

M.A. Lightman Bridge Club  
Board of Director's Minutes  
September 22, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Henry Francis  
Al Stone  
Kathy Love  
Jackie Stewart- Absent  
Tom Dixon

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.

Mick McGuire – Club Manager

Mick stated that last year at this time we had 203 total club members to join with 198 paid. This year we have 232 members with 229 paid. Mick discussed the cleaning staff and the security staff fees. Mick presented a quarterly financial report showing total expenses and income for May, June and July. Our Check book balance is \$42,700 today. Please see Mick's quarterly report which is attached at Exhibit A.

Name Badges for Club Members

Judy Knox passed out pictures of name badges taken from Seven No Trump.com. She had determined the cost per badge of each style of badge based on 250 members. We will get a 25% discount on an order of 250. Judy would like to give out the name badges at the next Mentor game. The Board members decided that they would like for Judy to purchase name badges with the cards shown in upper left and corner for each M.A. Lightman club member. Total cost for these name badges should not exceed \$2,000. Judy Knox and Mick McGuire will take care of ordering and distributing the name badges.

New Ovens for the Kitchens

Jackie Stewart has asked to be put in charge of getting these new ovens for the club. Jackie will run the cost by the Executive Committee before she buys them. Tom Dixon made a motion that Jackie shop for ovens and report back to Larry. Al Stone said he will help Jackie with this. The motion passed. This will be a Unit expense.

Club Chairs

The club needs new chairs. This will definitely be an M.A. Lightman Club expense. Mick had brought a sample of chairs that we are considering to purchase for the club. We want stackable, vinyl and very comfortable chairs. Al Stone volunteered to look for chairs and report back to the Board before the Christmas party for us to decide which one to buy.

Grass Roots Game

Holding a grass roots game was discussed with Mick. Is it possible to have a Grass Roots game on December 8? We now have 24 Unit Championship games per year. Each club has one club championship per quarter per year. After this year we won't have any more Unit final games. Let's think about having a Grass Roots game in December. Cecile is in charge of getting the Grass Roots game for December.

Disciplinary Committee

Larry read a letter from Mick McGuire, Club Manager saying that he wants to defer the disciplinary hearing for Michael Schreiber to the M.A. Lightman Board of Directors. The by-laws state that we will not have a standing disciplinary Committee. The Committee will be appointed as needed. We have to make sure the committee is as neutral as possible. If an appeal is requested, the President shall appoint a disciplinary Committee. This was taken from the M.A. Lightman By laws.

Al Stone

Joyce Stone will start Easy Bridge again this year on Tuesday nights at 6:30 in October. It will be for beginning players.

Al made a motion to bar Michael Schreiber from playing at M.A. Lightman Bridge Club for a period to be determined by the Board because of his alleged behavior. If the motion passes, he will be allowed to continue to play with his clients with less than 500 points. He will be on probation and if his behavior becomes unacceptable, he will be subject to the above sanction. The motion was seconded by Kathy Love. Al passed out a letter that he read and sent to the Board members. This letter was regarding Michael Schreiber's alleged negative behavior over the past few years. Al feels that Michael is trying to destroy our club and the Board should do something to let Michael know the board is serious about this. Jerry Harper wrote a letter to Al regarding Michael's alleged bad behavior during the Sky Rocket Sectional. Some board members feel that Michel's alleged bad behavior in all areas of Bridge reflects badly on our club.

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There was a lot of discussion regarding zero tolerance and Michael Schreiber's alleged behavior. A motion was made and seconded to have a vote by secret ballot. The motion passed. According to ACBL, a pattern of behavior is enough to eject any member from a bridge club. All you need is a pattern of behavior. This is straight from ACBL. A motion was made for the sanction to be for 1 year reduced to 2 months and he can play with his clients. He will be on probation for the remaining ten months. If there is a written complaint against Michael during this probation period, the Board will make a decision regarding the complaint. The motion was seconded by Cecile Skaggs. The motion passed on a 5-3 vote. This probation does not include tournaments.

Mimi Strauss Day

We will have few nice snacks and desserts. Russell will read something that he has written about Mimi. This will be next Saturday. There will be a short presentation before the game next Saturday to honor Mimi Strauss who was Russell Strauss's wife.

A motion was made by Tom Dixon to adjourn. It was second by Cary Rogers.

The next board meeting will be November 17, 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