

FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes
Regular Board Meeting Date – March 13, 2023

3:45 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President Knyvett Lee

Board members present: Treasurer Deborah Branch, John Albright, President Knyvett Lee, Mark Yaeger, Rick Shapiro and Secretary Daniel Tordella. Club members Allen Bozek and Barbara Tate and Michael Schneider were also present for some or all of the meeting. Club Manager Emilio Lopez was also present.

1. President's report: President Lee reported:
 - a. Mentor Game: The Board voted to discontinue the BBO Wednesday mentor game; The precipitating factor was FTLBC's entry into "Friends of SE Fla. Alliance" BBO group, which has its own BBO mentor game.
 - b. Joint FTLBC / Quick Tricks Cruise: Quick Tricks notified FTLBC that Quick Tricks will **not** be joining FTLBC for a joint bridge cruise venture.
 - c. Possible institution of a "barometer" game (all tables play same boards with immediate discussion after each board) was discussed.
 - d. How to improve attendance at the Sunday game was also discussed with suggestions to offer brunch and/or change the game to a Swiss Team event.
 - e. A possible non-life master sectional was discussed.
 - f. President Lee reported a new procedure will be used to ensure the billing for any ambulance service (due to 911 calls emanating from the club) is directed to the individual in need of service, not the club.
2. Manager's Report: Club Manager Lopez reported:
 - a. The manager requested and the Board approved coordination by the FTLBC stratifications with the ACBL stratification for annual Rhoda Schreider and other awards. The current Policy will be updated to reflect the change.
 - b. The Mahjong club will be hosting another tournament on 4/23/23. The Board discussed appropriate rental fees for other groups such as Scrabble and Mahjong and voted to establish "rental" of \$5.00 per person per event with a minimum of \$125 per event going forward.

- c. Table count of 390 for February was down from February 2022 (which included BBO games) but up from January 2023.
3. Treasurer's report: Treasurer Deborah Branch reported:
 - a. YTD through February, the Club has a net operating gain of approximately \$4,400, due primarily to a very successful "Unit" sectional event conducted in February at FTLBC. Many thanks to Barbara Tate and her team for all of their work on the sectional.
 - b. As of Friday March 10, 2023, the FTLBC bank balance was \$56,287.
 - c. President Lee asked if we should track the pre-paid game tickets, after further discussion it was decided the cost of tracking them was prohibitive.
 4. Committee Reports:
 - a. House Committee:
 - (1) Coordination between the Club Manager and the House Committee of who is responsible for what *vis-à-vis* inventory and purchase of necessary supplies to keep the Club running smoothly is much needed.
 - (2) President Lee asked about purchasing a key box for all the keys she received from the previous president. Board decided to hold the keys in the safe instead.
 - (3) Purchase of a new/replacement refrigerator for use by the members and special events was approved - \$500.00 limit. President Lee will investigate.
 - b. Events Committee:
 - (1) The wine and cheese event following the limited 3rd Friday mentor games has been successful.
 - (2) The Board approved a "donations" request can be prominently placed out to fund the event and for the manager/director/board member to instruct all attendees of the event that a \$5.00 (or more) donation is requested by all.
 - (3) The Board voted approved a motion that the donations collected at the wine and cheese events be used to fund the event, and that the events committee may divide the funds donated by Club members accordingly.

- (4) An “honors” recognition event for Rhoda Schreider, Ace of Clubs, mini McKinney winners along with new life masters on March 23rd.
- c. Education Committee: Chair Robin Kupperman reported:
 - (1) Beginner lessons are thriving due in part to the “Project Boost” advertising program sponsored by the ACBL. A new beginner series started on February 27th and another is scheduled to begin on April 27th.
 - (2) “Supervised” and “chip” games continue with excellent attendance.
 - (3) Face to face “limited” mentor games continue on the 3rd Friday of each month with excellent attendance.
 - (4) Another “barometer” game is under consideration.
 - (5) Re-institution of a more advanced face to face mentor is under consideration.
- d. Grievance and Ethics Committee: Nothing to report.
- e. Decorating Committee: Many thanks to Allen Bozek for his work. Allen is currently working with Club member Jonathan Salt on decorations.
5. Club Manager Contract: Revisions to the pending club manager contract (renewal) were discussed and will be presented to the club manager.
6. New Business: The Board approved a suggestion that some type of recognition / appreciation ceremony be conducted for immediate past president David Doretsky, which is tentatively scheduled for March 20th.

6:30 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary
April 10, 2023