

FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date – January 9, 2023

4:04 p.m. – Meeting called to order by Vice President Bella Ionis-Sorren

Board members present: V.P. Bella Ionis-Sorren, John Albright, Knyvett Lee, Mark Yaeger, and Secretary Daniel Tordella. Club Manager Emilio Lopez was present. Fourteen FTLBC members at large were also present for some or all of the meeting.

1. Minutes: Minutes of 12/19/22 FTLBC Board meeting ratified. Club manger Lopez objected to any publication of his job evaluation outside of FTLBC Board members and was informed that his evaluation will be kept confidential.
2. Vice President's report:
 - a. Former president David Doretsky resigned because he is moving out of the area.
 - b. John Darling and Rick Shapiro were each offered the opportunity to “run” for the vacant position. John Darling removed himself from consideration.
 - c. Rick Shapiro was appointed to replace David Doretsky on the Board. Thank you to Rick for stepping up.
3. FTLBC Annual Board Elections Results
 - a. Election Committee Report attached. Election results ratified by Board.
 - b. Knyvett Lee and David Doretsky were elected to FTLBC Board.
4. Treasurer's report: Treasurer Deborah Branch was absent.
5. Club Manager Emilio Lopez's report:
 - a. October table count – 346.
 - b. Game directors Gilbert Stockton and Robin Kupperman reported underpayments due and owing.
 - c. An additional row of tables was added to large game room.
 - d. Scrabble and Mahjong tournaments are scheduled for January 2023 at FTLBC.
 - e. “House” committee chair Al Kimbrough indicated his intent **not** to attend board meetings and to send his report through the report of the club manager.
6. Education:

- a. Chair Robin Kupperman reported that the ACBL “Project Boost” program generated 113 leads for bridge classes. Robin made over 70 calls which resulted in 4 students enrolling to date.
- b. Board member Mark Yeager suggested that the “Easy Bridge” program may be worth investigating.
7. Grievance and Ethics: G&E chair Tordella reported that there were no complaints filed since the last meeting.
8. Special Events: Chair Bell Ionis-Sorren reported:
 - a. FTLBC member Barbara Tate reminded everyone of the sectional tournament scheduled for February 2nd, 3rd and 5th 2023 at FTLBC.
 - b. Another “meet and greet” with refreshments is planned for Friday 01/20/22 following the face-to-face mentor game to facilitate the newer players getting to know the more experienced players.
 - c. The committee will be planning parties and/or recognition events in February / March for:
 - (1) Helen Shambrum Ace of Clubs and Mini McKay winners and other rank achievements (Keith Gellman will meet with the club manager Emilio Lopez to plan a recognition event for March 17th); and
 - (2) Valentine’s Day / welcome back snow birds
9. Membership
 - a. Chair Mark Yeager reported that as of January 6, 2023:
 - (1) FTLBC has a box of 515 “blue cards” of current and former FTLBC members
 - (2) There are 236 paid (\$35 /per year) FTLBC members
 - b. The topic of possible membership discounts was briefly discussed but rejected.
 - c. The committee will seek to recruit volunteers to assist with phone calls to non-renewing members.
10. Election of FTLBC Board Officers
 - a. In a closed session after the general open Board meeting, the Board elected the following officers for 2023:
 - (1) President – Knyvett Lee (TYVM Knyvett for stepping up!)

(2) Vice President – Bella Ionis-Sorren

(3) Treasurer – Deborah Branch

(4) Secretary – Daniel Tordella

- b. Daniel Tordella will track down the various FTLBC committee charters to assist Board members with staffing of the various committees.

5:15 p.m. – Meeting adjourned. Submitted by Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary