

**Board of Directors Minutes
M.A. Lightman Bridge Club and
Tennessee Bridge Association, Unit 144
March 3, 2007
Judy Knox, Secretary**

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Marvin Skaggs – President
Ernie Beckley – Treasurer
Judy Knox- Secretary
Mary Oshlag
Lillian Zisook
Russell Strauss
Sherry Thaxton**

**Terry Van Dyke, Club Manager
V.T. Gala – Tournament Coordinator**

MEMBERS ABSENT

**Debby Schadt- Vice President
Rachel Bass
John Dimmer**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes that were previously E-mailed by Judy Knox were approved after two corrections were made.

UNIT 144 BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order by Marvin Skaggs, Unit 144 President at 11:30 am at the M. A. Lightman Bridge Club.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ernie Beckley gave the treasurer's report. The total current Checking account balance for the Tennessee Bridge Association(TBA) is \$21,386.26. The current Bank Balance for the TBA Savings account is \$5,000.00. Total Current Balances for all TBA accounts is \$43,883.17.

Unit 144-OLD BUSINESS

Sherry Thaxton had some questions about STAC games on page 5 of the January 27 Minutes. She also wanted to know about the people who call players for the games. Who gets a free game? It was explained that the person who calls other players to play gets to play free.

Mary Oshlag asked how the calling was going for the Tuesday night game. Russell said it has improved attendance. He said we had 8 tables last Tuesday. Caroline Cantrell is making the phone calls for the Tuesday night game. Harold lets her play for free.

Paris Landing

Marvin asked V.T. about Paris Landing. V.T. said he did not have a complete report. He is waiting on some information. He will give us a complete report on the Paris Landing Tournament later. A discussion was held on the prices of the lunches at the Paris Landing Tournament. Marvin asked about who unloaded the truck. V.T. and Ernie did most of the work. It was pretty simple this year. Marvin asked V.T. to give us a report when he gets it all together.

Smoking At Sam's Town

Marvin talked with the people at Sam's Town about the smoking problem and was told that they will work with us to make it whatever we want it to be. We can put up "No Smoking" signs, but others who aren't there for bridge cannot be stopped from smoking in the hall area. We may need to get someone to be in charge of the "No Smoking" area. Lillian Zisook said that she will do that for us since she will be in the hallway in charge of the Registration Desk. Ernie Beckley said that he will do it and Lillian can help.

Awards Dinner

The awards dinner will be held on April 21, 2007. Hospitality will start at 5:30pm and the dinner begins at 6pm. The price of the dinner will be \$6.00. Terry will grill steaks. We will have a steak dinner and desserts. For hospitality we will have beer, wine and margaritas.

The letters will be sent out on March 31, 2007. I will use the same format as the letters that Sherry sent out for the last awards dinner.

There will be a Board of Director's Meeting at 11:30 a.m. on April 21, 2007 and the April Birthday party will also be on April 21, 2007 at 1 p.m.

New Business

The Tennessee Department of Labor has requested an appointment with Terry to audit our Labor Policy. Terry has scheduled an appointment with the auditor on April 3, 2007. Terry has talked to the auditor and he said it was just a routine employment audit for the 2005 year. Terry does not expect any problems or concerns.

Tunica Tournament

Terry and V.T. discussed the Tunica Tournament. Everyone has agreed to the schedule except John Dimmer. Sherry will do the flyer for the Tournament. We will have a 299er game this year instead of the 199er game. We will have only one Luncheon for the 299ers. It will be on Wednesday. Sherry will prepare the flyer and E-mail it to us. Ernie asked if George and Ellen were going to do the Partnership desk again this year. The answer was "yes".

There being no other business to discuss, the Unit 144 Board of Directors meeting was adjourned by Marvin Skaggs and the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club Board of Directors Meeting was called to order.

MAL BOARD MEETING- March 3, 2007

1) Minutes/treasurer's report

The minutes previously E-mailed by Judy Knox were approved.

Ernie Beckley gave the Treasurer's report for the M.A. Lightman (MAL) Bridge Club. The total account balance for MAL checking account is \$22,423.72. The savings account balance is \$20,059.76 for a total of \$42,483.48.

2) Old Business:

Terry's Pending Retirement

Terry will officially retire on April 30, 2007. Terry is not retiring from Bridge or from the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club. He is retiring from his regular job with the U.S. Post Office. Terry will be running the Monday morning, Monday night, Thursday night and Friday morning games when he retires from his job with the Post Office at the end of April. He will become a full time director and M.A. Lightman Bridge Club Manager.

