

Lake County Duplicate Bridge Clubs, Inc.

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Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 10, 2017

The May 10, 2017 LCDBC, Inc. Regular 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; and **Ginger Rudolph**, Treasurer. Also present were: **David Bischooping**, Club Manager; **Barbara Burgess**, Club Member; **Jane Carusone**, Club Member; **Lindley d'Ouille**, Accountant; **Binny Foland**, Sunshine Committee Chair; **Bob Gentz**, Game Director; **Don Kramer**, Ethics Committee Chair; **Alice Kratsch**, Club Member; and **Joan Mager**, Education Committee Chair.

Secretary's Report:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the April 12, 2017 Regular meeting were accepted and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Ginger Rudolph gave the Treasurer's report and advised that all is in order. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's report was accepted and unanimously approved.

Vice President's Report: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education – Joan Mager: Discussed plans for classes on 2/1.

Membership – John Carusone

- John reported the updated Phone/eMail Directory is up and running.
- John will personally purchase Pat Harrington's teaching program that is designed to help and encourage new bridge players. Harrington's program includes detailed lesson plans and handouts which will be beneficial to lesson participants.
- In addition to the Pat Harrington teaching program, boards from the previous week will be reviewed and discussed.

Ethics – Don Kramer: Don reported everything remains quiet on the Ethics Committee front.

Sunshine – Binny Foland: Lindley d'Ouille expressed appreciation for the card sent to her and husband, Joe, on the loss of their son.

Purchasing – Jerry Fields: No report.

Maintenance – J. J. Bursell: No report.

Social – Pam Miller and Toni Taylor: The remaining social events for the year are scheduled in July, October and the Christmas Party in December at the Country Club of Mount Dora.

Partnership – Kathleen Rankin: No Report

Table Count Report – Toni Taylor: The downward trend in the monthly table count continues. There was a decrease of **95** tables in April over March 2017. The month-end total resulted in a decrease of **46** tables April 2017 (**194.5**) as compared to April 2016 (**240.5**). The year-to-date (January 1 through April 30) comparison has a decrease of **123** tables in 2017 (**1,000** y-t-d) as compared to 2016 (**1,123** y-t-d).

OLD BUSINESS:

- Comcast is raising fees and it was suggested to keep calling Comcast until a satisfactory explanation of the increases or a realignment of fees is reached.
- A discussion on changing LCDBC Bylaws regarding the Treasurer/Paid Accountant positions ensued. Toni Taylor, VP, is in favor of changing the Bylaws to be in compliance with the actual operational procedures. Steve Treiber, President and David Bischooping, Club Manager are not in favor of changing the Bylaws. After further discussion it was decided to table the matter until the September Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Club Manager's Report – David Bischooping:

- David recommended LCDBC participate in the World Wide Bridge game on Saturday, June 3 with 7 to 9 tables at a fee of \$8.00. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Club Manager's recommendation was accepted and unanimously approved.
- David also recommended LCDBC continue their business relationship with the Leesburg Bridge Club and approve leasing LCDBC space to Leesburg on Saturdays beginning in October-November 2017 through May 2018. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Club Manager's recommendation was accepted and unanimously approved continuing to lease LCDBC space on Saturdays to the Leesburg Bridge Club.
- After an ensuing discussion regarding the practice of creating half and/or full tables, David maintained that decision should be left to the individual Game Director on an as needed basis. The Board agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Barbara Burgess discussed the attitude of a Game Director on certain occasions and it was stated that concerns of this nature should first be reported to the Ethics Committee. After due consideration, the Ethics Committee would either directly resolve the situation or, if necessary, refer the matter to the Board of Directors for consideration and resolution.

Game Directors Comments: None.

Suggestion Box: None received.

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, July 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Engstrom, Secretary