

FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes

Regular Board Meeting Date – July 10, 2023

(Revised 8/6/23)

4:00 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President Knyvett Lee

Board members present: President Knyvett Lee, Vice President Bella Ionis-Sorren, Treasurer Rick Shapiro, Secretary Daniel Tordella, Deborah Branch, Mark Yeager and Jonathan Salt.

Club Manager Emilio Lopez was present.

Club members Allen Bozek, Barbara Tate, Michael Schneider and Keith Gellman were also present for some or all of the meeting.

1. Treasurer's report: Treasurer Rick Shapiro submitted his reports(s):
 - a. In June 2023, FTLBC had a net operating loss of \$2,387. Year to date through 4/30/23, FTLBC has a net operating gain of \$4,444.
 - b. As of May 30, 2023, June 3, 2023, the FTLBC bank balance was \$58,960 plus a *Pay Pal* balance of \$980.
 - c. For our July 4, 2023 game, FTLBC received approximately \$650.00 in “donations” to cover food expenses (which were less than \$300) plus another \$500.00 in the process of being paid by a “Sponsor” for the event, Allegra, which is a senior living entity under construction near FTLBC.
 - d. Regarding Allegra's sponsorship, there was a spirited discussion among Board and Club members about the propriety of the “sponsorship” fee charged to Allegra, specifically whether it was high enough and whether Allegra had been willing to pay more. President Lee advised the group that she was looking for a long-term relationship with Allegra when the fee charged was established. Club member Bozek questioned whether the Club President had a conflict of interest dealing with Allegra because President Lee's employer, MonarchCare, Inc., a social service agency, might make referrals to Allegra. The Board was satisfied that no conflict exists. President Lee handed out a sample “Sponsorship Opportunities” form used by MonarchCare to be considered by the FTLBC Board when accepting future sponsorships at FTLBC.

2. Committee Reports:

a. Events Committee:

- (1) The Board regretfully accepted Bella Ionis-Sorren's resignation from the position of Events Committee Chair. Thank you very much Bella for your service.
- (2) Wine and cheese gatherings continue following the 3rd Friday limited mentor games.
- (3) An "8 is enough" joint Quick Tricks – FTLBC game is being planned for August 10th. If attendance is insufficient to support a team game, an individual game will be played.
- (4) July 24, 2023 will mark the 65th anniversary of the founding of FTLBC. A recognition event will be planned for later in the year (2023).
- (5) The July 4th event had good attendance. Thank you to our cooks Danny Saltaiel and Nancy Paris for the July 4th event and many others in the past. Unfortunately, both cooks indicated that they may not be continuing to volunteer their services. **Any Club member with food service experience willing to volunteer for events should contact any FTLBC Board member.**

b. Education Committee: Chair Robin Kupperman reported:

- (1) Beginner lessons have started on Tuesdays.
- (2) Supervised games continue on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.
- (3) Face to face "limited" mentor games continue on the 3rd Friday of each month with excellent attendance.
- (4) Dave LeGrow is teaching free lessons on Mondays.
- (5) Face-to-face mentor game on hold (need volunteer coordinator).

c. Grievance and Ethics Committee: One pending complaint against Mina Akhnoukh is being investigated by the Committee.

- d. Cruise Committee: The 2024 FTLBC sponsored bridge cruise is sold out for bridge players – 72 bridge players have signed up. To date, a total of 81 have signed up for the cruise with 46 cabins occupied.
 - e. House Committee: House committee chair Al Kimbrough reported numerous activities by the House committee:
 - (1) Safety inspections;
 - (2) Air conditioning filter replacement (done “in-house” by Al Kimbrough and Allen Bozek);
 - (3) Deborah Branch will follow up with our insurance agent regarding coverage for an outside handyman to perform the AC filter changes.
 - (4) Ceiling tile replacements;
 - (5) Building / Club supplies inventory maintenance;
 - (6) Plumbing repair;
 - (7) Many thanks to the House Committee!
3. Manager’s Report: Club Manager Lopez reported:
- a. Table count of 333.5 for June 2023, which is decrease from 422 from June 2022.
 - b. Manager requested and Board approved addition of phone cellular service for Club to enhance credit card processing efficiency and security, which will cost \$29.00 per month.
4. President’s report: President Lee reported:
- a. Continued discussion of how to promote “non-bridge” use of the FTLBC building and rates to be charged building was had. President Lee handed out a sample “Rental Rates” sheet for consideration.
 - b. Sponsorship options were discussed.
 - c. Club member Tracey Tordella, APRN, agreed to conduct AED training; Date TBD.
 - d. The possible presence of guns in the club was discussed. The consensus was that the club is subject to state laws regarding guns and that any derivation from State Law in our bylaws or procedures would not be recommended.
 - e. Discussion was had regarding the need for volunteer cooks for special events.

- f. A “Key Log” for keys to the FTLBC premises was created. Deposit increase from \$12.00 to \$24.00 for Club key(s) was approved by the Board.
- g. Need for updated FTLBC “Policy Manuel” discussed.
- h. Minutes from June 2023 Board meeting were approved.

6:15 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary

August 6, 2023