

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:20pm by President Linda O'Dell.

Board members present: Lynn Brown, Mark Franzoni, Nancy Hanna, Lorie Holmes, Anne Landry, Penny Marks, Jan Madsen, Burton O'Dell, Linda O'Dell, and Nancy Whitmire. Absent: John Orren.

Also present: Julie Bradley, Dennis Bushman.

**REPORTS:**

**Dennis Bushman:** Club made \$1400 in December; \$22,000 YTD. If things remain static, the club can pay off the expansion project in four years.

**Julie Bradley:** Centricon, our pest control service, will treat the ground in the new expansion area as part of their contract and will save us \$1,000 that it would cost if the contractor has it done during renovation.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office is charging us for false alarms. 1, 2, and 3 - \$50 total; the 4<sup>th</sup> - \$100, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> - \$250; 7<sup>th</sup> and above - \$250 per incident. Those using the club after hours need to know the password and how to use it when entering.

We are trying to sell ad space to defray cost of printing the 2019 directory.

Dennis Bushman will set up an automatic pay with AT&T to prevent any late charges.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Saturday Game:**

Anne Landry reported that attendance has varied from 3 tables to 7 tables so far. The game will not be held on the last Saturday in January because of Mack Hudgins' service and the following Saturday (tournament). Special games will be planned to make the Saturday games more attractive.

Nancy Whitmire made a motion to begin a 0-299 game on Mondays, beginning March 4, 2019. Lorie Holmes seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**February Sectional:**

Burt O'Dell reported that the flyers have been distributed and published in the Sunshine Bridge News. Hotel arrangements were made and the parking crew and kitchen crew are set. Nick Tallyn will direct. The menu will be chicken on Friday, turkey tetrazzini on Saturday, and sandwiches on Sunday.

A second dealing machine will be purchased prior to the tournament. The Bridgemates will be cleaned prior to the tournament.

**Remodel Project:**

Board members met with Doxa Properties on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. All were impressed with him and his subcontractors. Lynn Brown made a motion that Doxa be awarded the project. Anne Landry seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Final plans will be prepared and then the project will begin. It is estimated that the new bathroom area will be completed in three or four months. The contractor will work after hours when possible to minimize disruption in the club area. After the new bathroom area is completed the demolition of the existing restrooms will commence. Promissory notes in increments of \$5000 at 6% interest, payable quarterly, and with no prepayment penalties, will be offered to club members.

**Costco Card:**

Jan Madsen is working on a Costco card for the club which will earn us payback bonus as well as continue to save money on supplies.

**Dishwasher:**

The club will be purchasing a dishwasher when the Costco card is completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Achievement Day:**

Jeanne Harlan reported that Achievement Day is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Club use for Celebration of Life:**

The Board agreed that the club can be offered for this purpose to the families of members. If the family wishes to make a donation to the club, such donation will be gratefully accepted.

**Communication of Upcoming Events:**

Lynn Brown will be in charge of this and will post flyers and other appropriate communications with club members.

**Special Games:**

Tabled until next board meeting.

**Schedule for 2019:**

The Holiday Party needed to be scheduled in advance in order to avoid conflict with St. Augustine. The party has been scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2019.

**Outreach Program:**

Jan Madsen reported that the membership has dropped from 406 members in 2018 to 360 members for 2019.

The majority of the dropouts occurred with the 199ers. The list of dropouts will be studied and an attempt will be made to communicate with them and determine what the club can do to possibly retain them as members. A few older members have dropped out due to their inability to get to the club. We will reach out and try and help.

The 299ers have expressed a desire to play 27 boards instead of 24. The directors will attempt to comply.

The next Board Meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2019, after the game.

Mark Franzoni made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Penny Marks seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Whitmire, Secretary