

Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2019

Present: Strat, Janice, Kathy & Chandler, Joyce, Colleen, Karla, Anshul, Joan, Patricia, Delores, Mary Ann, Laura, Eric Taylor

The March Board meeting was called to order by Strat May (President) at 6:17pm.

Treasurer's Report: Chandler & Kathy Jones presented 3 reports:

- Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31, 2018
- EK Tournament Comparative Income Statement
- Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2019

A complete financial report will be available at the April 22 General Meeting

The Membership Committee (Karla Shopoff) reported on efforts to increase membership as referenced in the Development Committee report of Jan. 2019. Suggestions were: improve club culture, incorporate non-sanctioned games, provide RideShare opportunities for those unwilling to drive at night or to games far from their homes. One possibility is to provide the Membership Committee with an attendance report generated through the scoring software quarterly. The committee could make social calls to "missing" persons to encourage them to come to the bridge games.

The Tournament Committee (Delores O'Connell) reported suggestions that eating at the tournament facility was pleasant, but the timing of the afternoon game could be moved to 2:00 or 2:30pm. Also, the ACBL has approved a sectional for 2020 for the GBC. The dates are **March 6, 7, 8.**

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The Social Committee (Joan Williams) is preparing for THE LONGEST DAY event which will be held June 21, in the Oak Room at Oak Hammock. Table sponsors are being solicited as an additional fund raising effort. There will be no Friday afternoon game at UU. Encouraging players from non-sanctioned games to attend and support Alzheimer's research was mentioned.

The Education Committee (Anshul Paliwal) reported that 4 tables of beginning bridge are currently progressing with Mary Ann McIntyre and Jon Shuster, University Bridge with 20 or so students is being offered as a 1 credit course and taught by Anshul, Laura, Dimitri & Bill Connellan. Mary Ann will be contacting the Senior Center bridge group and working with Linda McNew to bring players to our sanctioned games.

The Development Committee (Laura Sjoberg) reported that Step 1 of the 501C3 application has been accepted. Pledges, but not donations, can be accepted to go towards a Permanent Home Fund. Contributions, once 501C3 status is fully approved, will be tax deductible. Estimate to buy/rent, insure and manage a permanent home is \$800,00. Games included would be Monday & Friday, possibly Tuesday, but not Thursday evening (Town Club).

The General Meeting will be April 22. The board meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.