

MINUTES  
MA LIGHTMAN BRIDGE CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2013

Location:

M.A. Lightman Bridge Club  
912 Kelley Road • Memphis, TN • 38117

Bill Frazee, President  
Charles Schulz, Parliamentarian

Council Members Present: Susan Boyle, Judy Dever, Bill Frazee, Ilene Markell,  
Marvin Skaggs, Al Stone, Jack Wynns

The meeting is called to order at 4:40 pm and the presence of a quorum is determined.

MOTION:

That the Council be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Club in connection with any bylaw amendment adopted this day, October 12, 2013.

*Motion passes*

Minutes from the June 15, 2013 membership meeting read and approved

MOTION: That Articles III and V of the bylaws be amended as such:

*[Strikethrough denotes words to be removed; **bold** denotes words to be added]*

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1. Annual Meeting
  - a. ~~An election will be held in January of each year to elect M.A. Lightman Bridge Club Council members.~~ **The Annual Meeting of the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club will be held the second Saturday of July each year.**
    - i. Notice of any election will be sent out via U.S. Postal Service mail 21-28 days prior to the election.
  - b. ~~The Annual meeting shall *not* be held in conjunction with the Unit 144 Annual meeting.~~
  - c. The agenda of the Annual Meeting shall include but not be limited to **announcement of the Council member election results**, presentation of annual reports and financial reports and the transaction of such other business as deemed appropriate by the Club Manager and the Council President.

## ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

*(This to be added at beginning of Article V. No change to the remainder)*

### 1. Officers

**The officers shall consist of eight Council members elected by the club members. The Council will, at its first meeting following the Annual Meeting, elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer from the Council's membership.**

### 2. Term of Office

**Council members have a two year term or until their successor is elected, with four Council members being elected in even years and four in odd years.**

### 3. Election of Council Members

**Council members will be elected during the week preceding the Annual Meeting. Starting the Monday before the Annual Meeting, the polls will be open at the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club. Absentee ballots will be accepted. The polls will close when the Annual Meeting is called to order. The newly elected Council members will assume their duties at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.**

Our fiscal year and membership runs from July to June each year and it makes sense to have our annual meeting at the beginning of the fiscal year. If you have not paid your dues by the time of the election you will be ineligible to vote.

It is brought to the membership's attention that the second Saturday in July may at times conflict with the Summer NABCs, so the proposed amendment is further amended to: **"The Annual Meeting of the M.A. Lightman Bridge Club will be held the second Saturday of July each year, except when the second Saturday conflicts with the summer NABC; in those years, the meeting will be held the Saturday following the end of the summer NABC."**

*Motion to amend Articles III and V of the Bylaws passes*

MOTION: The top four vote getters from the previous year (Al Stone, Jack Wynns, Judy Dever, and Susan Boyle) will serve for 2 years beginning July 20 2013. In July 2014, the other four positions will be up for re-election.

*Motion passes*

MOTION: To amend Article IV of the bylaws as such:

ARTICLE IV: ~~EXECUTIVE COUNCIL~~

1. **Members**

**The Council consists of eight members elected by the club members.  
The Club Manager serves as a non-voting consultant to the Council.**

2. Powers and Duties

- a. ~~Members of the Club who are members of the Unit 144 Board of Directors shall also serve as the Executive Council for the Club.~~
- b. ~~The principle responsibility of the Executive Council is to hire the Club Manager.~~
- c. **The Council is responsible for hiring, supervising, and firing the Club Manager.**
- d. ~~The Council shall approve or disapprove proposals presented by the Club Manager that exceed \$1000.~~
- e. **The Council must approve any club expenditure in excess of \$1000.**
- f. The Council shall be responsible for organizing Special Club Events. This includes setting up prior to the event and cleaning up after the event.
  - Monthly Birthday Bash (a budget procedure shall be set up by the finance committee)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Dinners (a budget procedure shall be set up by the finance committee)
  - Other Special Bridge Club Parties and Events agreed to by the Council

3. **Council Meetings**

- a. Although Council meetings may be requested by the Club Manager when needed, most Club business shall be conducted immediately after the close of the Unit Board meetings. **Council meetings may be called by the President, the Club Manager, or by petition of two Council members.**
- b. ~~Club Members must be notified by the Club Secretary of any special meetings stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and notified no fewer than 14 days before the meeting.~~ **Meeting Notice: The Secretary must provide 14 days notice of the place, day, and hour for any Council meeting.**

It is suggested that 3.b be amended to add the words "including a notice on the club bulletin board."

*Motion Passes*

MOTION: To add an article concerning binding arbitration to the bylaws as follows:

Binding Arbitration Agreement

Any dispute which is in any way related to membership in the M A Lightman Bridge Club (MALBC), or any action for damages or injunctive relief against the MALBC, or any action to reverse, amend, modify or delay enforcement of a disciplinary action by the MALBC, regardless of the facts or the legal theories which may be involved, shall be resolved by binding arbitration before the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") by a single arbitrator in accordance with the Commercial rules of AAA in effect at the time the arbitration proceeding is initiated.

The arbitration hearing shall be held at such time and location as the parties may agree in writing. The arbitrator shall prepare in writing an award which includes the legal and factual reasons for the decision. The parties shall divide equally the costs of the arbitration and shall pay their respective attorney fees and expenses, but the arbitrator may assess all such costs and the prevailing party's attorney fees and expenses to the non-prevailing party in the arbitration award. The provisions of the Federal Arbitration Act shall apply to arbitration between the MALBC and its members.

*Motion passes.*

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

We currently have 256 members. Most of the games are running stronger than they have been in the last 3 years except for the Thursday afternoon game, which is not doing well. A bridge clock will be displayed on the flat-screen monitor that is attached to the wall. The monitor may also be used in the Swiss team events. The board will be expanded to show results and upcoming events.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Markell, Secretary  
M.A. Lightman Bridge Club Council

