

**FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date – July 8, 2024**

4:03 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President Jonathan Salt

Board members present: Daniel Tordella, Allen Bozek, Knyvett Lee, Alan Rubin, Bella Ionis-Sorren and Jonathan Salt.

Club manager Emilio Lopez was present.

1. **June 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes (with corrections) of the June 10, 2024 FTLBC Board meetings were approved.

2. **Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Alan Rubin reported:

a. Cash: Total bank, *PayPal* and petty cash/change balance was \$96,332.76 as of June 30, 2024.

b. Operations: FTLBC has a net operating gain of \$2,760.91 for June 2024 and has a net operating gain of \$51,775.45 year-to-date through June 30, 2024.

c. The Board discussed and approved a revised shortened monthly treasurer's report format.

d. The Club shall have 4 credit cards (no debit cards) issued to the following persons: Club Manager Emilio Lopez and Board members Alan Rubin, Allen Bozek and Jonathan Salt.

3. **Club Manager's report:**

a. Table count for June 2024 was 492 compared to 333.5 in June, 2023.

b. New equipment: The new *conveyer belt* toaster is up and running. For sanitary reasons, bagels shall no long be served with salt or seeds.

- c. Club Rental: Whether *Yelp* ads and club rental(s) will continue is to be determined after further examination and discussion of the matter.
- d. ACBL fees for gold point games: A \$2.00 per table ACBL charge for (partial) gold point games will be added to table fees as applicable.

4. **Committee Reports:**

a. Events Committee:

- i. Longest Day and July 4<sup>th</sup> events went well. The Board thanks very much all who planned, cooked, cleaned up, etc.
- ii. Sunday birthday game shall be on July 28<sup>th</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday on each month thereafter.
- iii. A joint team game with Quick Tricks is being considered.

b. House Committee (Chair Allen Bozek):

- i. More volunteers for this crucial committee are needed.
- ii. A roof leak along the south wall will be fixed - \$1,350.00.
- iii. Whether FTLBC needs a full roof replacement is to be determined.
- iv. The emergency lighting system needs upgrade/replacement. Quotes to be obtained.
- v. Air conditioning filter change: The Board determined that Allen or other club members should not be going onto the roof, absent exigent circumstances, for safety reasons. Quote(s) to increase our level of service to include quarterly filter replacement (on the roof) to be obtained.

c. Education Committee (Chair Robin Kupperman):

- i. Beginner bridge series – scheduled to resume on 9/9/24.

- ii. Let's all remember to be nice and welcoming to all the new players.
  - iii. Supervised games, free 30-minute lessons (none for July 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>) and mentor games (hopefully resume in September) continue.
  - iv. The 4-lesson on-line intermediate lessons by Michael Wolfe are scheduled to begin on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- d. Grievance and Ethics Committee (Chair Daniel Tordella):
- i. The committee is following up on a complaint against a club member for rudeness.
  - ii. The Board discussed the appropriate reaction by the game director when he/she receives a complaint for rudeness and determined the following: If the director witnessed the violation, he/she should impose an appropriate penalty, if applicable. If the director did not witness the violation, the complaining party must fill out a complaint form for submission to the Grievance and Ethics Committee.
  - iii. The Board requested the Club Manager to include on his monthly report any game / point, etc. sanctions imposed by directors each month.
- e. Insurance Committee (Chair – open):
- i. A full review of our insurance requirements and needs is pending.
  - ii. Board members Rubin, Tordella, Lee and Salt will participate on the committee.
- f. Membership: (Chair Rosemary Boden):
- 2025 membership / renewal drive pending.

g. Marketing (Chair Knyvett Lee):

- i. US 1 Banner replacement is pending.
- ii. Sponsorships are still being considered.
- iii. Whether to continue the ad *Yelp* for club rental(s) is under consideration.

5. **President's report:** President Salt reported:

- a. 2025 Cruise: Joint cruise venture with Quick Tricks is in progress. To date, 52 people have signed up. Quick Tricks shall handle the deposits paid.
- b. Possible bylaws update: Pending.
- c. Recognition Policy: Pending.
- d. Member survey: Several pending issues may be appropriate for a written club member survey.
- e. Cashless payments: Seem to be working without major problems. Any payments by still-outstanding "punch cards" must be entered on the daily "close out" sheet by the manager / game director.

5:37 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary