

**JAC KSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm by President Jan Madsen. Board members present: Lynn Brown, Mark Franzoni, Anne Landry, Craig Hemphill, Jacquelyn Bates, Linda O'Dell, Monica Heseman and Nancy Whitmire. Absent: Aldo Cardia, Melissa Sovereign. Also present: Judy Bloch, Margaret Fulton, Jeanne Harlan and Carol Shotwell.

NEW BUSINESS:

Incoming Board Members:

2022 Board Members Judy Bloch, Margaret Fulton and Carol Shotwell were welcomed.

October Financial Update/Table Count:

The club is solvent through October 2021, but only because of \$7746 in contributions from generous members. Dues for the coming year have been collected from 130 people. Weekly table count has increased to 46. We need at least 60 tables per week in order to operate in the black without outside assistance.

Craig Hemphill made a motion that the Thursday 499er game be changed back to a 299er game to encourage more participation from newer players. Anne Landry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The 299er game will commence on Thursday, December 2, 2021.

New Director:

Mike Siebenhaar is a new member and is also a Director. Mike has agreed to act as a backup Director.

1 Club Club Update:

Jacqueline Bates and Carol Shotwell reported that efforts to increase play by the newer members has had mixed success. Members were recruited to reach out to new members and assist them with partnerships or other concerns. They will continue their efforts and reach out by email to new members.

Mentor-Mentee Program for 2022:

Charlie Schubiger will lead the Mentor-Mentee program for 2022. He has over 20 people signed up as mentees. Mentors are being recruited and will be assigned in December.

Wednesday Play:

Wednesday continues to be a very small game. The "Supervised Play" for new bridge players has enabled the club to continue the Wednesday game. In January, the Mentor-Mentee players will be encouraged to play on Wednesday if at all possible. This will benefit the new players because they will play with other mentees in a more relaxed setting. All mentees will sit North or East and all mentors will sit South or West. This is a win-win situation for the club (increased Wednesday participation) as well as the mentees. To provide an additional learning opportunity for mentees, there will be a session after the Wednesday games where questions regarding specific boards will be reviewed and discussed.

Free Games for age 90+ Members:

Monica Heseman made a motion to increase club revenue by requiring those 90 years old or more to pay for games, effective January 1, 2022. Mark Franzoni seconded the motion. The vote was 2 for, 7 against. The motion did not pass.

January 2022 Sectional Tournament:

Monica Heseman reported that the January Sectional will have two Friday games, two Saturday games and a Swiss Team game on Sunday. The tournament dates are January 14th-16th. ACBL has not yet advised whether the tournament will be given "full tournament" status. More details will follow shortly.

NLM Tournament and Other Tournaments for 2023:

The club has to request 2023 tournament dates now and will ask for January and July tournaments as well as a NLM tournament.

New Classes:

A class for beginning bridge players will commence on January 5 for 6 weeks, from 9:15am to 11:15am.

Holiday Party:

JSOB Holiday Party will be Friday, December 10th. More details to follow.

Club Closure:

JSOB will be closed Wednesday, November 25 and Thursday, November 26, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Projects for 2022:**Survey:**

Anne Landry and Monica Heseman will work on a survey to be sent to all those who attended classes this year. Beginning with 2022, surveys will be conducted at the conclusion of each class.

Tacos and Teams:

The board hopes to reinstate Tacos and Teams as a monthly evening event in 2022. More to follow.

Bulletin Board Management:

A volunteer is needed to keep the bulletin boards more organized and user friendly.

Budgets and Controls:

Mark Franzoni will review the current P&L statement for improving methods of data submission, expense reimbursement, etc. He will make recommendations for changes.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16th, at 2:30pm.

Craig Hemphill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Franzoni seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary