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January 4, 1960

The annual meeting of the Louisville Bridge Association was held at Voiture Hall, 307 South 5th Street, on Monday, January 4, 1960, at 8 P.M. The President, William J. Bell, presided.

Minutes of the 1959 annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported that our approximate profit for the year was \$1,095.30. Her report was approved and filed with the secretary.

The historian also reported.

The President made his annual report, in which he reviewed activities for the year, and thanked everyone for making it one of the most successful periods in the history of the organization.

In regard to a proposed amendment to the by-laws, providing for enlarging the board of directors, and giving them the power to elect the officers of the association, Mr. Richard Carter pointed out what he thought was a flaw in the proposal. He said the amendment should have been proposed for the charter, which provides for the method of election, and not the by-laws.

Inasmuch as there had already been mail votes cast on the proposal as printed in the annual letter, making it impractical to modify the proposal, the President suggested that the membership vote on the proposal, leaving the determination of its legality to the association's counsel, Mr. Eli Brown later. This was approved by the meeting.

Mr. Francis Schneider made a motion, which was carried, that the phrase "You must vote for (5) directors or ballot is void" be interpreted to mean "You must vote for no more than (5) directors, otherwise your ballot is void".

The new traveling trophy for the Player of the Year, and its miniature replica, the latter to be retained by the winner, were presented to

Mr. Arthur M. Carroll by Mrs. Paul F. Semonin, Jr.

Mrs. Crawford asked that her name be withdrawn from the ballot for the office of secretary, because a group of members had been dissatisfied that no opposition candidates had been put on the slate for some of the offices.

The President then read the slate of candidates presented by the nominating committees. The following nominations were from the floor: Mrs. I. W. Campbell nominated Mrs. O. T. Turner for director, seconded by Mrs. Robert Sheppard. Mr. Carter nominated Mrs. Crawford for Secretary, and his motion was seconded by Miss Alice Kennedy. Mrs. T. J. Powers nominated Mrs. Margaret Johantgen for Secretary, seconded by Mr. Robert Sheppard.

There being no further nominations, the President appointed the following tellers, Mr. Charles Klayer, Mr. William Penton, Miss Alice Kennedy, Mrs. J. A. Clay, Mrs. Vera Riordan and Mr. Arthur Carroll.

After a short recess, Mr. Klayer reported on behalf of the tellers, the outcome of the election as follows:

President, William J. Bell

Vice-President, Mrs. Earl K. Hafner

Secretary, Mrs. Wilbur Crawford

Treasurer, Mrs. William A. Sparks

Historian, Mrs. L. D. Ehrman

Directors, Mrs. Paul F. Semonin, Jr., Mrs. Robert Fugate, Robert Sheppard, Francis Schneider and Mrs. O. T. Turner. Mr. Schneider and Mrs. Turner were tied for the fourth place on the board.

Inasmuch as the by-laws provide no method of breaking the tie, the President suggested to the meeting that both be allowed to remain on the

board, because there would be no retiring President this year to assume a place on the board. The President's suggestion was approved by the meeting without any opposition.

Mr. Klayer also reported that the following amendment to the by laws was adopted:

"Beginning with the election in 1961, the Louisville Bridge Association will elect to the Board of Directors, seven directors for a period of two years, and two directors for a period of one year, and there will be four carry-overs. The outgoing President will serve in an advisory capacity, but will have no vote. In 1962 there will be six directors elected for a period of two years. In the future, in all odd years seven directors will be elected and in all even years six will be elected. The evening of the election, the new board of directors will meet and will elect officers from the members of the board.

Mr. Carter, chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Fund Charity game for 1960, outlined plans for the March 13 event. Mr. Melvin Keisler, his co-chairman for the charity game, also explained how he planned to auction off life-masters to raise additional funds for the event. Mr. Carter asked all duplicate clubs in the area to hold at least one charity game before the end of July for the Red Cross.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Crawford

Secretary