

Gainesville Bridge Club
General Meeting
April 22, 2019
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Strat May, president.

- The Longest Day “tournament” will be June 21 at Oak Hammock. There will be three events, including a Pro/Am event to attract donations. Highest bidders can choose a volunteer “pro” as partner for the evening event. Joan Williams (Social Comm. Chair) will be organizing food. Attempts to attract players from non-sanctioned games around Gainesville will be made.
- 2020 GBC Sectional Tournament will be held March 6-8. Strat and Delores O’Connell will be working with the Gainesville Country Club as venue. Due to Daylight Savings Time on March 8, some concern was expressed about the dates for our tournament. However, the dates are set by ACBL and can’t be changed.

Reports

- Treasurer – Chandler Jones discussed and distributed financial reports for the GBC & 2019 tournament. Please contact him if you would like a copy. The tournament made a small profit. The GBC finances are sound.
- Bylaws – Joyce Thompson sent a survey to the membership to assess opinions on creating a standing Nominating Committee (as opposed to current ad hoc committee). The response was mediocre. The request to create a standing Nominating Committee was tabled for now.
- Membership – Karla Shopoff (as reported by Janice Ladd) encouraged current members to continue to be friendly and welcoming to all players, but especially to newcomers.
- Publicity – Delores O’Connell and Joan Williams will put together a tri-fold informational brochure. This can be distributed at tournaments, special events and public places to further inform the public about Duplicate Bridge in Gainesville. (It’s BIG --- Bridge in Gainesville)
- Education – Anshul Paliwal reported UF bridge classes are going well. A suggestion was made to provide transportation (or UBER coupons) for UF players to come to Monday or Thursday night games. Monday afternoon classes with Mary Ann McIntyre and Jon Shuster are bringing new players to the GBC with fall & spring classes. Mary Ann & Delores will contact the bridge person at the Senior Center to attract these players to the Tuesday game.
- Development – Mary Ann McIntyre (for Laura Sjoberg) reports continued search for a new venue. The 501C3 application is continuing its progress.

New Business – Ocala may donate tables to Gainesville bridge as they move into their new bridge building.

Next meeting will be Oct. 21, 2019
The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm