

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 3:25pm by President Burton O'Dell.

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

Also present: Dennis Bushman, Bookkeeper; Julie Bradley, Maintenance Manager.

REPORTS:

Dennis Bushman:

February 2018 showed a loss of \$2600. This was due to the insurance bill of \$3400.

The \$30,000 CD the club purchased has matured. Rather than invest in another CD, the Board decided to use a Money Market Account, which will yield a higher interest rate. Ralph Croskey made a motion that the Board approve for the Treasurer to open a \$100,000 Money Market Account. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Julie Bradley:

A swing arm has been ordered for the front door. This will prevent the door staying open when people enter or exit.

Letters for the outside of the building have been ordered. The building will be better identified as the Jacksonville School of Bridge.

The little "shack" and the shrubs around it will be removed from the front of the building. This will improve the appearance of the property.

Security doors were discussed. It was decided to leave things as they are for now.

The 2018 directories were distributed.

Problems in the restrooms were repaired.

Lost items have been piling up in the kitchen area. It was decided that after one week, Ralph Croskey will relocate any "items without owners" to the storeroom and place them in a container. Members will be able to retrieve their items from that area.

OLD BUSINESS:

25th Anniversary:

The club will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in April. There will be a special Saturday game on April 28th beginning at 1:00pm. Cake and delicious snacks will be provided. The fee for the game will be the fee that was in place 25 years ago when the club first opened!

Longest Day:

Leyse Lowry reported that the ACBL allows the Longest Day games to be played from dawn til dusk any day from June 17th through June 24th. The Board decided to schedule our games on Thursday, June 21st. There will be 50-50 drawings to be used as a money raiser for the Alzheimers Research effort. Further details on game times and formats will follow.

Special Saturday Games:

Keith White reported that the Barometer Game was well received. It is hoped that the Saturday game will gain momentum and that eventually we can have a game every Saturday. Future Saturday games are scheduled for April 14th and May 19th. The game time has been moved up to a 12:30pm start.

Pro-Am Game:

The Pro-Am Game was re-scheduled due to an unforeseen conflict. Jeanne Harlan made a motion that the game be scheduled for Monday, July 23. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:**Novice Games:**

Nancy Hanna commented on how the novice group appreciates the opportunity to play in a more relaxed setting as their skills improve. Jeanne Harlan made a motion to extend the master point range to 299 in the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday novice games. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This will give players with more than 199 points the choice to remain in the novice group longer before moving to the open game.

Tacos and Teams:

The Tacos and Teams monthly event has been losing players and the number of tables is declining. Nancy Whitmire made a motion to change the name of the game to "Nine is Nifty" and to limit any one team to nine points among its members. A players = 3 points, B players = 2 points and C players = 1 point. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Swiss Sectional:

Keith White made a motion to change the Swiss Team event in our Sectional Tournaments to a bracketed event. Nancy Whitmire seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Plaques:

Judy Pujoi and Melissa Sovereign will take over the job of keeping the plaques up to date with new entries as necessary.

Monitor Bulletin Board:

Mark Franzoni will donate a laptop computer to be used to enter information on the new "monitor bulletin board."

Sound System:

Nancy Hanna volunteered to order a portable mike for use by the instructors. This will make it easier for those attending to hear the instructor.

Food and Beverage Money:

Directors will be asked to collect the food and beverage money from the baskets each day.

There being no further business, Nancy Whitmire made a motion to adjourn; Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Whitmire, Secretary