

St. Petersburg Bridge Club
Board Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2019
*Pending Approval *

The meeting was called to order by Joanne Wharton at 4:07 p.m.

Board members attending: Sandy Adams, Bill Condoluci, Lydia Jacobs, Linda Kneeburg, Phil Nolen, Kathy O'Connell, Anne Person, and John Wharton. Also attending: Carol Garnett and Bob Thacker.

Board members not in attendance: Ralph Fortson, Lee Taylor, and Judy Zebos.

1. On a motion by John, and second by Phil, the minutes of the November 25, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

On a motion by Phil, and second by Kathy, the minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

2. Financial Review

John reported that the Club had a decrease in income for November 2019 as compared to November 2018. Comparing the same period, expenses were decreased.

Net income January through November 2019 reflects a significant drop in income as compared to the previous year.

The cash balance is significantly decreased comparing November 2019 to November 2018. Furthermore, capital contributions were significantly decreased as well. There was not a capital fundraiser in 2019.

3. Club Manager's Report

- a. Club Statistics – No report.
- b. December Calendar – distributed. Changes will be made and the calendar finalized.
- c. Annual Meeting/Memorial Game Planning – January 28. Joanne will work with Lee.
- d. Teaching Status, Plans – Sandy will work with Sheryl Hobbs to coordinate with teachers to update class descriptions, cost, schedule, number of weeks, etc.
- e. Seminar Plans, Larry Cohen – February 7. Topic is "Top Defensive Tips". Larry's contract guarantees a payment of \$3500. After discussion, Joanne will call Larry's office and discuss arrangements.
- f. Party, December 14, Holiday – Successful.
- g. Learn Bridge in a Day – January 25. Hospitality Committee will coordinate continental breakfast and lunch.
- h. Tournament Planning, January 2-5 – Tournament Chair is Sandy Peterson, Partnership Chair is Babs Thacker. Snacks are needed as well as dinner on Thursday. Bob will work with Nicci on the boards. The cleaner will come daily. Margaret Tournament, January 17-19 – Marianne Timmons and Gretchen Funk are Co-Chairs. Will need a Partnership Chair and members to contribute snacks.
- i. Calendar for 2019 – 2020 distributed. Website improvements will make the monthly calendar more accessible. Joanne to update the 2020 annual calendar.

4. Old Business

- a. Nominating Committee – Anne distributed the list of candidates and their biographies. John will speak with Ginger Switzer. As back-up treasurer, she is not required to serve on the board. She should run for election another year.
- b. Game Boards – Bob has written a procedure for the game boards and is the supervisor of game boards. He has also raised enough money to purchase six new sets of boards.
- c. Bridge Reference Decks – The newest deck is postponed.
- d. Member Process/Renewals – Over 55% of the membership has renewed.
- e. Update regarding the stolen tickets – John expects to have a final number by the end of January.
- f. Procedures Manual – Bob and Lee are working on a procedure for the website. Dar is writing a “who does what” procedure.
- g. Directors Meeting – Calling Rounds, Cell Phones, Noise Level – Will be scheduled for January. Additional topic will address partnership requests. Players will call the director of the relevant game when they need a partner.
- h. Bylaws Committee – No report.
- i. Locks/keys – Was tabled in November for future consideration.
- j. Jeff Edelstein – No report.
- k. Men’s Room Tile – Doug Beatham scheduled for this week.

5. New Business

- a. Manager Position – Search committee formed: Gretchen, Bob and Joanne. They will meet December 30 to begin the process.
- b. Fill Board Vacancies – Seven members will be elected to the board at the annual meeting. Two members will be appointed by the new board to complete the time remaining in Sandy’s and Ralph’s terms.
- c. Name the Game – The Club will purchase a daily sponsorship in memory of Charles Gill available through “Name the Game” for the Tampa NABC.
- d. Election Committee – Anne will prepare the ballots. The Inspectors will tabulate the vote and announce the results.
- e. Celebration of Life/Memorial Game – March 14. Charles’ life will be celebrated. Dinner, with short speeches, followed by the game. The event will begin at 5 p.m., with the game starting at 6:30 p.m..
- f. Ordering Office Supplies – Bob will order the office supplies. David Moore will continue to order score sheets.
- g. Website – Bob and Lee are improving the layout and increasing security.

6. Other – Discussion as to flow of information to Mike Jacobs for the bulletin. Limit the number of people to Carol and Joanne to provide information to Mike. Joanne will review the Club’s promotional flyers included in the bulletin prior to release.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Person, Secretary