

JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL OF BRIDGE BOARD MEETING
May 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 2:25pm by President Jan Madsen. Board members present: Jacquelyn Bates, Lynn Brown, Mark Franzoni, Craig Hemphill, Monica Heseman (via Zoom), Anne Landry, Melissa Sovereign, and Nancy Whitmire. Absent with permission: Aldo Cardia and Linda O'Dell.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grant Proposal:

Monica Heseman reported that she contacted the Vice President of the Community Investment and Impact program prior to submitting a grant for funds. Monica was advised that the Partnership for Mental Health is restricted to 501c3 organizations. After discussion as to whether JSOB could obtain 501c3 status, it was determined we cannot qualify.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New Board Member:

Jan Madsen welcomed Craig Hemphill to the board. Craig has contributed much to the club over many years of service, and his expertise and commitment will be valuable assets to the board and to the members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Teaching Program Update:

Beginner Class I has no applicants so far; there may be 2 or 3 who might apply soon. Rue would teach with a minimum of six students.

Beginner Class II has 3 applicants so far.

If there are not enough students to begin the classes as scheduled, we will offer them in the third quarter beginning in September. Hopefully more applicants would be available with summer travel over and with Covid 19 restrictions continuing to wane.

Chat Bridge could possibly be a source of students, and efforts will be made in this direction.

Member Update:

JSOB membership is currently 309 with 12 new members.

Snacks and Sodas:

Lynn Brown and Nancy Whitmire have agreed to handle the inventory and cash intake for the sodas and snacks offered for sale at club games.

JSOB Financial Results:

Harold Elkins, club bookkeeper, will be providing an update on the club's financial results since reopening.

His update will be submitted in approximately 1-2 weeks.

Consortium Contests/June Calendar/Special Games:

North American Pairs games will be scheduled for June, July and August, two per month. These games provide double points – Half Red and Half Black. Providing double points for all games in May does not seem to have increased participation. JSOB pays the ACBL extra for these games.

299er Partnerships/Thursday Game:

Jan Madsen will continue to work on partnerships for the Thursday 299er game. Finding compatible partners for individuals who may have specific requirements for partners is difficult.

Club Facility Use Agreement:

On June 15, 2021, the new Facility Use Agreement will apply to Linda O'Dell's Game (owner Linda O'Dell). This agreement was presented to Linda O'Dell on March 17, 2021, with a grace period from the previous agreement extending to June 15, 2021. Linda O'Dell proposed an extension of this agreement until ten tables per game would occur.

Monica Heseman moved that JSOB stay with their new Facility Use Agreement dated March 17, 2021, with a provision that if Linda O'Dell rejects the agreement, she be offered a position as Director of the Tuesday game at the current director's fee. Anne Landry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Increasing Participation:

Craig Hemphill suggested that a questionnaire be sent to members in an effort to determine what the board can provide for members to make their experience more pleasurable and to entice them to play more frequently. Since opening, 200 individuals have participated in at least one game; however, the frequency of play is low and our table count per game has not risen much at all.

Craig also suggested that JSOB join forces with other nearby clubs and form a Consortium so that the table count would be higher, thus providing more masterpoints per game. The board will try to implement one such game per week (perhaps Friday) as soon as arrangements can be made.

Mark Franzoni made a motion to adjourn. Melissa Sovereign seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Whitmire, Secretary