

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by President Burton O'Dell.

Board members present: Ralph Croskey, Mark Franzoni, Jeanne Harlan, Jeri Hogan, Anne Landry, Dane Margol, Nancy Whitmire. Absent with permission: Nancy Hanna, Leyse Lowry, Keith White.

Also present: Dennis Bushman, Bookkeeper; Julie Bradley, Maintenance Manager; Trella Bromley, Tournament Chair.

## **REPORTS**

### **Trella Bromley:**

Burton O'Dell congratulated Trella on the fine job she did in managing the January Sectional. The food was very good and the quantities and variety were appropriate. We were up 2-1/2 tables from last year's winter sectional. On Friday morning there were 45 tables which is just about capacity. Sunday's game attendance was down a little due to the NFL playoff games.

Trella received an email from Bob Zeiss. Bob stated he was seated in front of the Director's desk and was upset about it. Trella recommended that we give him a free play to make up for his inconvenience. Jeanne Harlan made a motion to that effect and Jeri Hogan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The kitchen crew did not operate as efficiently on Sunday because there was no supervision in the kitchen once the game started. It was decided that at future tournaments a supervisor be present throughout the day.

There was a zero tolerance incident during Sunday's game that most likely could have been prevented if the director (Nick Tallyn) had intervened promptly to de-escalate the situation. The incident has been reported to the ACBL by the person who was offended. Trella will communicate with the Supervisor of Directors in our District (Harry Falk) so that he can meet with Nick to emphasize the director's responsibility in this area.

Beginning with the May tournament, the starting times will be 10:00am and 2:30pm. This will give us a little more time during the lunch break while allowing for an earlier finish time. This new starting time will be emphasized in the bulletin and in emails to members.

It was recommended that set-up, breakdown and parking lot crews be firmly in place for coming tournaments to make the process work better and to spread the labor involved.

Jeri Hogan mentioned that we need a new coffee serving pot for tournaments. The present utensil is old and not user friendly. Jeri volunteered to obtain a new pot.

### **Dennis Bushman:**

The club cleared \$2000 in December of 2017, with a year-to-date figure of \$23,500. We have \$137,000 in the bank and it is projected this will grow to \$250,000 within five years. Our table count is up 11.6% from last year. Chat Bridge is not included in that figure. Much of this is due to the club's educational efforts.

### **Julie Bradley:**

Rob Battinellii of Air McCall was present to answer questions and concerns regarding the proposed A/C replacement. The main issue was whether we needed the tonnage recommended by Air McCall. Rob went into detail concerning how the system will operate and explained how the components they

quoted will make the system work to insure a high comfort level in both cold and warm conditions. He explained that our building is considered a commercial installation and how lighting and occupancy have an effect on the equipment required. Rob answered all the questions the Board put before him and satisfied the Board's concerns. The warranty for the proposed system is very good: ten years parts and labor. Rob will work with us on a maintenance agreement.

The Board had previously voted to proceed with the project, so it will be scheduled as soon as possible. Work will be performed after hours so that there is minimal disruption to the club's schedule. One Chat Bridge and one class will have to be cancelled but all other schedules will be unaffected.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Wednesday Start Time:**

Ralph Croskey stated that the noon start time makes it inconvenient for people who have to travel home during the start of rush hour which affects traffic in the area, especially on I-295. Attendance has been high at the Wednesday game with the new start time. The game will continue with the noon start time, and the Board will revisit the subject if necessary at a later date.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Future Expansion Plans:**

Nancy Whitmire outlined ongoing problems existing with the club's building. These problems include:

- Bathrooms – too small, fixtures need updating, frequent maintenance issues.
- Kitchen – Too small for large functions, need more storage space.
- Serving Area – Totally inadequate – too small; cannot create multiple serving lanes. People must go outside and around and through the back door to reach serving line, which creates a space problem in kitchen and is very inconvenient for everyone. Serving line moves slowly and lengthens meal break. People get irritated.
- Playing Area – The club has reached capacity during tournaments and everyone is really crowded. There is very little room between tables and almost no aisle space. On busy days without tournaments space becomes an issue.
- Parking: Parking is very tight during tournaments. Much of the space is on grass and uneven surfaces which could be a falling hazard.

After discussion, Jeanne Harlan made a motion that a committee look into these issues and explore possible avenues for expansion of the club's facilities. Ralph Croskey seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Burton O'Dell will reach out to Bob Trowbridge and begin a study of options.

### **Small Tables:**

There are not enough small tables to put between playing tables for easier movement of boards. Eight small tables will be purchased.

### **Pro Am Game:**

Dane Margol stated that we needed to find an a new date for the Pro Am game inasmuch as there are conflicts with the fourth and fifth Thursdays in June and July. After discussion Anne Landry made a motion that the game be scheduled for Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Dane Margol seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Barometer Game:**

There was discussion about having a special game once a month on a Saturday, perhaps a “mystery” game.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:**

April 19, 2018 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jacksonville School of Bridge. The Board is proposing a special celebration to commemorate this milestone. Anne Landry and Nancy Whitmire will get a committee together to plan a gala event.

**Judy Pujol:**

Judy and her husband provided a large amount of very good food to the recent sectional tournament. It was decided to send Judy and her husband a letter of appreciation and a gift certificate to one of their favorite restaurants.

**Time Clock and TV's:**

A TV will be installed on the wall above the table adjacent to the restrooms. A new time clock will be installed in the corner of the main playing area. Anne Landry made a motion to proceed; Jeri Hogan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Nancy Whitmire made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Whitmire, Secretary