## Lee County Bridge Association Board Meeting October 28, 2025

Meeting called to order at 10:40 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Maggie Mahland, President, Rita Artwohl, Vice President, Susie Rohrbaugh, Ellie Nuellen, Linda McLaughlin, Treasurer, and Anne Runyan, Secretary. Sharon Pierce, Club Manager and club members were present.

MOTION: (Nuellen/Rohrbaugh) To accept Treasurer's September Report. PASSED

MOTION: (Artwohl/McLaughlin) To accept Minutes August Report. PASSED

**DISCUSSION:** Linda presented her extended report on income and club expenses over the past three years. The Board also discussed additional increases in insurance, adding liability insurance, increased rent and background checks for liability insurance.

MOTION: (Artwohl/Rohrbaugh) To increase game fee to \$7 to meet expenses. PASSED

**MOTION:** (Nuellen/Mahland) To purchase additional liability insurance for the LCBA Board members. PASSED

**MOTION:** (McLaughlin/Rohrbaugh) That background checks for the Board be conducted (approximately \$50 per background check). This is required for additional liability insurance.

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION TO RAISE GAME FEES:** (Nuellen/Artwohl) After further consideration future shortfalls, the Board shall increase game fees to \$8, beginning in January 2026. PASSED

**DISCUSSION:** The LCBA has a Zero Tolerance Policy to deal with abusive, rude, and other rare occurrences of disorderly behavior, however, the LCBA does **not** have a policy or procedures that deal with member on member sexual harassment and sexual abuse. Maggie Mahland informed the Board that the ACBL does not have policies or procedures for dealing with member on member complaints of sexual harassment. Maggie presented the Board a written complaint of member on member sexual harassment. Discussion of dealing with member on member sexual harassment ensued. A written sexual harassment claim was made by a member against another member. An investigation into this matter was conducted by the President. The accused party did not attend the meeting. The accused party did not provide a written statement. The Board decided that Maggie Mahland, President, shall write a letter (delivered by certified mail return receipt requested) to the offender informing him of the Board's decision to impose an extended bar upon his participation in Lee County Bridge Association games.

**MOTION:** (Artwohl/Nuellen) Sexual abuse infractions should be cause for an immediate dismissal from being a member in good standing of the Lee County Bridge Association, and any Club member exhibiting such unwelcome decorum should be banned from playing at our Club on a permanent basis. **PASSED** 

UPDATES: The 2025-26 Board members have agreed to serve for the 2026-27 term. President- Maggie Mahland; Vice-Prsident- Rita Artwohl; Treasurer- Linda McLaughlin; Secretary- Anne Bunyan; Members-at-Large Susie Rohrbaugh and Ellie Nuellen

## Christmas Party Committee - Meeting at 10:30 a.m. FRIDAY November 7. UPDATES:

Club clock will be used as the definitive timepiece for declaring late-comers. Anyone who comes late unexcused (after 11:50) may be charged \$10 rather than the usual fee. If you are going to be late, ask your partner to pay for you, or please call to let us know that you are going to be late.

No-shows will pay the normal fee to play on their next play date, plus the game fee for their missed date.

The maximum number of bridge players is 104, that is 26 tables. Registration is on a first come/first served basis.

2026 BLACKOUT DATES: FEB 3, 4 and 6 for Greek Festival; and OCT 20, 21, and 24.

Frank Hacker is organizing a voluntary collection from the membership to honor and thank Father Dean, who is retiring from the Annunciation Greek Church at the end of the year. Maggie Mahland delivered the signed card and donations to the Church office on Halloween.

ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Runyan, Secretary