

**JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Madsen at 9:30am. A quorum (40 members or more) was present.

Jeanne Harlan moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 16, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Anne Landry and carried unanimously.

The nominees for open board positions were Judith Bloch, Bobbie Fost, Margaret Fulton, Jan Madsen, and Carol Shotwell. Jan Madsen read statements submitted by each nominee. The statements contained biographical data and nominees' reasons for wanting to serve on the board. There were no nominations from the floor. Jeanne Harlan made a motion to close the nominations and to accept the nominees by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Louise Fontecchio and carried unanimously.

Monica Heseman reported on the JSOB Silver Points Tournament, held October 22-24, 2021:

- Table count was 70, very successful inasmuch as the ACBL did not allow us to have a Sectional Tournament and allowed only a "downgraded" tournament.
- Donations totalling \$135 enabled the club to provide food for all three days at no expense to the club.
- Ru Terajewicz made up the boards for all the games.
- Lisa Higginbotham put together the components for the Swiss game.
- Louise Fontecchio conducted a lesson on Swiss Team Play prior to the tournament for those members who were new to Swiss games.
- Nick Tallyn, who served as director, volunteered to caddy.
- Jan Madsen put in untold hours. This tournament would not have happened without her!

Don Dvorak was mentioned for his long service maintaining the monthly calendar. Don is in charge of the charity allocations. Members are encouraged to fill out a ballot indicating their favorite charity. Ballots are available online or at the club. There will be a ballot box at the club for the next 30 days or so. The winning charity for the coming period will be announced at the Holiday Party.

Jan Madsen recognized Linda and Burton O'Dell for their tireless work as President and Vice President. They were responsible for our beautiful renovation and put in many hours during that process.

Jan Madsen spoke of the club's reopening March 15th. Medical grade HEPA air filters were installed. Zev Wajzman acted as our medical voice during the Covid crisis

Jan Madsen reported on the club's financial status:

- The first four weeks after opening averaged 4-1/2 tables per day. Since that time we have held steady at about 10 tables per day.
- Wednesdays have been our lowest attendance day. "Supervised play" has been initiated for new players on Wednesdays with Leyse Lowry assisting the new players. This has helped financially.
- It will take about 60 tables per week for the club to become viable and allow for the repayment of the loans to the members who provided funds for the renovation. Jan encouraged members to play frequently, support our Wednesday game, and encourage their friends to participate.

- Through 6/30/21, the club was -\$3800 for the year. However, through \$6800 in donations and monies from teaching programs we are now about +\$2000.

Louise Fontecchio related her experience in Nashville relative to Property Tax Exemption. Their club petitioned the city for an exemption based on the social component of duplicate bridge as a deterrent to dementia and Alzheimers Disease.

Jan recognized Melissa Sovereign, Craig Hemphill, Nancy Stein and Ru Terajewicz for their efforts to establish the teaching program.

A new Beginner's Class will begin January 5, 2022.

Lynn Brown has assumed the duty of maintaining the monthly calendar. She will also continue to maintain the bridge library.

Nancy Stein, Aldo Cardia, Maxine Cechvala, and Jeanne Harlan were recognized for their efforts in the Chat Bridge program.

Jeanne Harlan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Landry and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary