

M.A. Lightman Bridge Club
Board of Director's Minutes
August 25, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Alexander - President
Cary Rodgers-Vice President
Judy Knox -Secretary
Jody Couch - Treasurer

Al Stone
Kathy Love
Jackie Stewart

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Cecile Skaggs

The meeting was called to order at 11:45am by Larry Alexander, M.A. Light man Bridge Club President. The minutes of the last Board Meeting were approved.

No motion will be made today regarding Michael Schreiber. There were several people who were present at the meeting who were not Board Members. Michael Schreiber requested that his supporters be allowed to speak on his behalf. Larry Alexander said there was nothing to discuss since no proposal has been made. The people were instructed to stay orderly or they would have to leave. Al Stone has not stated any details of any motion he was going to make. Henry made a proposal that we allow one person to speak at the end of the meeting. We will allow someone to speak at the end of the meeting regarding Michael Schreiber. The group can pick out a spokes -person.

A discussion was held regarding whether or not the Board of Directors meetings should be open or closed when we are addressing sensitive matters. This is not addressed in the By Laws. Tom Dixon made a motion that the Secretary should print out minutes after they are approved and tack them to the bulletin board in the club. The motion was passed. This will be done from now on by the Secretary.

Larry read a petition given to him by Michael Schreiber "We the undersigned here by demand that any vote taken by M.A. Lightman Board Members regarding Amy Downing and/or Michael Schreiber be an open and not a secret ballot. We think we are entitled to know which of our elected officials is acting with good judgment and honor." Larry threw the petition out as accusatory and rejected it. This petition accuses Board Members with lacking good judgment and honor. Cary Rodgers made a motion to reject the petition as written since it was offensive to the Board of directors. It was seconded by Kathy Love. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry proposed that M.A. Light man purchase a Liability insurance plan to cover the Board Members in case of a lawsuit by an angry Club member. The cost of the insurance is \$900 per year to M.A. Lightman. This will protect the Board Members and the officers. It covers sexual harassment, slander or physical injury lawsuits. A motion was made by Cary Rodgers to purchase the insurance policy. This will protect the Board of Directors and club members in case of a law suit brought on by someone who is hurt or who is angry at us for some reason. Jackie Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Monday Holiday games- what can we do when Jack has a game and MAL has a special holiday game at the same time? Tom Dixon stated that this is something that Mick should handle. Jack and Mick should work this out together. A Motion was made by Henry Francis that we should let Mick know that we want the two games to be combined. It was seconded by Tom Dixon. The motion passed.

Cecile Skaggs proposed that we go together with the ABA and have a Sectional. This was discussed by the Board Members. No decision was made regarding this issue. This is a great idea and would be a great success. This issue was tabled to the next meeting.

Frank Perlman made a short speech regarding personal agendas that are going on today. He said if there were going to be charges against someone they should be spelled out. No presidents of M.A. Lightman have ever resigned because of Michael Schreiber. Michael has done things wrong and so have other people. I hope the by- laws will be followed or changed and I hope fairness will be followed in the future.

Jackie Stewart proposed that all MAL members bring in books they do not want and we can take them to the public library to help promote bridge and to let everyone know that we are here.

Jody Couch made a comment regarding the fact that we should not be spotlighting people. The spotlight is on some people but there are people behind the scenes who are stirring the pot and getting away with it. Larry said there needs to be a re-commitment to promoting harmony in the Unit and the Club.

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There was much discussion regarding how we need to become kinder to each other and we should promote harmony and fairness in this club going forward.

A discussion was made by Cary Rodgers and Jackie Stewart regarding making a sign at the entrance of the club to welcome people. Another discussion was made regarding the role of directors and the club manager in promoting friendliness and growing the games at the club. Directors don't take enough time to welcome the players. Cary Rodgers made a motion to write a letter to Mick regarding the fact that we should have someone to welcome people by being friendlier. Mick needs to put a plan in place to make the games friendly.

Jan Dacus spoke to the Board and apologized for her email that she wrote to the Board Members. She just wanted to let us know that there are people who felt badly by rumors that they are hearing and do not support this. She apologized for any ill feelings she generated by her email.

Amy Downing proposed that we set up a Facebook page for M.A. Lightman to help bring in more players. Larry asked Amy Downing to do this. She will set up a Facebook page for M.A. Lightman.

Jackie Stewart brought up the catering for the Christmas party. Al Stone suggested that we spend \$17 per person for the annual meeting and Christmas dinner. Cary Rodgers volunteered to cater the Christmas party dinner for \$17 per person. She has her own Catering business.

Cary Rodgers suggested that we buy new bid cards. She also suggested that we ask Mick to attend all Board Meetings from now on.

Electronic Scoring Devices: Mick had to make a quick decision to go in with Jonesboro to purchase the electronic scoring devices cheaper. He did run this by Larry before he made the purchase.

A motion was made by Henry and second by Jody for us to ask Mick to attend all Board Meetings from now on. It passed.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Larry Alexander at 12:30pm.

The next board meeting will be September 22, 2012 at 10:30am. An agenda will be sent out regarding the next board meeting a week in advance. Please email any agenda suggestions to Judy Knox to be put on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knox

Judy Knox, Secretary M.A. Lightman Bridge Club