

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
MAY 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:15pm by President Burton O'Dell.

Board Members Present: Mark Franzoni, Jeanne Harlan, Jeri Hogan, Anne Landry, Leyse Lowry, Dane Margol, Richard Streeter, Nancy Stein, Nancy Whitmire. Absent: Keith White.

Also Present: Dennis Bushman, Bookkeeper; Julie Bradley, Maintenance Manager; Trella Bromley, Tournament Chair; Kathi Gardner, Nancy Hanna, 199er liaisons; and Ted Burns.

Minutes of previous meeting approved via email.

REPORTS:

Trella Bromley:

Trella delivered flyers for the Spring Sectional to several bridge clubs in the area (Amelia Island, St. Simons, Palm Coast). Other area clubs were sent flyers via email so that the directors could announce our upcoming Sectional and urge their members to attend. The flyer for the October Sectional has already been printed and will be on display at the spring Sectional. Food preparations have been made and sign-up sheets for snacks and desserts have been posted for member participation.

Dennis Bushman:

April, 2017 showed a profit of \$685.05. Year-to-date 2017 profit is \$7906.48.

Julie Bradley:

The women's restroom update was completed with new countertop and fixtures. New soap dispensers and coasters were added. Feedback has been positive. A new toilet safety frame was purchased for the handicapped restroom. A new towel dispenser for the handicapped restroom will be purchased and installed.

Burton O'Dell thanked Ted Burns for his excellent job of filling in the potholes in the parking lot exit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Compensation:

It was noted by Anne Landry that the change in director compensation approved at the March 2017 meeting resulted in only one director benefiting from the change. After discussion, Mark Franzoni made a motion that Director compensation be a minimum of \$100 per game or \$6.00 per table, effective June 1, 2017. Nancy Stein seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Cleaning Crew Compensation:

After further discussion regarding cleaning crew compensation and performance, it was decided that written job responsibilities for regular cleaning and for tournament duties will make it easier to evaluate performance. The topic was tabled until written job responsibilities have been completed and presented to the Board.

Ambassador Recognition Plaque:

Burton O'Dell suggested that recognition should be given to those who are Ambassadors for the Jacksonville School of Bridge. These individuals have contributed much to our club over the years.

Nancy Stein and Craig Hemphill have been named Ambassadors in the past, and we have two new ambassadors, Jeanne Harlan and Ralph Croskey. So that these and future Ambassadors are given the recognition they deserve, a plaque will be purchased and placed on the wall in the open game playing area. The 199er 70% plaque will be moved to the area in which the 199er games occur.

Flying Pig Regional and Longest Day:

Richard Streeter shared with the Board that clubs have the ability to participate in Regional Tournaments by having pairs enter via laptop or tablet. These events require a monitor who must be a director or board member. Also, once a year there is a Longest Day event (multiple games in the morning, afternoon, evening, night owl) whereby clubs can raise money for Alzheimer's Research. We are too late to participate this year. Nancy Stein moved that Richard Streeter and Leyse Lowry research this so that JSOB can decide whether to participate in 2018. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

STAC Times and Dates:

The upcoming STAC week in June will include a Tuesday night game beginning at 6:30 and a Saturday game beginning at 10:30, in addition to the regular 10:30 games on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and the noon game on Friday. Anne Landry will direct the Tuesday night game and Richard Streeter will direct the Saturday game.

It was also proposed that if the 199er group can provide three tables for Tacos and Teams, this would be an excellent way to introduce them to team play.

Zero Tolerance:

The cell phone rule will be enforced so that if a phone rings during play, the pair with the ringing phone will be penalized $\frac{1}{4}$ board. Directors will be announcing this prior to the start of the game. The final draft of the Zero Tolerance Policy will be sent to the Board for approval via email. After approval, the policy will be posted.

Supplies and Inventory:

Lynn Chapman and Mark Franzoni will be managing supplies and inventory.

ACBL Rules on Weak Twos and 4-Card Preempts:

ACBL rules prohibit preempting with four-card suits.

All preempts must come within one card of what is shown on a convention card; e.g., if the card shows 7 cards for a weak three bid, the hand must contain at least six cards in that suit.

Slow Play:

It is not best to penalize both pairs for slow play when one pair is not responsible. Directors will continue to monitor slow play and encourage the slow pair to speed up so that the game runs smoothly.

Pro Am:

Dane Margol will again champion this game which was so successful in 2016. The Pro-Am game will be on Thursday, June 28. Sign-up sheets will be posted as soon as the May Sectional is over. Pairing will be selected at random prior to the game so that the Director can assign tables accordingly. Pros will sit North and West. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the club. Dane will obtain "special" stickers that will read JSOB Pro-Am for the participants. Lisa Carter will be the Director. It will be arranged that this game provide extra points.

Fall Education:

The JSOB educational efforts have been tremendously successful. Beginning in August, there will be new classes.

Beginning Monday, August 21, there will be a 2/1 class at 2:30. Teaching will be Anne Landry and Genie Kaplan.

Beginning on Wednesday August 23 at 2:30 and Thursday, August 24 at 6:30, there will be a Beginning Bridge Series consisting of five 8-week segments at \$60 per segment. The Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening lessons are identical to give participants flexibility in their scheduling. The Thursday session will be conducted by Keith White. The Wednesday instructors are yet to be determined. A Tuesday night Chat Bridge Session will be added. Anne Landry motioned that the Education Package be approved. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding a Friday morning class for improving players. Instructors are being considered.

Game Time Survey:

Leyse Lowry will send out the final draft of the Game Time Survey to the Board. After approval via email, the survey will be sent to all members.

Calendar:

Don Dvorak will be asked to post two months of the monthly calendar so that members can better schedule their time.

There being no further business, Richard Streeter moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Nancy Stein seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary

Minutes approved by email May 21, 2017