

FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date – October 9, 2023

3:58 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President Knyvett Lee

Board members present: Mark Yaeger, Daniel Tordella, Knyvett Lee, Allen Bozek, Bella Ionis-Sorren and Rick Shapiro

Club manager Emilio Lopez was not present because he was on vacation.

One FTLBC member at large, Barbara Tate also attended the meeting.

1. **September Minutes**: Minutes of 9/18/23 FTLBC Board meeting ratified with changes.
2. **Treasurer's report**: Treasurer Rick Shapiro reported:
 - a. Bank and PayPal total cash balance of \$60,391.28 as of 9/30/23.
 - b. Cash balance is inflated by a 10,250.00 deposit from the Cruise Committee, from which various cruise expenses (to be determined) will be paid.
 - c. **Raffle**: FTLBC generated \$885.00 profit from the September raffle.
 - d. **BBQ**: FTLBC generated \$403.00 profit from the Labor Day BBQ. Many many thanks to the kitchen committee and all their helpers.
 - e. **Scrabble**: Board approved continuation of \$4.00 per player Scrabble Club fees through 12/31/24. President Lee to update Scrabble Club contract.
 - f. **Education commissions**: The Board voted to continue the 10 percent fee(s) assessed to FTLBC bridge educators that are providing regular / ongoing (more than 25 per year) lessons/sessions per year and to charge "guest" bridge lecturers/ teachers a rate of 20 percent.

3. **Club Manager's report:** Club Manager Emilio Lopez's report to be submitted after his return from vacation. The Board discusses the need for the manager to better prepare those standing in for him during his vacation for compliance with the required manager reports, etc.

4. **President's report:**

a. **2024 FTLBC Board Elections**

- (1) Four FTLBC Board spots are open for 2023, *to wit*, two 3-year terms, one 2-year term and one 1-year term.
- (2) The Nominating Committee of FTLBC Board members Bella Ionis-Sorren, and Daniel Tordella and non-Board members Nancy Moran and Pam Tindall presented the following **slate** of four candidates (many thanks to the candidates for their willingness to serve the Club:
 - i. Allen Bozek
 - ii. Rick Shapiro
 - iii. Jonathan Salt
 - iv. Alan Rubin
- (3) Additional nominees – Any member at large may also get on the slate if they present a petition signed by 10% of the Club membership by November 13, 2023.
- (4) **Acclamation:** If no additional candidates submit the required petition, the four candidates will be selected/elected by acclamation and no ballots will be distributed to the membership.

- (5) Election: If there are any additional candidates by November 13, 2023, then ballots will be released by November 15, 2023 and voting will take place through December 29, 2023 with the results released ASAP afterward.
- (6) Board Terms: If an election is held, the two highest vote “getters” will have 3-year Board Terms, the third highest vote getter will have a 2-year term and the fourth highest vote getter will have a 1-year term. If the four Board members are elected by acclamation, the Board will decide the terms of the “new” members at the 2024 Board organizational meeting.
- b. Advertising: President Lee will continue to work with the Club manager on the promotional banners, cards and flyers. Club member Barbara Tate will continue to work with the Club Manager to consolidate FTLBC’s two *Facebook* pages into one page.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. Events Committee: Jonathan Salt agreed to take on the task and was appointed Events Committee chair. TYVM Jonathan!!
- (1) Sunday Birthday Brunches will be scheduled for October 22nd, November 12th and December 10th. All members with birthdays in the applicable month will get a free brunch. Mark your calendars!!
- (2) October Sectional: FTLBC’s October Sectional tournament is scheduled for October 27-29. There will be no Quick Tricks game on Saturday October 28th. Chair Barbara Tate is making Sectional arrangements but will be out of town for the event; Keith Gellman will fill in for Barbara. Many thanks to both Barbara and Keith for their work on our FTLBC Sectionals.

- (3) New Year's Eve: Celebration and game may include a *silent auction*. Events committee to investigate / consider.
- b. House Committee:
- (1) Club member Brian Vass agreed to take on the task and was appointed House Committee chair. TYVM Brian!! Former chair Allen Bozek will assist Brian.
- (2) AC filters: President Lee expressed concern about safety issues re Club members climbing on the roof to change the AC filters.
- c. Education Committee:
- (1) Chair Robin Kupperman reported that beginner lessons, supervised games, chip games and mentor games (on line and face-to-face) continue. A *Swiss Team* game was successfully conducted in September.
- (2) Plans for a monthly "7 is enough" Swiss teams game on the first Wednesday of each month are in place. is also being planned for the beginners, Starting November 1, 2023 (day game).
- d. Grievance and Ethics Committee: Chair Tordella reported that Club Member Stefano Marino has requested review of his membership / play restrictions.
- e. Insurance Committee: Club member Barbara Sunshine agreed to assist the Club President and Treasurer with a review of the insurance issues.

5:26 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary