

**JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017**

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

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

Also present: Dennis Bushman, Bookkeeper; Julie Bradley, Maintenance Manager; Trella Bromley, Tournament Chair; Ted Burns.

Minutes of previous meeting on July 17, 2017, approved via email.

**REPORTS:**

**Dennis Bushman:**

July and August were basically break- even months. There was nothing significant to report.

**Julie Bradley:**

The old, rotted railroad ties in the parking area in front of the building will be removed. Mark Franzoni and Keith White will take care of this.

Maintenance items done:

- Windows washed inside and out
- Phone and internet did not work for a week after Irma. AT&T finally got things done and issued a \$25 credit.
- Roof was repaired.
- Trophy case was taken down and new shelf installed with Gary Tinkley trophies.
- Labelled every cabinet as to contents.
- Two toilets in the ladies' room were repaired.
- Stained ceiling tiles were replaced.
- Dead branches were removed prior to Irma; more will be removed.
- Termite inspection inside and out.
- Pest control sprayed for bugs.

**Trella Bromley:**

Fall Sectional:

- Emails have been sent to all ACBL members within 200 miles. Another email will follow.
- Flyers will be delivered to nearby clubs.
- Ralph Croskey and John Reeve will again manage set-up and parking.
- Julie Bradley will manage partnership.
- Worn out bidding box inserts will be replaced.
- Food sheets will be specific as to day. Items needed will be identified.
- The Sunday game will be a Bracketed Swiss event. This has proven to be more popular and should increase attendance.

After discussion, Jeanne Harlan moved that the Fall Sectional for 2018 be scheduled for October 5-7. Nancy Stein seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Church of Eleven22:**

JSOB has been allowing church parking on Sundays. A representative from the Church, Sally Wilbur, made a proposal that we allow them to construct a sidewalk from their parking lot to the edge of our parking lot so that (1) they could more easily move equipment to the church and (2) make access to their parking lot more convenient for attendees who park in our area. In return, the church has proposed improving our grass parking area, to include removal of shrubs, leveling the area, putting down gravel, and installing parking bumpers. They would also maintain our grounds at their expense. The church will ask their engineer to visit our site to assess what can be done and to submit a preliminary proposal. There are several options to consider before proceeding to the next step.

**The Longest Day:**

Leyse Lowry reported that the event will be held on June 21, 2018. It is a charitable effort with proceeds benefiting Alzheimer's research. ACBL has raised 2.4 million dollars in the last five years. Leyse has received material from ACBL to assist clubs in publicizing the event, including areas outside the bridge community. ACBL provides a lot of resources including when to start planning the event and people needed to insure a successful outcome. St. Augustine has agreed to co-chair with us if we wish to do so. Jeanne Harlan moved that we proceed with this event in 2018. Nancy Stein seconded. The vote was unanimous to proceed. Leyse Lowry volunteered to be Team Captain. She will select/recruit her team members.

**Slow Play:**

How to eliminate slow play was discussed with options including penalties for those pairs who cause delays. It was suggested that directors be more proactive and walk the areas during play to keep things moving and to try and speed up those pairs who are slow.

**Awarding Points to C Players:**

There are games where C players cannot earn master points because there are too few playing. It was decided that B and C players will be stratified if necessary so that all levels of players have a chance to earn points. The ACBL software allows this. Mark Franzoni moved to implement this practice and Jeanne Harlan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Saturday Game:**

Keith White suggested that a Saturday game would be welcomed by those bridge players who work during the week. He feels that the game would grow as people found out about it. A start date of January, 2018, was discussed. No conclusion was reached.

**Instant Matchpoint Game:**

Nancy Stein moved that JSOB participate in the Instant Matchpoint Game on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. Keith White seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Cost will be \$8 person and start time is 12:00 noon. After completion of each board, participants will be able to see how many matchpoints they earned. A booklet containing expert analysis of each hand will be given out after the game. We hope to have a novice game and an open game. Judy Miller will send out an email announcing the game.

**Stop Card:**

Effective January 1, 2018, there will no longer be stop cards in bidding boxes at ACBL tournaments. In keeping with JSOB policy to be consistent with ACBL standards, stop cards will be removed from bidding boxes as soon as possible. JSOB will schedule a workshop for directors to bring them up-to-date on ACBL rules and clarify other issues.

**Mentor/Mentee Game:**

Jeanne Harlan moved that this year's Mentor/Mentee game be free for participants. Mark Franzoni seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Board Members for 2018:**

Nominating Committee for the 2018 election is Jeanne Harlan, Chairperson, Marie Greenstein, Craig Hemphill, Chet Montgomery, Carole Sinoff, and Melissa Sovereign. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following JSOB members for election: Ann Buchholz, Ralph Croskey, Mark Franzoni, Nancy Hanna, Anne Landry, Cheryl Livesay, Jan Madsen, Burt O'Dell, and Richard Streeter. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the October 26 meeting, at which time the election will be held.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Whitmire, Secretary