

**Board of Directors Minutes
M.A. Lightman Bridge Club
October 12, 2011**

BOARD MEMBERS Present

President – Tom Dixon
Vice President- Larry Alexander
Treasurer- Jody Couch
Secretary -Judy Knox

Cecile Skaggs
Henry Francis
Melody Patterson
Pat Papachristou
Al Stone

The meeting was called to order by Tom Dixon at the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club at 6:07p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes previously E-mailed by Judy Knox for the August, 2011 Board meeting was approved.

Mick McGuire- Club Manager

Mick came in to answer the Security Guard Question. Ed Davis volunteered to be the Security Guard in the Parking lot for October and November to contribute to the club. This would save us \$1500. Mick agreed to it. We are not unhappy for the current Guard's service; we just wanted to save some money. The guard has been laid off for 2 months. It was his only job. Ed will finish October to save \$750. Shelby Security will give us the month of November for free. The same security guard will be back in December. The club will save \$1500.

Henry Francis said the Board Members need to be told when something like this happens. There were all kinds of rumors and nobody on the Board knew anything about it. The board members were getting phone calls and questions about the security guard situation. Tom told Mick that if anything else happens like this, please send an email to everybody on the Board so we will know what to tell the members when they ask us about it and it won't cause all of this confusion.

People who have not paid their annual dues are now paying \$1.00 extra to play. Tom is trying to start a series championship on Tues and Thursday nights. There is a lot of manual work to go into this to keep up with who wins. Each flight will get 4 series points for first place, 2nd place gets 3 and 3rd place gets 2. It is the same with Flights A, B and Flight C. We will also do this in the 299 games. Add the total series points at the end of the 5 weeks. This is on an individual basis, not pairs or teams. The number of points depends on the number of tables. There is no sanction fee.

If you want the 16 points you won't miss a Tuesday night or a Thursday night game. This is something we can do to get people to pick out a game to play in regularly. If we can just get a few more tables at every game, we will be much better off. The club just breaks even when you add up the annual dues and the game fees. If this idea works to bring in more tables, we will try it with more games.

We will raise membership dues next year and we need to start putting together our advertising campaign for next year. We don't try to make money but we do need to break even. Mick said in other towns, they are charging \$6 or \$7. Memphis is still charging \$5. There was a discussion about getting people to bring food to the games. Directors usually furnish snacks for the games they direct.

Directors have been informed that starting October 1, 2011 all directors will sell entries to balance the field and then to accommodate pairs that need to sit North South. North South seating will not be based on first come, first served or who calls to ask for a North South. We will accommodate all players needing a stationary position. It will be the director's decision as to how the player's should be seated. This will not be based on master points. Directors will balance the field. Everybody should watch this and let the board know if it is not being done. Some people will complain about this and we will take this into consideration.

People need to speak quieter when they are scoring rounds and should stop discussing hands and boards during the game.

First Friday in November is a game and dessert competition. Two free plays will be awarded to the winner of the dessert competition on our First Friday game in November. Judy will send out a mass email to notify the MAL and Unit 144 members. Cecile will announce it at the Saturday games. We will also put it on the Unit 144 web page.

Joyce Stone will direct the NABC fund raiser game to be held on November 11 for the club.

The next Board meeting will be November 19, 2011 at 11:30 am. There being no other club business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Tom Dixon.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox, Secretary
M.A. Lightman Bridge Club