

Board of Directors Minutes
M.A. Lightman Bridge Club and
Tennessee Bridge Association, Unit 144
April 21, 2007
Judy Knox, Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marvin Skaggs – President
Debby Schadt- Vice President
Ernie Beckley – Treasurer
Judy Knox- Secretary

Rachel Bass
John Dimmer
Mary Oshlag
Russell Strauss
Sherry Thaxton
Lillian Zisook

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

There were no members absent. We had 100% attendance by all Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Dimmer did not approve the minutes that were previously E-mailed by Judy Knox. John did not approve of the statement that was made in the minutes that said he approved the Tunica Tournament Schedule. The minutes will be corrected to reflect John's statement.

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 \$10,390.66. The current Bank Balance for the TBA Savings account is \$27,511.77. Total Current Balances for all TBA accounts is \$42,902.43.

Unit 144-OLD BUSINESS

Tunica Schedule: John Dimmer does not agree with the Knock-out schedule that shows 3 K/Os per day. He thinks 3 sessions is too much. Ernie and Russell said that they thought 3 sessions were good for some people who had to work. Marvin pointed out that John was not at the Board Meeting when this was discussed and it was presumed that he did not have a problem with the schedule at that time.

John said we should have more people involved in schedule planning. Terry agreed with John on that, but we were under pressure and had to get a schedule out. It had to be approved by ACBL. It was concluded that we can't do anything about the schedule now. But, in the future we need to do it differently. Terry agreed that next year we need to present the Tunica Schedule in November. When you are planning a Regional, you should have the schedule in a year early. Next year we will do it differently.

Paris Landing

A financial statement regarding the gross and net profit that we made on Paris Landing was discussed. A comparison was made with the 2005 and the 2007 years. We did not have the tournament in 2006. Net income for the 2005 year was \$414 and for the 2007 year was \$363.

Everyone agreed that next year, the Paris Landing tournament should be advertised earlier and more. We need to really talk it up for next year. It is really a great Tournament. We usually have it the last week in February to get the reduced room rates. Ernie Beckley will be the Tournament Chair for the Paris Landing Tournament in 2008.

Tunica – Advertising

- Sherry Thaxton will be sending Tunica flyers by E-mail to Paducah, Nashville, Little Rock, Alabama, Hot Springs, etc. We need to send all flyers by mail to other places and to all club mangers in the area. Terry and Debbie sent about 100 packages last year.
- John was told to contact the man who imports gifts from China that we used for Paris Landing to get the prizes and awards to give out for Tunica. Terry gave John a base price for the regular gifts of \$5 per person(1000). \$2 for Section gifts(500) and (100) for the novice gifts to winners. \$5 each. These are ball park, base prices in general.
- Dana Norton from ACBL wants a room for the TAP accreditation at the Tunica Tournament. She needs a room from 9-1 and from 10 – 1 for a total of 10 hours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Awards Dinner

The agenda for the Awards Banquet was discussed. We will be presenting the following Awards tonight.

- New Life Masters
- Mini-McKenney Awards
- Ace of Clubs Awards
- Mary Oshlag will present the Hall of Fame Award.

New Business

- Ernie Beckley volunteered to Chair the Annual Meeting Dinner next year.
- We need to set a date for the Christmas Dinner for this year. Either 12/8 or 12/15.
- Ilene wants us to vote on getting software that would allow all directors to pull down their games. She will tailor it to our needs. Everybody agreed to approve for Ilene to purchase the new software limited to \$1,000. If it is more than \$1,000, we will vote on it again at the next Board Meeting.
- Ilene would like all directors to communicate to her about any special games. She can get the ones from M.A. Lightman off the Newsletter. All Directors need to let Ilene know about any special games.

ACBL Goodwill Committee

The National Goodwill Committee of the ACBL is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Goodwill Member of the Year. We bestow this annual honor upon an ACBL member who has continually exhibited unselfish dedication to the causes of good conduct, ethical behavior and who has made bridge contributions above and beyond the call of duty. We should nominate an outstanding fellow ACBL member from our bridge community who qualifies for this honor by submitting the candidate's detailed qualifications, in writing, no later than October 1, 2007. Only Unit boards may submit nominations. A copy of this letter will be attached to the minutes at the next board meeting on May 19, 2007 for further discussion.

There was a brief discussion by Debbie and Russell about having members stand and be recognized for any Life Master Milestones during the year. There was a brief discussion about Mick Maguire who is 4th Nationally in the Mini-McKenney race and why he isn't recognized by Unit 144. Terry said he needs to be put in our unit.

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- April 21, 2007

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 \$23,020. The savings account balance is \$20,210 for a total of \$43,231.

Old Business

There was a brief discussion about sending the "In and Out" reports to Kathy Buford. However, this will no longer be necessary. Kathy informed me that she is moving to Texas in a few months. So, Russell Strauss is our Membership Chairman and I will see that he gets the "In and Out Reports" in the future.

There was nothing in the Suggestion Box.

Marvin said that he has had complaints on dirty bid boxes. Rachel Bass and Lillian Zisook said that they have washed the Bid Boxes.

May 19th and June 16th are the dates for the next Birthday Bash games. These are also the same dates as the next two Board Meetings. The Board Meetings will start at 11:30 a.m.

The Front Door

An Electrician is coming in the morning and will have the new door fixed no later than Wednesday. When there is a game going on, you can walk out the door and it will lock behind you. You must know the door code to get back in. You should ask Terry, Marvin or Judy for the door code.

V.T. needs someone to fix the water fountain. Terry will take care of that.

--MENTORING PROJECT

Judy Knox made a presentation to the board on a proposed Mentoring Project for Memphis. A package containing 16 pages was made for each Board Member. The package contained 17 items of recommendations that we should consider before we finalize the project. Judy went over each of the items, line by line. There was a lot of discussion on each item. Marvin suggested that a special committee should be put in place to decide specifics of the Mentoring project and report back to the Board. The Committee will be Judy Knox, John Dimmer and Terry VanDyke.

First Friday Dinners

Summary of all Scheduled First Friday Dinners left for 2007:

- 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.

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 May 19, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. The Board Meeting will be followed by our very Popular "Birthday Bash" Game. Please plan to come to the Board Meeting and bring your partner for the Birthday Bash Game afterwards. Let's keep up our 100% attendance for all Board Meetings and Birthday Bash Games!