

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING  
JULY 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by President Burton O'Dell.

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

Also present: Julie Bradley

### **REPORTS**

#### **Financials:**

Dennis Bushman, Bookkeeper, was absent from the meeting due to illness. His published financial reports showed the club is doing well. One note of interest: the Club's electric bill was \$200 less than last year's bill for this time frame. We will continue to monitor the bills to see if this is a trend.

#### **Julie Bradley:**

- The gutters were cleaned.
- The leak in the roof was repaired.
- Water continues to leak in the storage room. This is a problem caused when the storage room was attached to the main building. This was not done properly.
- New toilets were installed in the men's and ladies' rooms.
- The "shack" in the front of the building was removed. The cement surrounding it was removed.
- The alarms have been going off due to people entering the building and not disarming the alarms properly. Julie will record dates and times in an effort to see when this occurs and which members might need additional training in how to enter and exit the building after hours.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Longest Day:**

Leyse Lowry reported that she learned a lot with the Club's first participation in this event. Our expenses were \$2330. \$1600 of that amount was due to advertising, which was expensive and produced little, if any, positive results. We plan to participate again next year. St. Augustine has proposed that we combine forces and switch the venues back and forth for this event. Our net proceeds for the Alzheimer's Fund were somewhere close to \$3000. We are sure we can do better next year with the knowledge gained this year.

The Longest Day is not just about bridge. It is an event that was created by The Alzheimer's Association and can be sponsored by any employer, group, etc. to raise money for Alzheimer's research.

#### **Fall Sectional:**

Nancy Hanna, Chairperson for this event, was out of town and unable to present a report. However, she communicated that everything is on schedule with respect to flyers, assignment of duties, etc.

**Fall Education Schedule:**

Nancy Stein reported that some changes will be made in this fall's educational program to make it better for the students. She felt that too much material was being presented and could not be properly presented in an eight-week course. The curriculum will include Beginning Bridge, Advanced Beginner's Bridge, Modern Conventions, Play of the Hand, Beginning Defense and Two-Over-One.

**Saturday Games:**

Keith White reported that the Saturday game is not growing as much as he had hoped but it is being supported well enough to continue to offer it. Keith feels it is important for the Club to offer a Saturday game so that those who still work will have this opportunity to play. We will continue to search for better ways to market this game to those players who still work and cannot conveniently play during the week.

**Tacos and Teams:**

The Tacos and Teams event will be advertised as Nine is Nifty so that when teams sign up they will be aware that their team cannot exceed 9 points. This will make the game more competitive rather than having one or two teams dominate most matches. It is hoped that the long term effect will be to attract more teams to this fun event.

**NEW BUSINESS****Recycling:**

Ann Buchholz and Jan Madsen proposed that the Club start to recycle so that we keep as much waste as possible out of landfills. It is the goal of this proposal to have no Styrofoam containers or plates and to accumulate all items that can be recycled and have those items removed by an outside firm to take to a facility for recycling. Nancy Whitmire will coordinate with Ann and Janice to decide what the next steps will be to get the program running and to encourage the members to be enthusiastic about this effort. Jeanne Harlan moved that we begin a recycling program. Nancy Whitmire seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Mentor Mentee Game:**

The Mentor Mentee game will be held on Thursday, November 1.

**NAP Qualifying Games:**

In the future, the NAP qualifiers will be scheduled so that we do not have four or five games in one week, as happened recently.

**0-20 Game:**

Leyse Lowry moved that, beginning in August, a 0-20 game be scheduled for 12:30 on Saturdays. Jeanne Harlan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Club Remodel:**

Ben Broadfoot presented his floor plan and site plan for the remodeling project. The plan proposes that all existing bathrooms be removed and relocated to an expansion area at the end of the open game room adjacent to the existing storage room. A new area would be built to accommodate expanded women's and men's rooms, two ADA bathrooms (one for men and one for women) and a remodeled storage area. This expansion would include roof enhancements to correct the problem that exists now

because of the incorrect melding of the building with the storeroom. The building of the new restrooms would be completed prior to any work starting in the other areas of the building, thus ensuring minimal disruption of scheduled activities. When completed, an enlarged playing area will be created and a more central area for the directors. The Board decided to seek out contractors to ask for bids to be submitted for review.

There being no further business, Nancy Whitmire moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Dane Margol seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Whitmire, Secretary