

FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date – October 10, 2022

3:55 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President David Doretsky

Board members present: President David Doretsky, V.P. Bella Ionis-Sorren, John Albright, John Darling, Mark Yaeger, Secretary Daniel Tordella and Treasurer Deborah Branch.

Four FTLBC members at large were also present for some or all of the meeting.

1. Minutes: Minutes of 9/12/22 and 9/26/22 FTLBC Board meetings ratified.
2. Treasurer's report: Treasurer Deborah Branch reported (numbers are approximate):
 - a. July net operating loss – \$3,000.
 - b. YTD net operating gain - \$750.
 - c. Checking account balance - \$6,000.
 - d. Schwab account balance - \$41,000.
 - e. Schwab account to be closed and combined with checking account.
3. Manager's report: Club manager Emilio Lopez was absent (on holiday) but submitted his reports:
 - a. August and September table counts need correcting to include “STAC” games, which in August were about 60
 - b. Board members expressed concern about directors in club manager's absence not obtaining bagels and/or timely posting game results.
4. President's report: President David Doretsky reported:
 - a. Samuel D. Rosen: He appeared at FTLBC on 10/2/22 and wanted to play in the game. President Doretsky asked him to leave and he left. Mr. Rosen is barred

- for life from entering the FTLBC building per settlement agreement. Copy of settlement agreement to be obtained and made available to all directors.
- b. FTLBC Annual Board Elections: Nominations submitted for two 3-year seats beginning January 2023 by nominating committee approved:
- (1) John Darling
 - (2) David Doretsky
 - (3) Knyvett Lee
 - (4) Rick Shapiro
- c. Election Committee: Approved: Chair – Deborah Branch; Committee Members – Bella Ionis-Sorren and John Albright.
- d. FTLBC Annual Meeting: Per Bylaws, to be held on 12/5/22 at 12:00 noon.
- (1) Meeting notice to be posted for all members before 11/5/22.
 - (2) Sign-in sheet to verify quorum to be handled by FTLBC Membership Chair Mark Yeager.
 - (3) Annual reports to be given at the 12/5/22 meeting by the President, Treasurer and Club Manager.
 - (4) Candidates for FTLBC Board election to give short introduction of themselves.
- e. Stationary seats for games: Discussion had confirming ACBL policy that players with disabilities shall be placed at a “stationary” or “turn-around” table in Howell movement games so the disabled player does not have to get up or move.
- f. House: President Doretsky continues to follow up with the City of Ft. Laud. regarding persistent parking lot flooding issue.

5. Education: Report by Chair Robin Kupperman reflected ongoing supervised games, beginner lessons, play and learn games, other lessons and mentor programs going well. Membership chair Mark Yeager reported that he is continuing his efforts to initiate a “bridge in a day” lesson and will discuss with Robin Kupperman and Rosemary Boden how to integrate with ongoing education programs.
6. Grievance and Ethics: G&E chair Tordella reported the Club member Stefano Marino shall be re-admitted to Club with conditions. Complaints against Club member Resa Becher to be addressed by G&E Committee at face-to-face meeting with Mr. Becher.
7. Special Events: Bella Ionis-Sorren reported that a “meet and greet” with refreshments is planned for 10/21/22 following the face-to-face mentor game to facilitate the newer players getting to know the more experienced players.
8. October Sectional Tournament:
 - a. Barbara Tate reported tournament is all set for October 27, 28 and 30 and that she has prepared a detailed duty roster for the tournament.
 - b. Committee for tournament established: Chair – Allen Bozek; Committee Members – John Darling, Mark Yeager, David Doretsky and Daniel Tordella.
9. Decorations: Allen Bozek is looking to relinquish his position after many years of much-appreciated service. Daniel Tordella will assist Allen with decorations for October on October 19th before the 12:30 game.
10. Bridge Ambassadors and House players: The Board discussed that “ambassadors” are players that are present at the Club at game time to fill in when needed and that “house” players are those that can be called upon with short notice to come to the

club to fill in when needed. Both need to be flexible and willing to play with more and less experienced players. Volunteers are needed.

11. Membership: The need to establish an ongoing and updated membership list was acknowledged. Method(s) to be determined.

5:35 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by – Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary