

Board of Directors Minutes
M.A.Lightman Bridge Club
August 21, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Paterson – President
Donna Touliatos- Vice President
Judy Knox- Secretary
Cecile Skaggs

Henry Francis
Mike Staunton
Jan Dacus
Melody Patterson
Larry Alexander

The meeting was called to order by Don Paterson, Unit 144 President at 11:00 am at the M. A. Lightman Bridge Club.

OLD BUSINESS- M.A.Lightman Bridge Club

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes previously E-mailed by Judy Knox were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Don Paterson read the Cub Manager's report. Checking account balance is \$6790.03, tournament \$5,269,85 for a total of \$12,059.88. The CD balance is \$37,090.19. The Club has a grand total of \$49,150.07 for all accounts.

E-mail from V.T. Don read an email from V.T. He apologized for telling Cecile that Don had disclosed the vote count for club manager. He made a mistake and Don did not disclose this vote count to him. He could not remember who disclosed it, and no one on the Board remembered telling him either. Board members need to be more careful in the future about disclosing Unit and Club matters of this kind. There was a lot of discussion regarding this information.

Mentoring Games – Judy Knox: I would like to discuss the mentoring games. There are a lot of mentors and mentees that are not filling out the forms and are not following the original rules. Should we change the rules and let it be or do I need to enforce the original rules? This discussion was tabled to the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Don passed out a letter sent to the Board by Mick McGuire, our new club manager. Mick thanked the board for showing confidence in him and giving him the position. Several items were in the report and discussed by the Board Members as follows:

1. Keys/Security code: There are too many keys out and too many people are using the same security code. * There was much discussion regarding this issue. It was agreed that new security codes are needed. Don will look into this.
2. NS seating situation: The board might want to consider a written policy on seating and seeding so the directors of each game have a consistent guideline to follow. *Don will write up a policy on this and email to Board Members to consider for the next Board Meeting.
3. Defibrillator: The board should consider the possibility of having one at the club. *There was much discussion regarding the defibrillator. It was decided that someone would have to be trained in it's use if we do get one. Nothing definite was decided regarding this issue.
4. Partnerships for club games: We need to look at ways to improve in this area. A lot of people may be sitting at home that would play bridge if they had a partner. *Henry Francis made a motion to set up a voluntary partnership plan for the club. It was seconded by Jan Dacus. It was unanimously approved by the Board.
5. Double elimination Knock Out Tournament: Discussed with Jack Wynns. Start a KO event that would take 3 or 4 months to complete. Each team would play 24 boards against one team and play once a month. The master plan is to get this off the ground and in the following years have a final with teams from Nashville and maybe Little Rock . This would end up being a Gold Point event and grow into something rather prestigious. *Larry Alexander made a motion for Mick to develop and put the Knock Out Plan into place as soon as possible. It was seconded by Judy Knox. The Board approved this motion unanimously.

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Henry Francis suggested that we congratulate and commend Mick for all of his great suggestions. Donna and Don will write a letter to Mick to thank him for all these great suggestions.

Non-club games being held at the club: There was much discussion regarding this situation. There are at least 2 games that are held at the Bridge Club without charge. An email was received from Brian Cummins asking to have a Wednesday game at the club. It was agreed that M.A. Lightman should receive a fee from these games. This discussion was tabled to the next Board Meeting.

Books and bookcases: There was much discussion regarding buying new book cases vs. getting rid of the books in the novice room. A motion was made to get rid of the books. Each Board member should take some books with them and donate them to charities. The motion was made by Jan and seconded by Mike Staunton. The motion passed.

Henry Francis made a motion for Don to speak to Mick about coming up with a list of consistent guidelines for directors to follow. It was seconded by Jan Dacus. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

Donna Touliatos made a motion to buy a new ice machine. It was seconded by Larry Alexander. The motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Donna discussed the outside repairs expenses. The total was \$4,720. We need someone with a blower to come and clean up the parking lot. We need outside water faucets. This discussion was tabled to the next board meeting.

Terry Van Dyke night: A night to honor Terry will be held at the next first Friday dinner on October 1, 2010. Mike Staunton is in charge of the dinner. Donna Touliatos will be in charge of the celebration. Jan and Donna will be in charge of the Note and letter to be sent out to invite people to attend.

First Friday Assignments

Mike Staunton	October 1st
Cecile Skaggs	November 5th
TBA	December 3rd

IMPORTANT DATES

September 5, 2010	Mentor game
September 13, 2010	Mentor Games
September 18, 2010	Board Meeting and Birthday Bash
September 20-26	Delta Dealin' Regional – Tunica, MS
October 1, 2010	First Friday dinner/honoring Terry Van Dyke –Mike Staunton
October 3, 2010	Mentor game
October 18, 2010	Mentor game
October 30, 2010	Annual Meeting Notice – Letters to go out with slate of new board members to be elected. (30 days notice is required.)

Henry Francis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jan Dacus. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss the M.A.Lightman Bridge Club Board of Directors Meeting was adjourned by Don Paterson.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox, Secretary M.A. Lightman Bridge Club