

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING  
MAY 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm by President Burton O'Dell.

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

Also present: Julie Bradley, Maintenance Manager; Trella Bromley, Tournament Chair. Several club members also present.

**REPORTS:**

**Mark Franzoni:**

Mark presented the financial report in Dennis Bushman's absence. In April the Club made \$2000. Year-to-date the club has netted \$8700. Bank balance is \$122,000. Our \$30,000 CD has been rolled over for one year at a rate of 1.85%.

**Julie Bradley:**

Maintenance items:

Thirty (30) new bulbs were installed in the overhead lights; one ballast was replaced.

Leak in ceiling was taken care of by Air McCall.

Bug issues were addressed by Nader Pest Control.

Front yard was cleaned out – excess shrubbery, stone items, wood structure removed.

Two new toilets were purchased and installed in the men's room.

Windows were washed inside and out.

The City of Jacksonville inspected the air conditioning installation and approved it.

The Jacksonville School of Bridge history booklet was printed and distributed at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary game.

The new sign identifying our building as the Jacksonville School of Bridge will be installed on the front of the building.

Two bids were obtained for a maintenance agreement on our new air conditioning units as well as cleaning of the ceiling grilles. Air McCall: \$1530 per year plus \$127 to clean grilles. Air Solutions: \$1300 per year plus \$160 to clean grilles. Although Air McCall's price is slightly higher, possible warranty issues will be avoided by having Air McCall perform the maintenance on their installation. They have been very responsive to our needs so far. Jeanne Harlan moved to stay with Air McCall for the maintenance agreement and grille cleaning. Mark Franzoni seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Trella Bromley:**

Trella explained that she will be absent from the bridge scene for at least six months. With that in mind she will need to turn over the responsibilities of Tournament Chair to someone for the October 2018 tournament and for tournaments going forward. She volunteered to continue assisting the new chair. She would be able to create the brochures. Diagrams for table placement during and after the tournament and to-do lists of things have been prepared for the new chair. This should make the transition easier for the new person. For the upcoming tournament Ralph Croskey will do table management, Lynn Chapman and Ted Burns will supervise parking, Nancy Whitmire will supervise the kitchen staff on Friday, Kim Martin will supervise on Saturday. A person for Sunday is needed but Trella will supervise on this day if necessary. The Swiss game

on Sunday for the October tournament will be bracketed as previously decided. The brochure will reflect this change.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Leyse Lowry – Longest Day:**

The Longest Day is a fundraising event held by the ACBL with all proceeds going to Alzheimer's research. Leyse shared what she had learned from other clubs who have had this event. We will be offering three games on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Game Fee will be \$10. The games will be 18 boards. Lunch will be provided at 11:30am, after the first game. Lunch will be free for participants but donations will be accepted. Game times are 9:30, 12:30 and 3:00. Leyse will be advertising in local media to attract as many players as possible. A rubber bridge "social" game will be offered for those who do not play duplicate. The ACBL reimburses clubs 50% of their advertising fees up to \$500. Mark Franzoni motioned that we allow Leyse an advertising budget of \$1000. Ralph Croskey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Remodel Plans Presentation:**

Ben Broadfoot of Broadfoot Design, LLC, was present to explain his proposal and to answer questions. Ben reviewed our earlier meeting in which options were discussed for remodel. Included were bathroom relocation to left side of building (build-out), removal of existing bathrooms to provide more room for kitchen and better layout of playing area and director's location, and addition to the front of the building to provide more playing area. It is estimated this would be about 1/3 more area. The board told Ben that the club could not go ahead with the \$4700 expenditure for these services without an estimate of cost for the various options discussed. Whether or not the property can provide additional parking that the expansion would require is the first hurdle to overcome even before cost is addressed. Retainage issues need to be cleared prior to any decision to move forward. Mark Franzoni will try to get information on this. Mr. Broadfoot explained that we can go forward with this proposal in steps. If we approve the \$1500 for the Feasibility Study he can provide floor plans, elevations, a structural study and some cost estimates. Jeanne Harlan made a motion that we approve \$1500 for the Feasibility Study, pending resolution of the retainage issue. Nancy Whitmire seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Keith White – Saturday Games:**

Keith has had positive feedback on the Saturday games. They have not been large but the Saturday games should grow over time. We are beginning to attract a few people who play online. One problem with the Saturday game is that the word is not getting out to enough people. Keith suggested that the website promote the Saturday game on the home page. Also, more frequent emails should be sent to the membership. The game should be promoted on our monitor in the club and the directors should be announcing the game.

### **Education Schedule:**

The club will try to promote the education program to a larger audience and the schedule will be published to the members.

### **Mentees Playing in Open Game:**

Lynn Chapman has requested that members contact him if they have an open date where they can play with a mentee in the Open Game. This will help to make mentees more comfortable and enable them to leave the 299er group and play in the open game. Please contact Lynn if you can participate in this effort.

There being no further business, Mark Franzoni moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeri Hogan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Whitmire, Secretary