

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by President Jan Madsen. Board members present: Jacquelyn Bates, Lynn Brown, Sharon Bushman, Aldo Cardia, Mark Franzoni (via phone), Monica Heseman, Jan Madsen, Linda O'Dell, Melissa Sovereign and Nancy Whitmire. Absent with permission: Anne Landry. Quorum: Yes. Also present: Julie Bradley, Facility Manager, and Jeanne Harlan, Newsletter Editor.

President Jan Madsen welcomed everyone to the meeting. She stressed that 2021 is a very important year for the club. The club has been closed for a year due to COVID-19 and it will be a challenge to bring it back to financial stability and membership growth. The board needs to work together as a team and a business entity.

Jan also mentioned that the ACBL has amended their previously published timeline for opening Sectional Tournaments. They have cancelled all tournaments through July 2021, which means that JSOB will lose the scheduled July tournament.

OLD BUSINESS:

Missed Messages:

The club phone will now send a message to Jan when someone leaves a recorded message.

Air Purifier:

Extensive research has been done on various air purifiers. Jan enlisted the aid of a friend in the Army Corps of Engineers who performed additional research. He considers the VironAire the best choice. It is used by the government, free standing and provides both HEPA filtration and UV-C. We would need two units at about \$900 each plus shipping, etc. Total cost is estimated at \$2000. Concern was voiced about purchasing these units immediately in light of the club's financial uncertainty. Lynn Brown made a motion that two units be purchased now, that the purchase be financed to spread the payments over time, and to encourage donations from the club members to cover the cost. Jaqueline Bates seconded. The vote was 6 for, 3 against. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule for Future Board Meetings:

The Board will meet April 8, May 20, July 15, September 16, October 21, November TBD, December 16. Meetings will convene at 10:30am.

New Director:

Ru Terajewicz will direct the Wednesday game.

Education:

Chat Bridge will resume beginning Saturday, April 10, 2021.

The teaching program will resume the beginning of May, details to be announced.

The mentoring program is under discussion and details will be forthcoming.

Badges:

Upon reopening, the club will provide paper nametags so that members, especially the 299ers, will have an opportunity to get acquainted. An order will be placed for badges for members to wear on an ongoing basis.

Defibrillator:

Monica Heseman will make sure the defibrillator is functioning properly and will check it frequently. Instructions in use will be provided for directors or other interested parties.

Zero Tolerance:

Zero Tolerance guidelines will be posted. If anyone violates the zero tolerance policies, the director may be called to rectify the problem. All members should be courteous and respectful to all other players.

New Alert Rules:

New alert policies will be available at each table. Ask a director for clarification if in doubt.

Medical Card Updates:

Members will be asked to fill out a medical card, or update an existing one, to be used in case of a medical emergency. The cards will be kept in a file at the director's desk.

Membership Renewal for 2021:

Members of the board will reach out to those members who have not renewed for 2021.

Opening Guidelines:

The club will reopen on Monday, March 15, 2021.

All games will begin at 12:00 noon with a 15 minute break to accommodate those who need to eat, etc.

No food or drink is allowed in the facility with the exception of a closed container which can be used between sets. The club will continue to sell water only.

Only those members who can provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination may participate.

Waiver form must be signed by participating members.

Masks must be worn at all times. If a member is not allowed to wear a mask for medical reasons, then a face shield will be required.

Entry will be by back door only.

Hand sanitizer is to be used by members between sets.

Full list of guidelines will be provided and will continue until further notice.

OTHER BUSINESS:**Club Utilization Fee:**

Aldo Cardia reopened the motion to increase the utilization fee to \$175 with a concern that it was too much considering that the club cannot foresee the table count when reopening. After discussion the subject was tabled until further information can be obtained.

There being no further business, Nancy Whitmire moved that the meeting be adjourned. Aldo Cardia seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary