

Jacksonville School of Bridge Board Meeting  
January 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Burton O'Dell, President, at 2:25 PM.

Board members present: Mark Franzoni, Jeanne Harlan, Jeri Hogan, Leyse Lowry, Dane Margol, Richard Streeter, Nancy Stein, Keith White and Nancy Whitmire.

Board Members Absent: Anne Landry.

Also present: Dennis Bushman, Bookkeeper; Julie Bradley, Building Maintenance; Kathi Gardner, 199er representative; and Judy Miller, Website.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 18, 2016 meeting were approved, with one correction: Richard Streeter and Nancy Stein are teaching the Thursday night Duval County Community Education classes.

### **Reports**

**Bookkeeper:** Dennis Bushman reported that even though we had considerable expenses in 2016 it was a good year financially. Table count was up 8.2% (3800 vs. 3605 in 2015) which resulted in over \$7000 increase in revenue. These figures do not include the Tuesday game. Lynn England conducted a review of the 2016 financial and work papers and concluded that the papers were accurate. Jeanne Harlan moved that Lynn be given 10 free plays. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously. It was noted that paperwork must be kept for five years. Boxes will be marked and stored accordingly.

**Building Maintenance:** Julie Bradley reported that the parking lot was cleaned. The dumpster was moved and we gained one parking spot as a result. Additional paving of the parking lot was discussed, and deemed too costly and unnecessary. Mark Franzoni will research the property line on the right hand side of the building to determine if we can remove some small trees to provide additional parking space in the grassy area.

### **Old Business**

**Mentoring 2017:** Dane Margol reported there are 38 mentees for this year. Several candidates were deferred until 2018 because they need to have some lessons in order for them to be eligible for mentoring. Dane will be communicating to the mentors and mentees on a regular basis in an effort to uncover any problems that might occur.

**Volunteer Medical Box:** The feedback from the members has been good. Members will be encouraged to return their cards so that medical information can be kept on hand in case of emergency.

**February Sectional:** Trella Bromley has sent out flyers to nearby clubs. Emails will be sent to these clubs advising them of the "Buy One, Get One Half Off" offer for the novice game.

**Friday 199er Game:** There were only two tables on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Emails will be sent reminding the 199ers about the Friday game and encouraging them to participate.

**Achievement Day:** Jeanne Harlan reported that Achievement Day will be Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued as to whether the 199ers should be honored on a separate occasion. Kathi Gardner responded that it would be better to have all members recognized on the same day.

**Change of Game Time:** Changing a morning game to an afternoon starting time (Noon) was discussed.

Leyse Lowry mentioned some of the downsides: increased traffic, membership approval, etc. Leyse will prepare a questionnaire for the membership and present it at the February meeting. Members will be asked to vote on this.

### **New Business**

#### **Committees and Chairs:**

Communications Committee: Leyse Lowry, Jeri Hogan, Nancy Whitmire

Education Committee: Richard Streeter, Nancy Stein, Keith White, Anne Landry, Jeanne Harlan

Events Committee: Keith White and Mark Franzoni

It was brought up that there is no continuing education provided for intermediate or higher players who wish to improve their game. Keith White will draw up a sample curriculum and present it at the next meeting. A recommendation will be made at that time.

#### **Sanctioned Saturday Game:**

It was decided to contact ACBL in order to establish a 0-20 sanctioned game on Saturday so that points can be awarded.

#### **Director Pay:** Tabled

**Director Duties:** Nancy Stein made a motion that Burt O'Dell be in charge of directors. Jeanne Harlan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Women's Bathroom:**

The sinks and counter are such that water accumulates everywhere and creates a constant mess. Estimate(s) will be obtained to determine if it is cost effective to replace the countertop and sinks.

#### **Strats Change:**

Judy Miller showed the website as it pertains to master point races (shown as Competitions on the website). It was noted that there are NLM players who have large numbers of master points so having a NLM MP race makes no sense. Jeanne Harlan made a motion to eliminate the NLM classification, add a 199 classification and make number of master points the criterion for all competitions. Mark Franzoni seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Stein moved that the pairs percentage competition be eliminated from the website; Richard Streeter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Stein made a motion to change the A strat cutoff from 2000 to 2500 to match District 9 strats. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Other Business:**

Jeanne Harlan made a motion to give Jan Madsen and Carl Wasserman ten free plays each for their efforts in collecting money and documenting membership renewals for 2017. Nancy Whitmire seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There is \$10 in the Helping Hands fund. Members will be encouraged to donate to this fund.

Mammosphere returned our check as they are no longer eligible to receive our assistance.

The list of charities will be checked to see if there are any left to which we can send our charity money.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Minutes approved 1/24/17.

Submitted by Nancy Whitmire, Secretary