

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
JULY 17, 2017

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

Board Members Present: Mark Franzoni, Jeanne Harlan, Anne Landry, Leyse Lowry, Dane Margol, Richard Streeter, Nancy Stein, Keith White, Nancy Whitmire. Absent: Jeri Hogan.

Also Present: Dennis Bushman, Bookkeeper; Julie Bradley, Maintenance Manager, Trella Bromley, Tournament Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting on May 17, 2017, approved via email.

REPORTS:

Dennis Bushman:

Net proceeds from the May Sectional totaled \$4260. The table count was up mostly due to the number of 199ers who attended. The Pro-Am game expenses totaled \$840; the good will produced by the event was well worth the cost.

Julie Bradley:

There has been a request for a privacy screen between the urinals in the men's room. She will research this and report back.

A need for an additional trophy shelf was discussed. The trophies and the plaques honoring the winners need to be together. After discussing the pros and cons of various locations, Nancy Stein moved to put shelves on the east wall in the open game area; said shelves to be high enough so that members can move from table to table easily. Anne Landry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ceiling tiles in the 199er room are showing signs of a possible leak in the roof or other problem. Contractors will be contacted to assess the situation and submit quotes for repair. The roof on our building was last replaced in 2010.

Richard Streeter made a motion to have the car curbs along the outside of the building and the edge of the curb leading to the door painted yellow as safety precautions. Jeanne Harlan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Yellow stripes have been painted at the back door. Ballast has been replaced in lighting fixture.

Minor repairs have been made in ladies' room and soap dispensers have been replaced.

Trella Bromley:

Attendance increased by 47 tables at the May sectional. The turnout in the novice area was great. Ralph Croskey and John Reeve will obtain helpers for parking and set-up duties for the fall sectional. Trella will work on doing food a little differently which will include a more structured approach to the members' contributions so that snacks can be provided more evenly over the three-day period. The 2018 sectionals are being scheduled so that there will be minimal conflicts with nearby Regional Tournaments. Exact dates will be set shortly.

OLD BUSINESS:

Education:

Richard Streeter reported that JSOB and Duval County Schools Continuing Education have scheduled new classes beginning August 21, 2017. There will be eight classes consisting of 8-week courses: Beginning Bridge, Two Over One (two 8-week courses), Play of the Hand, Defense, and Commonly Used Conventions. These courses will continue to bring new members into our club and assure the continued success of JSOB. Leyse Lowry will look into possible advertising opportunities with the Beaches and Ponte Vedra Leaders publications.

Education (continued):

Chat Bridge will continue. We will have five tables of novices at the next Tacos and Teams event. Alex Weiss will present four Friday classes for intermediate players beginning Friday, September 1st, at 10:30am. Anne Landry moved that Alex be given a free play for each of his sessions. Nancy Stein seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Jeanne Harlan has obtained educational materials from the Nashville Bridge Club. They will assist us if we wish to adopt any of their material for our future use.

Slow Play, Zero Tolerance, Phone Use, Strats:

Setting the strats correctly has been a problem in some instances. Tables should be assigned by the directors to allow them to create a more even playing field. Richard Streeter moved that directors collect money at the desk after assigning a table, effective immediately. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Directors are to announce before each game that penalties will be assessed if cell phones ring during play. If behavior which results in slow play occurs, the director should be called. If excessive conversation concerning previous hands is observed, the director should be called.

Supplies and Inventory:

Ralph Croskey will assist Mark Franzoni with stocking duties. Marilyn Nolan will take inventory and advise Mark and Ralph when stock is low so that purchases can be made.

Two Month Calendar:

The two-month calendar has been placed on the web and is on display in the club. Some updates need to occur to keep everything current.

Pro-Am Game:

The Pro-Am game was a huge success. We had a large attendance and a good time was had by all. The good will created by this game is immense. Dane Margol did a wonderful job managing this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

October Membership Meeting and Nominating Committee:

The annual membership meeting will be on Thursday, October 26, at which time board seats up for election will be voted on by the membership. Jeanne Harlan will be chairperson of the nominating committee and four people will be selected to assist her. At the membership meeting, nominations from the floor will be accepted.

2018 Regional Tournament:

The Jacksonville Regional Tournament will be the last week of June, 2018 and will take place at World Golf Village.

Mentor/Mentee End- of- Year Game:

Anne Landry moved that on the 5th Thursday of November a special event game be held to recognize the mentees and their mentors, to be played in the novice area, with the open game played as usual in the main area. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Honoring Attendance:

Dennis Bushman suggested that frequent players be recognized. Anne Landry moved that monthly tallies be displayed with YTD updates. Dane Margol seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mark Franzoni will keep track of the figures. The top 10 will be recognized from the open game and the top 5 from the novice game.

Water Softener:

Richard Streeter suggested that the club look into installing a water softener. Our water is very hard and a water softener would lower maintenance costs on the entire plumbing system, the ice maker and also improve the taste of the water, tea and coffee. Julie Bradley will research cost and possible locations for installation.

Backup for Computer:

A backup device for the computer will be purchased to avoid possible loss of information should a crash or some other incident occur.

Fall Sectional:

Flyers are ready for the fall sectional and will be distributed to local clubs, in person, as the date nears.

Other area clubs will be notified via email as occurred with our spring sectional.

Other media will be used to get the word out to as many potential attendees as possible.

Table Space:

Nancy Whitmire suggested that more metal holders be obtained so that two bidding boxes on each table could be moved to the side to create additional room on the table top. Anne Landry stated that there are some in storage. She will find them and place them on the bidding boxes.

There being no further business, Anne Landry moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dane Margol seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary