

Jacksonville School of Bridge

Board Meeting, February 13, 2024

Present: Mark Franzoni, Bunny George, Lynne Gheen, Craig Hemphill, Anne Landry, Michael Palmer, Emmy Peters, Carol Shotwell, Dr. Michael Smalline

Excused absences: Michael Siebenhaar, Nancy Whitmire

Club members present: Jack Carter, Jeanne Garner, Ginny Hoffman, Leyse Lowry, Julie Mackey, Jan Madsen, Nancy Meade, Donna Miller, Marilyn Nolan, Barbara Parke, Nancy Stein, Richard Streeter

President Carol Shotwell called the meeting to order at 3:30. She announced that this was a special disciplinary hearing in response to a Zero Tolerance complaint filed against Dr. Michael Smalline. The ground rules for the procedure were read. Craig Hemphill raised a point of order stating that the meeting should not be open to the general membership but should be conducted in the presence of the Board members and any witnesses to the event in question. Dr. Smalline declared that though the initial very public announcement of this proceeding was wrong, he had no objection to an open hearing. It was agreed that the witnesses should remain, but observers should be excused. Nancy Stein, Leyse Lowry and Marilyn Nolan remained as witnesses.

The original letter of complaint, written by Anne Landry, was read into the minutes by Emmy Peters. Dr. Smalline responded to the letter disputing some of the content. Nancy Stein (Smalline's partner at the time) presented her memory of the event. Marilyn Nolan and Leyse Lowry offered their recollections. Discussion ensued. Included in the discussion were reading portions of the ACBL Zero Tolerance guidelines and reading of the ACBL laws pertaining to the alleged offense. The witnesses and Dr. Smalline were then dismissed.

After lengthy debate Emmy Peters moved that Dr. Smalline be suspended from playing at JSOB for two consecutive weeks beginning Monday February 19, 2024 and ending Friday March 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mark Franzoni. The motion was unanimously approved with Michael Palmer and Anne Landry recusing themselves.

Other business:

Leyse Lowry reported that the Wednesday afternoon supervised play was no longer effective. Dr. Michael Smalline moved that the Wednesday game be sanctioned as 0-50. The motion was seconded by Mark Franzoni. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was agreed that representatives from Schwab would sponsor the Royal STaC game on Saturday, March 10. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 along with a short presentation by a Schwab representative, followed by the STaC game at noon.

Mark Franzoni reported on his research into online banking accounts. Craig Hemphill recommended that we stagger our investments so that after one year's rotation, we would have one of four accounts ready to roll over or withdraw every three months. No decision was made.

It was agreed that the membership must be made more aware of Zero Tolerance guidelines. Anne Landry will reach out to Monica Heseman about having several informative posters prepared to hang in various spots in the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Landry