

St. Petersburg Bridge Club  
Annual Meeting  
January 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Joanne Wharton, President. Approximately 38 members attended, constituting a quorum based on 2017 membership to date

Joanne introduced Carol Conaway, a Board member of *Suncoast Voices for Children*, the new local charity SPBC has chosen to support. Ms. Conaway spoke of *Suncoast's* goals and how they work with the community. Ninety percent of all funds *Suncoast* receives is given back to help the children.

As Joanne is leaving the Board this year, she thanked all Board members and the SBPC Club Manager, for their help during the year. She thanked all members for their participation during the year, whether it be volunteering, playing, bringing food for tournaments and for abiding by the "zero tolerance" rules.

1. Minutes of January 23, 2016 Annual Meeting need to be approved. Paul Friedman moved that reading not be required. Paul then motioned minutes be approved, with second by Rick Corwin. All ayes; approved.
2. Financial – John Wharton presented a general review of finances for 2016. The additional \$1.00 "Building Fund Surcharge" player fee for the year totaled \$26,000. Bridge Deck sales brought in an additional \$19,000. Net income is \$39,000 vs \$16,400 in 2015. We have reduced the building loan by an additional \$60,000, totaling \$100,000 for 18 months, and hope to continue to reduce the principal in 2017. Dar was recognized and wished to let everyone know that Bob Vollbracht was, and still is, instrumental in working with her in revisions to the Bridge Decks.
3. Charlie Gill, Club Manager, reviewed 2016 and noted we grew 3.5% from the prior year, not counting the Monday day game. He thanked everyone for their help through the year. Also acknowledged a gift of \$5,000 that SBPC received from a bridge player's estate.
4. Players of the year: (by category)
  - A. Bud Dean
  - B. Dar Webb
  - C. Jack Sieling
4. New Board nominations were submitted and nominees introduced. Motion by Rick Corwin and second by Nancy Holmes that the following individuals be elected for 2017.

Joy Bradley, Carole Stone, Anne Person, Kirk Miller, Ed Priestly and John Wharton

All ayes; approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McKittrick, Secretary