

**Jacksonville School of Bridge
Board Meeting
Jan. 26th, 2012
Minutes**

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. Board members present: John Brady, John Landry, Kay Craft, Marlise Cusick, Fran Weiss, Ginny Hoffman, Noel "Bud" Penk, Shirley Ann Garvey, Don Dvorak Alexander Weiss, Nancy Martin, and Regina Sooley. Peggy Higginbotham was not present. She was recovering from surgery the previous week. Quorum: yes.
2. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of 2 Board meetings held on December 16, 2011.
3. Ginny Hoffman resigned as Treasurer. A motion was made, seconded and passed without objection to elect Bud Penk for Treasurer.
4. Bonnie Clutterbuck suggested to post on the bulletin board a list of members and their masterpoint totals. The suggestion ended after discussion, no motion was made.
5. Bonnie Clutterbuck recommended that the 2012 Membership Directory include the home address of members. Kay Craft mentioned it is a good idea to have a new printed address book, and made a motion for same. Discussion: St. Augustine has such a book at a cost of about \$300. Carl mentioned that our current list is not befitting of a club of our size and stature. Kay's Motion was seconded and passed without objection. John Landry abstained from the vote.
6. Bonnie Clutterbuck asked that the Board members to comply with ACBL Zero Tolerance rules and set a good example for the general membership. Alex Weiss mentioned the necessity to have identical convention cards, and to not discuss previous boards. Bonnie displayed a JSOB zero tolerance policy. John Brady discussed the purpose of a Zero Tolerance policy. Craig Hemphill mentioned the ability to copy a card before the game. Wilson Day mentioned that Zero Tolerance deals with rudeness and demeanor of players.
7. Request from several members to recognize Bud Warren's contributions to the Club with a monetary award. Michelle Raeuber stated that Bud has done a lot for the club, is now in poor health, and doesn't have a lot of money. A motion was made to give Bud a \$500 gift card, and members can also donate individually. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Michelle will be in charge of this project.
8. Request for a volunteer to go through 2011 Board minutes and make a list of items decided, and circulate them to game directors, Board members, and the tournament Chair. Example: The May 2011 Board meeting, it was moved and seconded that the starting times for sectional sessions be changed to 10am and

2:30pm, beginning January 2012. The motion carried with two abstentions; however, our tournament was advertised with 10:30 and 3:00 times. Geoffrey Cross volunteered to do this.

9. Mentoring program: Approval of Cece Lichtenstein to continue as program chair. Permanent approval of mentors playing free when mentoring. Last year we had 18 volunteer mentors. This year some people have dropped out, so we are looking for new ones. A motion was made, seconded and passed without objection for mentors to play free at the JSOB when mentoring.
10. Approval for JSOB to participate in the ACBL Voucher program. No action needed other than to make the Board aware of this program. .
11. Discussion of the ad hoc procedure for payment of bills electronically that we've had to use because of delay in getting new Board officers approved by bank, and board members not always present when checks need to be signed. . Is an amendment to the bylaws needed to accommodate this issue?
12. Alex Weiss complaint about no play incident in November. See handout. Alex mentioned that the director was not acting appropriate and reasonable in refusing to correct the score. Alex explained what happened from his point of view. Wilson stated that the score should have been changed. Discussion of these events by many at the meeting, as well as the current score changing policy. No motion was made in regard to this agenda item.
13. . Request for Disciplinary hearing under By-Laws against Alex Weiss stemming from incident with Ellen Finney, Michelle Raeuber, and Game Director Anne Landry on Friday Jan. 20th. Michelle stated that Alex violated Zero Tolerance, and was rude and badgering to the director. John Brady suggested that the Board to take action on this according to the bylaws. Alex and Michelle exchanged words over a score. After the game Alex apologized to Michelle, but was rude to Anne. Michelle said that actions like these can cause us to lose members. John Brady feels these events merit a disciplinary hearing. Alex himself requests a hearing. A motion was made by Ginny and seconded to have a hearing. Motion passed unanimously. A hearing will be set next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.