

St. Petersburg Bridge Club
Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Christine Honadle at 4:16 p.m.

Board members attending: Joy Bradley, Gene Holmes, Lydia Jacobs, Virginia Jones, Linda Kneeburg, Anne Person, Ed Priestley, Carole Stone, John Wharton, Judy Zebos. Also attending: Charles Gill, Club Manager, Carol Garnett, Elaine Garofalo, and Steve Wallis.

1. On a motion by John, and seconded by Joy, the minutes of the September 18, 2017 board meeting were approved.
2. Financial Review by John. The cash balance is decreased as compared to September 2016. There is a decrease in income as compared to September 2016. Hurricane Irma impacted Club operations. Tournament income remained comparable. Overall income is down as compared to last year: decrease in Bridge Deck sales, lessons and games. On a motion by Virginia, and seconded by Joy the Financial Report was approved.
3. Club Manager's Report
 - a. Club Statistics – October is slightly up as compared to 2016.
 - b. November Special Events and Calendar.
November 4 10:30 a.m. free open and 499er game with a light lunch
November 4 6:15 p.m pie tasting followed by a Club Championship game.
(No longer to be a Team Game as previously thought.)
 - c. Book weekend. Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5. Books, bridge decks, shirts and cards will be promoted for purchase for personal use and as gift items.
 - d. December Special Events
December 9, Christmas Party. Charity is Suncoast Voices for Children. They will provide guidance as to the donations most needed.
New Years Eve Game.
 - e. Calendar for 2018. Will try to have a monthly 499er team game.
 - f. Teaching Plans. Being developed.
 - g. Seminars
Andrew Garnett is scheduled for October 25 and November 15.
Larry Mori is a possible presenter in December
Audrey Grant is scheduled for January
John Rayner is scheduled for February

4. Old Business

- a. Bridge Reference Decks—Dar Webb hopes to create a gift package.
- b. Extra Space. No discussion
- c. Volunteers are still needed..
- d. Parking. Use of the parking lot needs to be documented. There is a survey sheet to document the parking for the Monday, Wednesday. Friday games in the office.
- e. Roof. John will follow up on the email sent to Joe Ellingham regarding the roof tiles.

5. New Business

- a. The contract with Gretchen Funk and Marianne Timmons for the Monday game expires December 31.
- b. Nominating Committee for slate of new board members will be Carol Garnett and Anne Person.
- c. John reminded the board that it was time for the collection of membership dues. He stated Dar was willing to collect on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Anne will collect on Tuesday. To begin after Thanksgiving.
- d. Lydia suggested the “Stop” cards be removed from the bidding boxes as ACBL will not allow their use in 2018.
- e. Lydia suggested the Christmas Party be in recognition of Charles as a Club Manager Appreciation Party.
- f. Christine has observed a decline in the food available during games. Will improve..
- g. Anne asked that long term strategic business plan be developed for Charlie’s eventual retirement..John stated that once the mortgage debt is eliminated, the Club will be in a better position to plan. Charles will provide the Board with a copy of the Manager’s responsibilities. This will be contrasted with the Board’s responsibilities.
- h. Carole is aware of 499er players moving into the open game and not feeling welcome. If not handled at the time, any behavior of this nature should be brought to Charles’s attention.
- i. Judy commented the directors were not utilizing the playing space effectively. Charles to address.
- j. Memorials will continue to be posted as currently done. The decision from the September meeting to have a Club Members Memorial was overturned.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Person, Secretary