Ilene Markell, our webmaster has asked to be included or notified in all communications so she will be able to post our activities on the web page.

--MENTORING PROJECT

The mentoring project was discussed in great detail. Marvin stressed the fact that the project must be set up and launched properly or it will not be successful. We are shooting for getting the program started in June or July of this year. Judy Knox will have a package for each Board Member at the next Board Meeting that will explain all options and time-lines required to set up a successful Mentoring Project. It is critical that every Board Member be in attendance to help us decide all of the specifics of the Mentoring Project if it is to be launched successfully. Brent Manley will be asked to help us introduce the program once we have decided on how we will set it up. I am asking all Board members to please be at the next Board Meeting. We must all work together and support each other if we want this very important project to be a success.

Pro-Night Game

V.T. suggested that someone needs to update the phone list for the Invite a Pro game. There will still be a Pro-Night game when the Mentoring Project gets started. Judy Knox will take care of updating the Invite-a-Pro phone list. If anyone who is on the old list needs to update a phone number, or add an E-mail address, please let me know. If anyone wants to be on the list who is not listed, please let me know.

Birthday Bash Game

The next Birthday Bash Game is March 24, 2007. It starts at 1 p.m.. All Board Members are asked to please attend the game and bring a partner. The GNT game is also scheduled for March 24, 2007.

First Friday Dinners

Marvin stated that all first Friday dinners are taken care of through July, 2007. Lillian Zisook volunteered for August, 2007. V.T. wants October, 2007. Ernie Beckley will take September, 2007 and Marvin Skaggs wants to do the November, 2007 first Friday dinner.

Summary of all Scheduled First Friday Dinners for 2007:

- February 2nd – Debby Schadt
- March 2nd – Judy Knox
- April 6th – Ernie Beckley
- May 4th – John Dimmer
- June 1st – Sherry Thaxton
- July 6th – Russell Strauss
- August 3rd – Lillian Zisook
- September 7th – Ernie Beckley
- October 5th – V.T. Gala
- November 2nd - Marvin Skaggs

Everyone who has scheduled to be in charge of a First Friday Dinner should notify Ellen and Ilene so they can put it in the Newsletter and Post it to the Web Page. They need to know the menu, the price and the times that the dinner and game will start. Ellen also needs to know in time to coordinate getting the desserts for your dinner.

Hall of Fame Balloting

Mary Oshlag reported on the Hall of Fame nomination. The person nominated was chosen unanimously. It will remain a secret until the person is announced at the Awards Banquet on April 21, 2007. The person chosen for the Hall of Fame is chosen for work done over and above on behalf of the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club.

Other Old Business

- We need to order Mini-McKinney awards. We need Mini-McKinney Medallions and Ace of Clubs awards. Terry Van Dyke will take care of this.
- We need to make sure we send out the correct letters to the right people this year.
- We should look into ordering Plaques for the Hall of Fame Recipients.
- Mary Oshlag brought up the fact that the April First Friday is on Good Friday. Can we change the date? This was discussed in depth, but it was decided that there were no other alternative dates and the April First Friday will remain on April 6th as originally scheduled.

New Business

Lillian Zisook brought up the fact that the Club needs more cleaning. Russell agreed that we need to ask the Members to help pick up after themselves more. Throw away your trash and take your dishes to the kitchen. Terry said he will take care of it. He has cleaners come in once a week on Sunday night. It is too expensive to have them twice a week.

Suggestion Box

1. Please start using real butter.
2. Please vote to ban smoking in the building.

Mary Oshlag said that she does use real butter for her rolls at her Swiss Team games. Marvin said we have improved the atmosphere in the smoke room with the new equipment. We cannot ban smoking from the building until the Door is fixed for Security purposes.

Lillian Zisook has volunteered to be in charge of sending "Get Well" cards to club members who are sick. If anyone is aware of someone who is sick please notify Lillian.

Russell Strauss is concerned that the Big Winner's Board is not being completed and up-dated. He will try to take care of this in the future. We also need a Winner's board for the Novice games and the Novice room. Ernie Beckley said that he will see that the Novices get a Winner's Board.

There being no other business to discuss, the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club Board of Directors meeting was adjourned by Marvin Skaggs. The next Board Meeting will be held on April 21, 2007 at 11:30 a.m.