting, the Board discussed the matter. To a person, all of the Board members agreed by consensus that Board meeting minutes would only be posted after they had been approved at the next Board meeting. For example: The Minutes of the January 11, 2017 Board meeting were approved at the February 15, 2017 meeting and posted on the Board of Directors information bulletin board immediately following the February meeting. The exception to this practice will be the Annual Meeting Minutes. The January 11, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes were posted with a qualifying footnote stating the Minutes are, **“Subject to approval by the Board of Directors at its January 10, 2018 Annual Meeting of Members.”**

6. **Membership Proposals:**

John Carusone, Board member and Membership Chair submitted the following for consideration:

Proposal 1: Change Monday mornings to 499 and under, no Life Masters

Proposal 2: Create a hybrid. Based on the statistics submitted to us recently by Toni Taylor, play falls off significantly over the summer months. From June through October, average total table count was 189, and for the other months, 271. It would make sense to have Monday mornings for the months of June through October, 499 and under, no Life Masters, and 299 and under the other seven months.

Proposal 3: Don't change anything.

Following a discussion of John's proposals, it was decided to table the discussion for further consideration at the March 8, 2017 Board meeting. This is not a subject that can be resolved with "quick" fixes, but rather well thought out strategies will be required. John has given the Board a good starting point to create such strategies.

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be: **Regular Meeting of the Board;** 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Engstrom, Secretary