FORT LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB Minutes of the Annual General Membership Meeting December 9, 2019

The Annual General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Allen Bozek at 11:58am. In attendance were: more than 68 members (Log/Sign-In Sheet attached).

The **President** reported on the club refurbishing for a total expenditure of approximately \$68,000. It is planned to replace the main room carpeting in 2020. Allen reported that this year the Board voted to change the by-laws reducing the number of Board Members to 7 (from 9).

He recognized and thanked those members who have reached the end of their elected terms: Trudy Bell and Harvey Simon; also, Judy Davis and Sandra Gordon, who were appointed during the year to fill the vacancies created by Board Members who resigned their positions. He thanked the members of the Executive Committee for serving this year, Vice President David Kupperman, Treasurer Michael Schneider, and Secretary Trudy Bell. He also thanked all the Committee Chairmen – Decorations-Carolee Petrey, Charity and Joint Events-Dale Jacobson, Teaching – Rosemary Boden, Ethics-Yvonne Morton, Membership-Michelle Ezray, Partnerships-Sandra Gordon, House and Insurance – Allen Bozek, Purchasing--Harvey Hoffenberg, Parliamentarian-David Kupperman, Food Service-Paul Jacobson, Suggestions-Trudy Bell, Advertising-Theresa Hernandez.

In the absence of the **Treasurer**, Michael Schneider, Sandra Gordon gave the report on the club's financial position. As of the end of November the cash on hand balance is in excess of \$81,000. The Total income (January to December) is a negative net revenue of approximately \$19,138.60.

Club Manager, Emilio Lopez, reported that his goal this year has been to increase table count. Based on the count to date, it has increase by 3%. He wants to continue to increase table count and to encourage greater friendliness among members and to our visitors.

The President then introduced the Nominees for Election to the Board: Rosemary Boden, Judy Davis, Michael Deegan, who each gave a short speech about their desires for joining the Board and plans to help support our Club. Nominee Edgar Hift is also running for election; however, he is out of town.

The President asked if anyone wished to address the membership.

Paul Jacobson requested to report on Charities on behalf of Chairman Dale Jacobson. He reported that \$2,000 was donated to City of Fort Lauderdale Summer Programs and \$15,976.25 was donated to Alzheimer's. During this year we have collected for Bahama

Strong, Thanksgiving donations to Broward Partnership for the Homeless and Christmas donation also to Broward Partnership for the Homeless. We are applying for an ACBL charity grant to be donated to charities in Broward County.

Rosemary Boden reported that there will be a workshop by Ron Klinger and possibly another series by Neil Silverman. She has also been working with City of Fort Lauderdale to include a pre-bridge card game called Hoo and would like volunteers to learn this game and help participate in teaching it to the children in the Summer Program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

July Bell Trudy Bell, Secretary