

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 2:20pm by President Burton O'Dell.

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

Also present: Dennis Bushman, Bookkeeper; Julie Bradley, Maintenance Manager; Trella Bromley, Tournament Chair; Nancy Hanna, 199er Liaison; Christine and William Bennett.

Minutes of September 20, 2017 meeting approved via email.

**REPORTS:**

**October Sectional – Trella Bromley:**

Attendance for the team game on Sunday was high with 31 tables. Some complaints were voiced over the game being bracketed. Having the Swiss game bracketed resulted in 20 more master points being awarded for the game. It was discussed to possibly handicap the top bracket; this will be considered for the May 2018 sectional. Changes cannot be made for the January, 2018 Sectional.

Stratification will be changed from 2000 to 2500 for the May sectional. Seating for the Friday morning session was at capacity. If attendance continues to grow, consideration will have to be given to erecting a tent to accommodate more tables or holding the event at an alternate site.

Flyers for the January 2018 Sectional will be distributed now and other marketing will begin to advertise the event. It was decided to award trophies for the 0-20 games on Friday and Saturday for the January tournament.

The Marriott has been contacted regarding renewal of our contract for special rates during tournaments. Food served at the club was a problem, with respect to both quantity and quality. Other providers will be contacted to discuss changes for upcoming tournaments. Participation by members will be more organized as to what, and how much, will be provided. The serving staff will be supervised so that things run more efficiently in the kitchen area.

**Dennis Bushman:**

The club made over \$6000 in October, over \$3000 of which was from the Sectional Tournament. Year-to-date the club shows a \$20,000 profit. The success is due in large part to the efforts of our Education Committee. They have brought in new players.

**Julie Bradley:**

The sand burrs in the parking lot have been sprayed by our pest control people.

A plaque will be placed in the 199er room to honor 70% games by 199ers.

The defective switch in the air handler has been replaced.

The bidding boxes were organized prior to the October Sectional.

The answering machine was not taking messages; problem was resolved. Directors will now be able to get messages off the answering machine.

The phone and internet went down again; it was the same issue as last time.

The Church of Eleven22 has communicated that they will not be proposing any revisions to our parking area until sometime in 2018 or 2019.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Membership Meeting:**

It took too long to count the ballots, resulting in a delay of resuming the game after lunch. In the future the ballots will be counted after the game and results will be communicated at that time.

#### **LCD Monitor:**

Mark Franzoni will contact a tech company (Sound and Design) to review the project and recommend how best to proceed.

#### **Cleaning Bridgemates:**

JoAnn Vergnolle from the St. Augustine club has volunteered to help us with this project. A “cleaning team” will be formed.

#### **ZT Policy:**

Directors will be asked to walk around the tables during play so that if a problem is observed they can act to remedy the situation before it escalates.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Committees:**

Nancy Stein moved that Leyse Lowry be nominated as Chair of a newly formed Communication Committee. Jeri Hogan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dane Margol will continue as Chairperson of the Mentor/Mentee program in 2018.

#### **Window Blinds:**

Nancy Whitmire made a motion that window blinds be purchased for the Novice Room. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Start Time for Wednesday Game:**

Mark Franzoni made a motion that the start time for the Wednesday game be changed to 12:00 noon. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried with one opposed. The new start time will commence January 3, 2018.

#### **Barometer Game:**

Special games will be held on designated Saturdays. Nancy Stein made a motion that a Barometer Game be scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2018. Richard Streeter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Building Identification:**

Richard Streeter made a motion that a sign identifying our building as the Jacksonville School of Bridge be placed under the Dorothy Whiteside sign on the exterior wall. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Holiday Party:**

The Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 8, 2018. Michelle Raeuber, Nancy Stein and crew will obtain gift baskets and prizes for this event.

Nancy Stein moved that in 2018 the Holiday Party be held on the third Friday of December so that it does not conflict with STAC Week. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Decorating the Club:**

Anne Landry will decorate the club for the holidays.

**Security for the Club:**

Ways to make the club more secure were discussed. Fire regulations require two paths of egress (unlocked) at all times. Doors that open out but do not allow entry from the outside will be considered.

**Number of Sections in a Game:**

Tabled until next meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Nancy Whitmire moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mark Franzoni seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Whitmire, Secretary