

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
APRIL 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Madsen at 9:55am. Board members present: Jacquelyn Bates, Lynn Brown, Aldo Cardia, Mark Franzoni, Monica Heseman, Jan Madsen, Linda O'Dell, Melissa Sovereign, and Nancy Whitmire. Absent with permission: Anne Landry. Also present: Jeanne Harlan and Burton O'Dell.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Non-board Members:

Non-board members present at meetings may speak at the end of the meeting.

Bookkeeper Resignation:

Dennis Bushman resigned as Bookkeeper. Harold Elkins has taken his place, effective immediately.

Board Member Resignation:

Sharon Bushman resigned. The board hopes to find an individual with prior board experience and a history with the club as her replacement. Monica Heseman made a motion to ask Craig Hemphill if he would agree to serve. Mark Franzoni seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation:

The board thanks Greg Euston for his donation of a laptop to replace the laptop which was recently stolen from the Club.

Teaching Program – Melissa Sovereign:

Chat Bridge on Saturday mornings has resumed. It started off well with 3-1/2 tables, three instructors, and several new members.

The teaching program will be on a quarterly basis beginning in June, 2021 with 8-lesson programs.

Beginning Bridge I – Will be taught by Ru Terajewicz.

Beginning Bridge II – Will be taught by Louise Fontecchio.

Students are required to sign up before the classes start and pay in advance. Lessons are \$10 per class

There will be a minimum of 8 students required. The instructors have volunteered to give back a portion of their fee to the club.

A flyer will be posted as soon as possible. It will appear in the Beaches and Ponte Vedra papers.

The board is discussing other ways to get the word out to a larger audience of potential students.

Times will be announced. An intermediate lesson will be discussed for future consideration.

March Financial Results:

There were 615 plays in the Consortium resulting in approximate revenue of \$770 for the club. Net loss to the club (compared with if those players had played at the club) is approximately \$3542.

There were 72 plays in Support Your Club games resulting in revenue of \$288. Net loss to the club (compared with if those players had played at the club) is approximately \$216.

Game Time Change:

Board discussed changing game time to 10:30am on Wednesday and Thursday. The board will vote on this via email prior to the May meeting.

Volunteers as Fill-In Players:

Several members volunteered to be last-minute partners for those without a partner or to play with the director in order to fill a table.

Letter to the Editor:

The ACBL Bridge Bulletin is continuing to encourage online bridge while doing little or nothing to help clubs which are reopening and struggling to survive financially. Monica Heseman wrote a superb "Letter to the Editor" which everyone should read and heed. It will most likely appear in the June edition of the magazine. Members are encouraged to look for it.

Grant:

The City of Jacksonville is offering grants to organizations with missions to educate or improve mental health of their members. Monica Heseman volunteered to pursue a grant. Nancy Whitmire made a motion to apply for a \$10,000 grant. Melissa Sovereign seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Franzoni made a motion to adjourn. Melissa Sovereign seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Whitmire, Secretary