

St. Petersburg Bridge Club
Board Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Joanne Wharton at 4:18 p.m.

Board members attending: Lydia Jacobs, Linda Kneeburg, Phil Nolen, Anne Person, Lee Taylor, John Wharton, and Judy Zebos. Also attending: Charles Gill, Club Manager, Carol Garnett, and Dina Oertli.

1. On a motion by John, and seconded by Lee, the minutes of the January 22, 2018 board meeting were approved as presented.
On a motion by John, and seconded by Lee, the minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting were approved as presented
2. Financial Review
John reported January was a good month in all categories. Bridge Deck sales, game revenues (notably Mondays), tournaments, seminars, membership have all increased.
3. Club Manager's Report
 - a. Club Statistics – January increased. February anticipated decreased, with the exception of Mondays.
 - b. March Special Events and Calendar
Games for 0-5, 20, 49er and rubber bridge will be in the newly leased space. The 0-10 game may be moved there as well.
Information on back to calendar to resume.
Will explore possibility of a multi-club Interclub Challenge
 - c. John Rayner Seminar
Wednesday, February 28. Currently 21 are registered.
 - d. Use of New Space—lower level games
 - e. 499er Tournament—March 22, 24, 25. Steve Wallis may provide Sunday lunch.
 - f. Sally Meckstroth Celebration—March 31 Hospitality Committee to handle details.
Appetizers and wine followed by game at 6:30.
 - g. Jeff Edelstein Seminar—March 28.
 - h. Calendar for 2018—no discussion
 - i. Teaching Status
Have done well with classes coming in from Bridge in a Day. Merry Schainblatt and Diane Wharen are planning a Defense Class.
Perhaps have another Learn Bridge in a Day in May.
4. Old Business

- a. Bridge Reference Decks – have seen a slight increase in sales. The Club and Baron Barclay are sponsoring a bridge themed Haiku contest.
 - b. Parking – Situation still being pursued. Joanne Wharton and Dar Webb have met with an attorney specializing in condominium association laws.
 - d. Background Presentation for new board members – Will be scheduled for new and any other interested board members.
 - e. Maintenance responsibilities vs Club improvements were discussed.
 - f. Means to promote volunteerism was discussed.
5. New Business
- a. Fundraising – Donations toward reducing the debt as well as Club improvements will be solicited through letters and personal approach. There will be a free game in April, the objective will be fundraising. Car decals will be made promoting the Club, proceeds to fundraising. Additionally, there will be a visible opportunity to make a contribution prior to the games. There was a discussion to raise the non-member game fee. No action was taken.
 - b. Zero tolerance policy and the appropriate action to take was discussed.
 - c. Corresponding Secretary/Sunshine Notes. Names of “Sunshine” volunteers to be posted on the website.
 - d. Objectives for 2018—Joanne listed several objectives for the coming year: a procedures manual, refurbish list, membership process. Board members are to email her their ideas.
6. Other
- Explore the possibility of a St. Patrick’s Day Party on March 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Person, Secretary