

FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes

Regular Board Meeting Date – May 8, 2023

3:55 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President Knyvett Lee

Board members present: Treasurer Deborah Branch, President Knyvett Lee, Mark Yaeger and Secretary Daniel Tordella. Club members Allen Bozek, David Kupperman, Robin Kupperman, Alan Rubin, Barbara Tate and Rosemary Boden were also present for some or all of the meeting. Club Manager Emilio Lopez was also present.

1. Treasurer's report: Treasurer Deborah Branch reported:
 - a. In April 2023, FTLBC had a net operating loss of \$1,625. Year to date through 4/30/23, FTLBC has a net operating gain of \$3,289.
 - b. As of May 7, 2023, the FTLBC bank balance was \$57,293.
 - c. Board member Rick Shapiro continues to look into FTLBC's possible qualification for a federal employee retention credit (ERC).
2. President's report: President Lee reported:
 - a. January 2024 Bridge Cruise: The Board appointed Deborah Branch to be FTLBC's 2024 Cruise liaison and Daniel Tordella to be her back-up.
 - b. Minutes from the 4/10/23 FTLBC Board meeting were approved.
 - c. Appointment of Jonathan Salt to the FTLBC Board to replace resigned Board member John Albright was ratified / approved.
 - d. Discussion of how to promote "non-bridge" use of the FTLBC building and rates to be charged building was had.
 - e. Ambassador program (player available on site to play if needed) vs. partnership desk (players needing a partner) was discussed.
 - f. Swiss teams game for Sunday(s) is being considered. To help newer players understand the Swiss teams scoring, the limited mentor game for Friday June 18th is being planned as a Swiss teams event.
 - g. Possible benefit(s) and to whom of a barometer game was discussed.
 - h. Back-up / extra refrigerator: The consensus is that the Club needs one (that works properly); Daniel Tordella reported (following the Board meeting) that

Superior Liquidators, 2808 N. Dixie Hwy., Wilton Manors, FL (954) 368-7670, may be a feasible option to utilize for purchase of a back-up refrigerator.

3. Manager's Report: Club Manager Lopez reported:
 - a. Table count of 317.5 for April 2023 was done from March 2023 (395.5) and from April 2022 (431.5)
 - b. Project to refurbish bidding boxes is underway.
 - c. Mahjong has requested a "second tier" rate for attendees that don't play a full session.
 - d. The manager will endeavor to use all the bagels purchased by utilizing the freezer.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Events Committee:
 - (1) Wine and cheese gatherings continue following the 3rd Friday limited mentor games.
 - (2) Inaugural Sunday brunch (and games – limited and open) was had on Sunday May 7th and was well received by all. The food was excellent – many thanks to Club members Daniel Saltiel and Diane Giacobbi for their hard work and excellent results.
 - b. Education Committee: Chair Robin Kupperman reported:
 - (1) Beginner lessons and supervised games continue.
 - (2) Face to face "limited" mentor games continue on the 3rd Friday of each month with excellent attendance.
 - (3) Another "barometer" game is under consideration for early June 2023.
 - (4) Plans continue for re-start of face-to-face Wednesday open Mentor game(s).
 - (5) Discussions are underway with Unit 243 (Barbara Tate is liaison) to utilize funds available from Unit 243 for newcomer games.
 - c. Grievance and Ethics Committee: There was only one minor incident for April 2023 that was handled informally by Allen Bozek. The Board greatly appreciates Allen's efforts.

- d. Membership Committee: Club members Cynthia Greenfield and Lana Becker reported successful efforts to renew memberships(s) lapsed FTLBC members. Thank you to Cynthia and Lana/
- e. House Committee: Al Kimbrough continues to work diligently and effectively on matters such as filters, ceiling tiles, kitchen/pantry organization, fire extinguishers, attic organization and Club supplies procurement. TYVM Al!

5:00 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary

May 11, 2023