

FORT LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB
Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting
December 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Allen Bozek at 4:28pm. In attendance were: Judy Halloran, Ken Wagner, David Kupperman, Harvey Simon, Paul Jacobson and Trudy Bell.

The minutes of the Board Meeting on November 5, 2018 were submitted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

On behalf of the Treasurer, David Kupperman submitted the following reports (attached):

Statement of Activity Comparison January-November 2018

Statement of Activity November 2018

Statement of Financial Position as of November 30, 2018

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

The Executive Board has recommended year-end Holiday Bonuses for directors and staff. **Motion** to Approve the Recommended Bonuses, seconded and approved.

The Treasurer has recommended that \$50,000 cash on hand be placed into money market and certificates of deposit as follows: \$10,000 money market account at Charles Schwab; 4-\$10,000 certificates of deposit originating now for 30/60/90/120 days and renewed for successive four-month terms every 30 days when possible. Following a brief discussion, a **Motion** to approve that \$50,000 cash on hand be placed into money market and certificates of deposit as follows: \$10,000 money market account at Charles Schwab; 4-\$10,000 certificates of deposit with staggered dates of 30/60/90/120 days and to be renewed monthly for successive four-month terms when possible; seconded and passed.

President's Report – Allen Bozek

The President explained the ongoing discussions he has had with FPL and City of Fort Lauderdale regarding the parking lot lighting. Ultimately it was determined that FPL does own the light and although they were able to get it working, it has failed again, and a second work order is in the works and should be working soon. As soon as that is accomplished, there will be further investigation into the possibility of additional necessary lighting around the building and parking lot.

Manager's Report – Emilio Lopez

- 1) Report is attached to these Minutes.
- 2) Ballots for the Board of Governors are being distributed very slowly and it is necessary to encourage members that enter the club to pick up their ballots to defray the mailing costs. It will be necessary to mail the local ballots no later than December 14.
- 3) The dealing machine has been out for refurbishing and should be received shortly.
- 4) New cards are needed to replace the older ones that are fading and unable to be read by the sorter. The cost is approximately \$600.00 including shipping. After discussion

concerning the ordering, cost of shipping, etc. There was a **Motion** to approve the purchase of new cards, seconded and passed.

Committee Reports

Charity – Dale Jacobson reported that the Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit The Pantry of Broward collected \$200 and 17 boxes of food which was picked up on November 19th. The Holiday Drive to benefit The Broward Partnership for the Homeless began on November 23. We have a list of acceptable items posted on the table and printed for the members to take home. Dale asked that FTLBC donate \$100 to this charity and a **Motion** to donate \$100 from the charity account to The Broward Partnership for the Homeless was seconded and passed.

Decorating – Carolee Petrey and Allen Bozek will begin the Holiday decorations Wednesday.

Grievance – no report

Events – Dale Jacobson reported on behalf of Bella Ionis Sorren that the Thanksgiving Luncheon served 32 people and there were 14 ½ tables playing. There is concern that as of this date there seems to be very little interest and only one reservation for the New Years' Eve catered dinner. We need 60 people and the cutoff date is 12/20. If we do not have that, the dinner will be cancelled.

Membership – Robin Kupperman reported that we have 43 new members this year.

Suggestions – Trudy Bell reported a letter received from Bella Ionis Sorren recommending the following individuals names to be place on the Heart Honor Roll plaque:

Allen Bozek for his hard work maintaining our club

Rosemary Boden for her teaching and mentoring programs and bringing new members

Dale Jacobson for her hard work as a volunteer in making our club a great one

Following discussion, a **Motion** to place the names of Allen Bozek, Rosemary Boden and Dale Jacobson to the Heart Honor Roll was seconded and passed

Teaching – Rosemary Boden reported there is a need for further advertising upcoming beginner classes in January; Jesse Laird will begin a daytime beginner class two days a week and Robin Kupperman will begin a new evening class. There are also new classes for intermediate and advanced players planned by Barnet Shenkin and Neil Silverman. Rosemary asked that funds be approved to advertise these beginner classes in the newspaper. Following discussion that 50% of the cost will be reimbursed by ACBL, there was a **Motion** to Approve up to \$1000 for advertising the beginner classes, seconded and passed.

New Business

Discussion concerning games running too late and how to speed them up. After input from the Club Manager it was recommended and approved that the manager has the Boards approval to adjust the BridgeMates to expedite the play of the games. Including turning off the results, percentages, analysis as necessary.

There was a discussion concerning how helpful it is to have a Board member announce the club policies before the start of each game. Emilio said he was thankful for the extra time it gave him to start the game.

The next Board Meeting will be January 7, 2019 with the newly elected members. The President thanked the retiring Governors, Ken Wagner and Judy Halloran for their service, as well as the appointees who filled in this year, Paul Jacobson, Michael Schneider, Harvey Hoffenberg, Ken, Paul and Michael are nominated for election to the Board of 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Trudy Bell, Secretary