

FORT LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting
September 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Allen Bozek at 4:00 pm. In attendance were: David Kupperman, Michael Schneider, Harvey Simon, Paul Jacobson, Michelle Ezray, Sandra Gordon, Judy Davis and Trudy Bell.

The minutes of the Board Meeting on August 5, 2019 were submitted. There was a **Motion** to Approve the Minutes, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report - Michael Schneider

Michael Schneider submitted the following reports (attached):

Statement of Financial Position August 31, 2019

Statement of Activity January-August 2019

Statement of Activity August 2019

There was a **Motion** to Approve the reports, seconded and passed.

President's Report – Allen Bozek

There were several issues this month that required Board approval via electronic communication. These matters must be now ratified:

Motion to Ratify the August 8th approval of the Joint Individual Game on October 23, 2019; seconded and passed. **Motion** to Ratify the September 9th approval to hire Ivonne to paint at \$40/hour and to clean at \$25/hour; seconded and passed. **Motion** to Ratify the September 9th approval to purchase a new refrigerator with freezer and icemaker for maximum of \$2,000; seconded and passed.

Pursuant to the ByLaws, a Nominating Committee must be appointed consisting of two Board Members and two members at large, who must present a list of member nominees at the September Board meeting. Board members volunteering to be on the committee are Harvey Simon and Trudy Bell. Judy Halloran and Elizabeth Kros have also volunteered. **Motion** to Appoint the Nominating Committee and stated; seconded and passed.

Manager's Report – Emilio Lopez

- 1) Report is attached to these Minutes. We are #14 in the ACBL and #1 in Unit 243.
- 2) Discussion concerning joint games with Quick Tricks and previously discussed at several Board meetings. There is a separate accounting for the income and expenses handled by FTLBC as it is our game sanction. The purpose is to continue the game and encourage memberships and goodwill for both clubs. **Motion** to Authorize the Club Manager to Schedule and Approve Joint Games; seconded and passed.

- 3) The manager asked for authorization to purchase additional playing cards as the inventory on hand is wearing out. The cost is approximately \$600. **Motion** to Approve the Purchase of Playing Cards; seconded and passed.

Committee Reports

Charity – Alzheimer's – Joint Games – Dale Jacobson report attached. Final total raised for Alzheimer's \$15,976.25. No charity games this past month. Joint Games has \$639.80 in the account.

Education – Rosemary has asked us to consider opening the club to card players who would just like a place to play bridge socially, using our facility, but not playing duplicate bridge with us. They could play bridge or canasta or any game, paying a to be determined fee for the use of the club. She mentioned that this is done in European countries and she plans to further investigate and clarify her suggestions.

Events – No Chairman. We have an upcoming Abe Jakob's (funded) birthday brunch. Nancy Paris is cooking. Michelle Ezray suggested we have a Welcome Back to the Club event and offered to coordinate with the Club Manager. This would include a cake or special snack for an upcoming Monday game. Dale Jacobson mentioned that she was willing to chair a New Year's Eve event with a different caterer than was hired last year.

Food – Paul Jacobson report attached. Paul advised that Nancy Paris has requested to serve lunch on Saturdays, beginning September 21st. After discussion there was a **Motion** to Allow Nancy Paris to Serve Lunch; seconded and passed.

House – Allen Bozek reported that the windstorm insurance bill was received and must be paid this month, however the Insurance Agent is reviewing to verify a significant increase in the cost. This matter will be discussed via electronic communication when the invoice amount is verified.

Parliamentarian – David Kupperman advised that at the August Board meeting, the Board voted to reduce the size of the Board from 9 to 7 members. As a result of the change in Board size, it became necessary to make a few changes to the ByLaws. I have attached the revised version so that everyone has the chance to review the changes before the September Board meeting. Changes were made to the following sections:

Page 3 – Article IV, Paragraph 3A – there was a rewrite of this paragraph to accomplish the reduction in Board size and to make sure that we continued to have staggered terms of the Board members. Each year we will either have 2 seats or 3 seats up for election, unless there is a resignation during the year which may cause us to have more seats up for election. It is important to remember that if there is a resignation, the person appointed to fill that slot serves for the balance of the calendar year, not the balance of the term, so their seat is up for election.

Page 3 – Article V, paragraph 1A – changed the number from 9 to 7.

Page 4 – Article VI - introductory sentence changed the number from 9 to 7. This year, we have 5 current Board members whose terms continue thru the end of 2020 (3 have 1 year left and 2 have 2 years left), so we expect to have 2 seats up for election and the candidates elected will serve 3 year terms. In 2020 we will have 3 seats up for election.

Partnership Desk – Sandy Gordon reported that there were 88 communications this month.

Suggestions – Trudy Bell received two suggestions. 1) Concerning Game Director not being able to timely set up the game and requesting Club Manager or more experienced Game Director be present at the beginning of all games to avoid delay. Suggestion referred to Club Manager. 2) Concerning emergency phone calls, suggestion if the Game Director is playing that he has the Club telephone with him to answer in anticipation of an emergency call. Suggestion referred to the Club Manager.

Unfinished Business

Update on the refurbishing. Still a few details to be completed including toilet paper holders, paper towel dispensers, mirrors, handicap door locks, a few punchlist items.

New Business

Request to continue with Bridgemate settings as were used while we were temporarily relocated to the ArtServe Building. The game was much more enjoyable and ran more smoothly. After discussion there was a **Motion** to Remove results, percentages, analysis from the Bridgemate program; seconded and passed.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Trudy Bell, Secretary