

**JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm by President Carol Shotwell. Board members present: Mark Franzoni, Bunny George, Lynne Gheen, Craig Hemphill, Anne Landry, Michael Palmer, Emmy Peters, Carol Shotwell and Nancy Whitmire. Absent with permission: Mike Seibenhaar and Michael Smalline. Also present: Jeanne Harlan, Jack Carter.

**Free Play Policy:**

Monica Heseman submitted a letter to the board suggesting that free play for those over 90 years be discontinued (grandfathered for those already in the program). She suggested a free play for persons playing at the club for the first time could be offered and would provide an incentive for them to return. Michael Palmer made a motion to amend the free play policy to state that any JSOB member who has paid dues for ten years and is 90 years of age or older shall be eligible for free play. Bunny George seconded. The motion passed with one member abstaining. The board decided that free play for first-time visitors to the club would not be considered because it would be difficult for the directors to substantiate and free play for those visiting Jacksonville or "just passing through" would not be appropriate.

**Financials and Table Count:**

Net income for December is \$3148. Table count is slowly increasing but is only 60% of pre-Covid count. Savings account is \$76,000 and notes payable \$50,000. Mark Franzoni will investigate high-yield savings accounts to ascertain if the club will transfer money to gain interest income. Schwab has offered to sponsor a free game at JSOB and pay all table fees and director fees. They will also provide food for the occasion. Plans will move forward to schedule this event.

**Sectional Update:**

Everything is in place for the February Sectional Tournament. Breakfast will be included and lunch will be available for \$5 on Friday and Saturday. Pizza will be provided on Sunday.

**Limited Game Update 0-50; 199er:**

The 0-50 limited Wednesday game had 5 tables the first week and 3-1/2 tables the second week. The 199er limited game on Fridays will be suspended.

**Zero Tolerance:**

JSOB zero tolerance policy will be announced by directors before each game. The board will be looking into the ACBL guidelines on zero tolerance. It is the board's aim to eliminate violations of the zero tolerance policy.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, March 21, 2024, following the game.

Bunny George made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Shotwell adjourned the meeting at 4:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary