

Board of Governor's Spring 2018 Meeting #2

(held at the BRIT on 3/15/2018 at 6:30PM)

ROLL CALL

Les called the meeting to order at 6:39pm and proceeded to call the BOG names for attendance, at this time, Charlie Tripp was not present.

BOG MEMBERS PRESENT

President- Les Lamb

Secretary- Karen Zaborowski

Treasurer- Cori Ortiz

Statistician- Judy Naeve

Co-Chair- Colleen Dinnie

Co-Chair- Tima Fanning

WCC 2020

1) Les said that due to the hotel scheduling, our WCC dates for 2020 are Jan 3rd-6th. If there is an issue, we can push the dates back 1 week. We have also put down a deposit to hold these dates. In the event that there is a central location found for all 4 cities prior to LB hosting it's next WCC, we can get our deposit back no later than July of 2019.

2) Les stated that Cori received several phone calls about not having the Thursday night tournament that Gibbi runs prior to the start of WCC. Cori said this was due in part to the fact that the hotel is under new management and we did not know that, for legal purposes, the hotel must have an employee present while others are in the ballroom, unlike past years. Therefore, if we are going to incur an extra cost to pay for this employee so the tournament can happen, we will be charging a nominal fee to all players to offset our cost. How much we will charge is undetermined, at this time, as we do not have a final contract yet. Cynthia from

the hotel will be emailing Cori the contract soon. We will be addressing this issue at the next BOG WCC meeting in July.

BOG WCC NOMINATIONS

Les iterated that we needed to remind the captains to get their nominations for the board in by the 26th of Mar. as we only had a few nominations so far. We, as a board, discussed who we would like to have stay on and run again for the 4 spots available, in the Fall of 2018. Les and Colleen will be running again but unfortunately, the rest of us could not get Charlie or Judy to run again. As of spring 2019 there will be 3 spots open to fill.

RESEARCHING WCC LOCATIONS

1) Les turned the meeting over to Charlie for her finding on this matter. Charlie stated that she had talked to Dave from BCA. Dave said that, for the amount of people we have, it would not be feasible to host WCC at the Rio, as we are basically too small for these venues. However, Dave gave her the number to Gary who is the GM at Griffs which Charlie said is a venue similar to Lakewood Family Billiards only bigger and nicer. Nothing definitive transpired from this contact except Charlie giving him our regular WCC months. She will be emailing him our off dates and a head count of delegates from each of the 4 cities so Dave can give us an estimate of cost. Charlie will continue to follow up on this for us and present any finding to the WCC BOG in July.

2) Tima asked if each city would be responsible for paying for the venue themselves or would each city be incurring some cost to help host the WCC; to this Charlie replies, "whatever cities turn it is to host, will pay for the venue" It was also expressed that the price would have to be significantly lower than what we pay now, as we would also be incurring the cost of airfare and hotel accommodations, as would all other cities, each WCC. Charlie suggested that we could have players that are going to play in WCC, perhaps pay for part of their flights to offset costs. Charlie will continue to pursue this to see if it is a feasible alternative.

REVIEWS DUES INCREASE

Cori suggested that we forgo talks of raising the dues until we see if Tom Downey's proposal passes or not. A recap of Tom's proposal, in summary, is to have each team, individual and women's players pay a set fee to play in post season for a spot to go to WCC. Reason being is, many league members expressed concern that a majority of the league pays for the few that continually go to WCC and that the majority might not want to pay higher dues to continue to send the players that do, which could potentially dwindle our league size. If the proposal passes, it will go into effect the beginning of the fall 2018 season.

FUNDRAISERS

Will be discussed with captains during their meeting.

SEASON START FORMS TO CHECK BARS EQUIPMENT

1) Colleen took the floor and showed all league members in attendance a checklist form she made for the BOG to use when going to evaluate the bars condition of play, prior to the start of each season. She stated that she, Judy and a team captain from another team were at the Broadway bar and used the form to evaluate said bar; her findings were that the form worked quite well and was very simple to use.

2) Colleen suggested we have captains download a copy to take to their bars for their use to which Karen asked if we would still be having teams of board members go out prior to the start of each season, to check bars then. Tima suggested we implement a set time prior to the start of each season to which Charlie replies that, per league rules, it is supposed to be done two weeks prior to the start of each season. Les stated that this coming fall 2018 seasons deadline would be 2 days after registration and that we couldn't do it any sooner as we would have to wait to see which teams return and/or if we pick up other teams etc. Since this gives us a tight timeline to work with, Les extended the time we have to do the bar checks up to our Friends and Lovers tournament which is one week prior to the start of our regular season play.

3) It was pointed out that if we pick up any new bars, one week may not be enough for them to make any changes if needed. Therefore, if this should arise, we will work with these bars to make the necessary changes, in a timely manner. It was determined that bars that have been in our league for many years would be safe to go to earlier than need be and have them finished prior to signups.

4) Cori suggested that we keep all forms on file and everyone agreed this would be good. We would also offer the bars a copy to keep for themselves, if they should want one.

NO OUTSIDE BOOZE AT THE WCC VENUE

This will be discussed with the captains at their meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Les called the meet at 7:03pm and it was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

NOTE: Charlie arrived to the meeting within 10 minutes of its start time.

Captain's Spring 2018 Meeting #2

(held at the Brit on 3/15/2018)

ROLL CALL

Les Lamb opened the meeting at 7:05pm and turned the meeting over to Judy Naeve, Judy proceeded to call the names of team captain's for attendance. The following captains were not present nor was a representative for their team: Jeff Weaver, Mike Valery, Mark Reyes, Jerry Choquette, Lucky Chavira, and Drew Steedle.

FINANCIALS

1) Les began by asking the captains if they still would like to receive a copy of the financial report at every meeting, the captain's said yes. Les then handed the meeting off to Cori Ortiz.

2) Cori stated that we are still in good shape financially as we presently have \$17,681.21. Since Feb, 2018 we've taken in \$6,324 with expenditures of \$5,196.45 for a net gain of \$1,127.55.

3) Cori said that we have paid off the remaining balance with the hotel from hosting our Jan. 2018 WCC and that we have put down a \$1000 deposit on the hotel for our 2020 WCC.

BOARD OF GOVERNOR VOTING

Les reminded the captains that we will be voting to elect four members to the board on April 2nd. He also told the captains that we needed more league members nominated as we did not have enough, as of yet and reminded them they had until Mar. 26th to do so.

WCC DATES

- 1)** Les stated that our WCC 2020 dates would be Jan. 3rd-6th right after New Year's. We can, however, move it back one week, if need be.
- 2)** Les addressed an issue we had this past Jan. 2018, at our WCC; not being able to have a Thursday night tournament that Gibbi hosts. This was due, in part, to the hotel being under new management and a new policy of needing to have a hotel worker present when patrons are in the ballroom, unlike past WCCs.
- 3)** Les stated that, with this new management, we only have the room on Thursday long enough for Gibbi to set the tables up then we must vacate the room. We can still have the tournament however there will be an extra cost to us/LB for the extra day. Depending upon the cost, we may charge a nominal fee to everyone playing in the tournament, to help offset the additional cost to us. Charlie suggested that we talk to the other cities to see if this is something they would be willing to do so we will be addressing this at the next WCC BOG meeting in July.
- 4)** Tom Downey asked if we had a cost of what having the additional night (Thursday) would cost us. Les said, at this time, we do not have our final contract from the hotel but would be receiving that soon, to which Tom stated that, as soon as we did, let him know and he would see if he could get us a sponsor to cover the cost.

REVIEW DUES INCREASE

- 1)** Les talked about possibly having to raise the dues to offset rising costs of WCC etc however, we were first going to see if Tom's proposal passes, before we consider doing so. Tom recapped his proposal as follows: To have the teams, individuals and women that want to play in post season playoffs, pay a fee to do so; semi's and hi/lo will be exempt from the post season fee. Teams would pay \$50 with individuals and women paying \$10 each. As of this meeting, Tom did not have the proposal written for the other captains to review so he asked if he could get it to the captains in a few weeks. Cori told Tom that he had until 2 weeks prior to our next meeting in May, to get it to the other captains. She also suggested

that he take a schedule along to have the captains initial that they received a copy.

