

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21,2024

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by President Carol Shotwell. Board members present: Mark Franzoni, Lynne Gheen, Michael Palmer, Emmy Peters, Mike Seibenhaar, Michael Smalline and Nancy Whitmire. Absent: Bunny George, Anne Landry, and Craig Hemphill.

Financials and Table Count:

Net income for February was \$5400, down \$1600 from January, due to expected decrease in dues collections and increase in building maintenance expense. Table count averaged 55 per week as compared to 62 in January. The February Sectional Tournament totalled 117.5 tables as compared to 120.5 tables last year. Friday and Saturday game attendance increased from 2022 but the Swiss game on Sunday decreased from 38 tables in 2022 to 24 tables this year.

Charles Schwab:

Mark Franzoni is continuing to work with Charles Schwab to schedule a day when they will sponsor a game and pay all expenses with a short presentation of their financial services.

Investments:

Emmy Peters made a motion to authorize Mark Franzoni to move \$60,000 in funds into staggered short-term investments (\$20,000 each) in order to earn maximum interest on our savings. Lynne Gheen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Helms:

Jerry Helms will be back with another two-day seminar in May, date to be determined.

Pro-Am Game:

A pro-am game has been scheduled for Monday, April 29th. In order to qualify as an “amateur” an entrant must have 5-499 master points. Sandwiches and dessert will be served. Charlie Schubiger is coordinating this event.

Stardust Week:

Stardust Week is Monday, April 22, through Saturday, April 27th. All games that week, except for Wednesday, will award 75% black and 25% gold masterpoints. The Wednesday game will be a regular game with extra points.

Swiss Team Game:

There will be a Swiss Team game scheduled in April and the board will attempt to draw more players from St Augustine and Palm Coast.

Lesson Schedule:

Better Bridge III, taught by Ru Terajewicz, began on March 20th with about 15 paying students.

Pizza:

Michael Smalline is donating pizza for lunch on Thursday, April 4th.

Mark Franzoni made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary