

# Lake County Duplicate Bridge Clubs, Inc.

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## Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 8, 2017

In the absence of Steve Treiber, President, the March 8, 2017 LCDBC, Inc. Regular meeting was opened by Toni Taylor, Vice President.

Directors in attendance included: **Toni Taylor**, Vice President; **Joyce Engstrom**, Secretary; **John Carusone**, Board member; **Kathleen Rankin**, Board member; **Ginger Rudolph**, Treasurer. Also present were: **Jerry Fields**, Purchasing Committee Chair; **Binny Foland**, Sunshine Committee Chair; and **Don Kramer**, Ethics Committee Chair.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Upon a motion duly made by John Carusone, and seconded by Kathleen Rankin, the minutes of the February 15, 2017 Regular meeting and February 18 Special meeting were accepted as submitted and were unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ginger Rudolph's report included the following:

- The donation of \$5,000, from a Club member who wishes to remain anonymous has been designated to be used for capital improvements to LCDBC, and \$200 rent from the Leesburg Duplicate Bridge Club has been posted to the Maintenance account.
- There is an expense of \$500 per month that is paid quarterly that is not accounted for. More information will follow about this payment at a future Board meeting.
- Lindley d'Ouille, Accountant, will attend Board meetings if there is anything out of the ordinary.
- Following a discussion regarding the duties of the Treasurer and paid Accountant position, it was agreed that the LCDBC Bylaws should be amended to coincide with the revised Club operational practices instituted by the two positions.

Upon a motion duly made by John Carusone, and seconded by Kathleen Rankin, the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

### **Vice President's Report:**

No formal report, but Toni Taylor mentioned that the Board of Directors Information Bulletin Board may need to be replaced with a larger Board. It appears that a lot of the membership is not aware of either the Board or the information it contains. If we had a larger bulletin board, category labels could be put on the board to direct members to the information that is posted on it for their enlightenment (i.e., a copy of the Bylaws, Board Minutes, Table Count and Partnership reports, etc.).

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education – Joan Mager:** No report.

**Membership – John Carusone:** John shared a list of thoughts and suggestions for membership including the updating of the LCDBC phone directory. John advised he is working with Bryce Norwood to complete the directory update that will include cell phone numbers and eMail addresses.

To facilitate the process, John created a short "Information Update" card for members to fill out and return in the box that is located on the "pencil sharpener" utility table next to the kitchen area.

Don Kramer shared some thoughts resulting from a visit to the Orlando North Bridge Club that included having a small lesson workshop before play.

**Ethics – Don Kramer:** No formal report. Don reported everything remains quiet on the Ethics Committee front.

**Social – Pam Miller and Toni Taylor:** Toni reported:

- The next event will be the Springfest Pot Luck on April 19.
- The remaining Pot Lucks for the year will be held in July and October, with the Christmas Party following in December.

**Purchasing – Jerry Fields:** Jerry stated he has been able to save the Club a substantial amount of money because of the Sam's Club "business" category of membership he procured. The card and membership is in Jerry's name, but the Bridge Club is listed as the "business." The advantages of the Sam's Club Business membership include monetary discounts afforded to businesses and being able to shop earlier than the general public. The Bridge Club is able to reap the benefits, but does not have the liability of "owning a credit card."

**Maintenance – J. J. Bursell:** Has been fixing squeaky chairs because of many having loose screws. It seems that with continued use, the "squeaks" have become more prevalent since the chairs were first assembled.

**Partnership – Jerry Robie:** No formal report. The Partnership eMail system continues to work well

**Table Count Report–Toni Taylor:** The decrease of 63.0 tables in February 2017 (241.5) vs. February 2016 (304.5) can be attributed in part to a great number of our members being ill and not able to play bridge during the month of February.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

After further considering the matter of game fees, the Board determined that non-club members should pay \$1.00 more regardless of the type of game being played. Initially, David Bischooping recommended not having any game fee over \$7.00. However, the Board has decided that the Club should be consistent in its practice of maintaining a Club-member / Non-Club member fee status.

Upon a motion duly made by John Carusone, and seconded by Ginger Rudolph, raising the Special Game fee to \$8.00 for Non-Club members was unanimously approved.

Until further notice, the game fee structure at LCDB Clubs, Inc. shall be:

- Regular Games: Club Members = **\$6.00** and Non-Club Members = **\$7.00**
- Special Games: Club Members = **\$7.00** and Non-Club Members = **\$8.00**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Club Manager's Report – David Bischooping:**

- The Bob Pashe and Marilyn Mareno Memorial Garden has been planted around the Jim Timpe bench. The Board thanked David Bischooping and Bill Yockel for their efforts and generous gift to the Bridge Club.
- New cards will replace the current well-used stock beginning in April.
- David shared his thoughts on a "Half Table" and when it is necessary.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Binny Foland, Sunshine Committee Chair, had questions regarding LCDB Club policies and requested clarification on several points of information. After the ensuing discussion concluded, Binny thanked the Board for its response to her questions and concerns. Additionally, Binny also complimented the Board on a great job.

**Game Directors Comments:** None.

**Suggestion Box:**

A member asked about who pays when the Game Directors call someone in to fill out a table. Game Director Denise Erwin stated that she has the player pay the game fee if he/she is eligible to receive points. To ensure consistency, the Board will recommend that at his next meeting with the Game Directors, Club Manager David Bischooping ask if they all handle the situation in the same manner.

**ADJOURNMENT and NEXT MEETING:**

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

The next Regular meeting of the Board will be at: 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Engstrom, Secretary