2) Grant McDonald crunched the numbers and calculated that we could potentially raise an additional \$720 to put towards WCC costs, if Tom's proposal passes. In contrast, we would have to raise each teams dues \$36 to collect the same amount. Several in attendance expressed concerns that the majority of league members that continually pay to send the same people to WCC, may not want to pay a higher fee to continue to do so. Consequently, this could cause our league to lose members. Captains are not in favor of raising dues, at this time.

FUNDRAISERS

Les asked all in attendance for some fundraising ideas they would like to see happen, the suggestions are as follows: Tina Thompson bingo night, Colleen Dinnie a bake sale, Judy Naeve suggested bringing back the chili cookoff and having it at the West, as they have plenty of space and parking, Karen Zaborowski a Scotch Doubles tournament at Lakewood Family Billiards, the owner Scott said that he would help us with that and Adela Pellegrini suggested having a large yard sale. Karen asked how we were going to implement any of these, to which Cori and Les said that we would address this at our next BOG meeting in May.

WCC

1) Les discussed an issue that arose at our last WCC in Jan. 2018 with another city drinking alcohol, brought in from the outside. Had the hotel staff caught this, we could have lost our deposit and potentially lost our ability to book this venue in the future. As a result of this, Les will be proposing a penalty to the other cities that states: If a member from another city causes us to lose our deposit, that player's city must reimburse our loss. This will be discussed with the other cities, at the next WCC BOG meeting in July.

2) Cori suggested, if we are hosting and it is one of our own players, that they be suspended from the league, for no less than 1 season. Judy suggested, if the offending city does not reimburse us, the offending player cannot participate at WCC, for no less than 1 season. Grant suggested taking legal action, if the latter should occur. Charlie recounted what happened in SD for Spring 2017 WCC that

others were bringing in alcohol, the staff found bottles that weren't theirs and stopped selling alcohol for the rest of the day and threatened to shut the whole event down, if it continued the following day.

GOLF FUNDRAISER

Again, Les asked that captain's send one player from their team to participate in this. Tom's offer was still good that he would give an additional \$50, if this happened.

PROPOSALS

1) Two proposals were submitted by Janet Murray Roberts and Rob Read, to be voted on, at our next captain's meeting.

A) Janet was asked to write a proposal on **Rule 1.3.3 Sec.0** which states: The drawing for team and divisional slots at the registration meeting (in an effort to maintain a balance between divisions, the first and fourth place teams from the past season shall automatically be placed in the same division and the second and third place teams from the previous season in the other). The **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE** is as follows: That the first and third place teams be placed in one division and the second and fourth place teams from the previous season be placed in the other.

This proposal change was brought about by members expressing their thought of fairness that the 1st&3rd place teams are better matched together, as are the 2nd&4th place teams to play each other in the same division.

B) Rob's proposal is an addition to **Rule 1.3.2 election and term of office** which states: An election committee composed of 1 board member and 2 league members (preferably captains) are to be formed for the collection and tabulation of votes. The committee is to coordinate its activities in connection with the bylaws of the LBPL and ensure a 50.01% vote of all regular season LBPL members to make the election valid. Otherwise, a revote of the same will be necessary. The addition being proposed is as follows: **Absentee Ballots:** All members who pay for all mandatory fundraiser (as per 2.2.7) will receive two (2) envelopes upon payment at the first fundraiser. After nominations close two (2) weeks prior to the

election, the Vice President shall text and or email all pre-paid members a copy of the election ballot. The members can then place filled ballot in the first envelope, then place this sealed, unmarked envelope into the 2nd envelope. The envelope with their name on it can then be given to their captains/teammates at the game the week prior to the election or mailed to the P.O. box. All envelopes collected count towards the election. The member names will be checked off, outer envelope opened and inner, sealed envelope placed into the ballot box. At which time the ballots are tabulated, the inner envelopes may be opened and tabulated as well.

The reason this is being proposed is, those that have paid for all 3 fundraiser, in the beginning of the season, to have the privilege of not having to come to the fundraisers to get their allotted four wins, must come to the last fundraiser, in order to vote, which most did not. Subsequently, we had a very low turnout. We text and called members to please come vote so we could at least have a quorum for the election to be valid.

Les called to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

NOTE: Jeff Weaver and Drew Steedle arrived sometime prior to the meeting being adjourned, therefore they were deemed present and in attendance of this meeting.