

MINUTES OF THE LOUISVILLE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 1969

The Annual Meeting of the Louisville Bridge Association was held January 22, 1969 at the Kentucky Hotel. The President, Mrs. Zue Johantgen, called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer, Mrs. L. D. Ehrman, reported a profit for the year of \$2898.63. The report was left for the members to examine. On motion of Mrs. Seymour Weiss the report was approved.

Mr. Melvin Keisler, Chairman of the "Player of the Year Committee" presented the trophy to Mr. William R. Phillips, Jr., and announced that Bill Phillips had won 87 Master Points In Louisville Tournaments during the year 1968 and that this was the sixth time that Bill had won this trophy.

The Historian, Mrs. George Broadus and the Trophy Chairman , Mrs. O. S. Rowland, presented written annual reports to be put on file.

Excerpts from the President'S Annual Report are:-

1. \$11,000.00 Of our Savings have been put into Certificates of Deposit.
2. The Membership reached 773 at one point for 1968
3. We had ten (10) new Life Masters which made a total of 52.
4. The Over-ALL Winners in the Nation for the March 1968 Charity Fund Game were two of our members, ~~Mr.~~ Charles Bensinger and Mr. Julius Kizlove.
5. All members were thanked for the work that they had done for the Association.

The report of the Tellers for the four new Directors to serve for two years was as follows:- Mr. James J. Mann, Mrs. Ralph Ruch, Mrs. J. R. Spaninger and Mrs. Seymour Weiss.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

A Free Duplicate Tournament for all paid up members followed the business meeting.

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As you heard a little earlier, for the year 1969 we again showed a profit, and I am happy to say - for our two-year term of office, no loss. This, in spite of more than average amounts spent for entertainment, free entries at one session of a Sectional tournament, etc. During the year our total membership reached 649 - a decrease of 126 from 1968, obviously due to the increase in dues. There were eight new Life Masters (six from Louisville) and a total of sixty for the Unit. For the second year in a row our winners from the March Charity Tournament received National recognition - with Mrs. Eileen Sparks and Mr. Tom Reece finishing second overall in the country. Later, this past December, we had another Charity Tournament for The Rehabilitation Center and turned over \$234.00 to them which is to be used for children whose families are unable to pay for their rehabilitation.

With the introduction of the Swiss Team and a changeover to Master-Non Master Games, on Friday evenings (instead of the Mixed Pairs) at our Sectionals, our tournament attendance greatly increased - especially, the teams. At our last tournament, the Kentucky State, we had a total of 52 teams. Incidentally, we do hope that those of you who have still failed to play in this event will give it a try at the Southern Tournament, 2-27-3-1. We can assure you that you will not be sorry. Remember you do not have to finish in a blaze of glory - but only win one out of your eight matches to acquire points. The only comment to be heard from a newcomer at the last event was, "Oh, it's really great - I'm so excited!" We are now in the process of completing arrangements for our tournaments, in 1972, and, if things go as planned, for the first time the Louisville Unit will have its summer tournament at the new Marriott Inn off of I-65. This promises to be

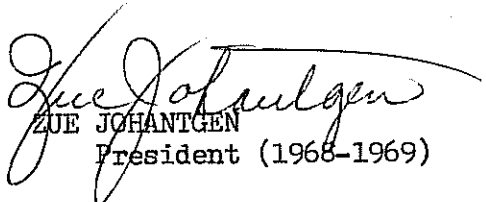
a plush resort - swimming, boating, fishing, lifeguard on duty, pitch and putt golf, horseback riding, and most important - it will be as easily - or more accessible to local and Fall Cities members as any downtown area - with plenty of parking space available.

And now, as I leave office, I would like to thank all the officers and Board members who served with me during the last two years. The going was rough and stormy at times, and there were the average unpleasantries and differences of opinion which will arise in any organization - business or social - but I truly feel that these in no way detracted from our mutual interest to serve the organization. To all of you, we do not claim perfection, but we tried to do our best. And, we would like to thank all the members who so generously contributed their time in any way at our local, Charity, and Sectional tournaments.

We would like to wish the incoming officers and Board members the best of success, and we ask them to please remember that there are those who have gone before who will be willing to help at any time. Take advantage of us. We know you will be full of ideas and change is good - but you will be faced with many problems and decisions that previous experience will help you to answer. I, personally, constantly found myself seeking out those who had served before me.

Remember you are now entrusted with the affairs of an organization that has grown and will continue to grow - close to 700 members - who are depending on you to represent - protect their interests - keep them abreast of all changes - and steer their organization in the right direction - and for the good of all.

Thank you!


ZUE JOHANTGEN
President (1968-1969)