

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 3:18pm by President Emmy Peters. Board members present: Bunny George, Mark Franzoni, Judy Harhai, Craig Hemphill, Jan Madsen, Tracy Miller, Michael Palmer, Michael Smalline, Emmy Peters, Carol Shotwell, and Nancy Whitmire. Also present: Jeanne Harlan, Alice Kenyon and Maxine Cechvala.

Michael Smalline moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mark Franzoni seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Emmy Peters thanked the board for all their hard work on the Winter Sectional.

Treasurer's Report:

Net earnings for the Winter Sectional totaled \$4,633. Table count was 124.5. The table count and net earnings are very close to the results of the summer tournament. It is hoped we can improve these figures by having more participation on the part of the club membership.

The club has \$66,000 invested in a money market account earning 4.25% interest. In May this will be reviewed to determine if investing in CDs will yield more return.

OLD BUSINESS:

Security of Building:

There was one incident of doors being unlocked when the building was empty. This will continue to be monitored.

Landscaping Update:

Mark Franzoni moved to allocate \$1,000 to purchase additional plants to landscape the front of the building. Michael Smalline seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Free Play for Members 90+ Years of Age:

Maxine Cechvala presented a petition signed by members of the club requesting that the club reinstate the original policy (dating back prior to 1/21/2010) when the Board voted to continue Free Play for 90 year olds. That policy stated that dues-paying members 90+ years of age would receive free play with no length of membership requirement. The policy was most recently revised in January 2024 with the stipulation that persons 90+ years of age were required to be a member of JSOB for 10 years to receive free play. It was reported that JSOB is the only club in the area which offers this benefit. Financial impact was presented and considered. Mark Franzoni moved that members 90+ years of age who have been dues-paying members for 3 years or more shall be eligible for free play so long as they maintain their current membership. Bunny George seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Air Purifier

The replacement air purifier approved by the Board at the January meeting was purchased and has been installed.

NEW BUSINESS**New Bookkeeper:**

Harold Elkins has retired as Bookkeeper and Alice Kenyon will be assuming his duties.

Request for free play to be offered to pairs filling in ½ table in open game:

Free play or other consideration may be offered at director's discretion for one pair to fill ½ table in open game.

Upcoming Dates:

Better Bridge 3 – Six- week course beginning May 6

Two Over One – Two classes – May 7 and May 14

Pro Am Game – April 23

Longest Day – June 20

Next Board Meeting – May 15

Summer Sectional – July 25-27

Saturday Games – March 29, April 19, May 10, June 21, July 19, August 30, September 27,
November 22, December 20

Format of Pro Am Game:

Judy Harhai made a motion to format the pairings at the Pro Am Game the same as last year. Tracy Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Homeless People:

Emmy Peters will instruct the directors to lock all doors after the game has begun to deter the homeless people from entering. Tracy Miller will visit the sheriff's office to determine what our options are regarding keeping homeless persons away from JSOB property.

Mark Franzoni made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Emmy Peters adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary

