

St. Petersburg Bridge Club
Board Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2020

The Zoom video meeting was called to order by Joanne Wharton at 4:04 p.m.

Board members attending: Pam Gorbics, Herb Gould, Kathy O'Connell, Anne Person, Sandy Peterson, Lee Taylor, Marianne Timmons and John Wharton. Also attending: Wendy Clark.

1. On a motion by John, and a second by Pam, the minutes of the June 27, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.
On a motion by John, and a second by Lee, the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Special Meeting were approved as presented.

2. Financial Review

John reported that July 2020 had a net income of approximately \$4,700 compared to a loss of nearly \$2,400 in July 2019. Income from the Bridge Deck sales was approximately \$3,000 in July 2020 compared to a loss of approximately \$500 the preceding year. When John called the ACBL to get the virtual club income for July, the person at ACBL indicated that we have one of the largest virtual clubs. Even though we are closed, the Club is doing better than last year.

On the Profit and Loss Statement Year to Date, the net income for 2020 is approximately \$15,000, similar to that of 2019 of \$16,000. The Club has not paid a manager's salary in 2020, saving approximately \$16,000 year to date.

As shown on the Balance Sheet, the cash balance is approximately \$65,000 compared to approximately \$49,000 the previous year. The Temporary Restricted Assets (contributions) increased approximately \$14,000 from the previous month, with a year to date total of approximately \$40,000. The bequest received from Bill Hale, included in this total, was for \$10,000.

3. Club Manager's Report

- a. Report on BBO Virtual Club Games – The net income from the Virtual Games to date in August is \$4,200. This covers 24 days of fixed costs while closed. Due to the Virtual Regional at the end of the month, the daily attendance at the Club's games is expected to decrease. For the month of July, the net income from virtual games was approximately \$5,800 and covered 34 days of fixed costs.
The daily fixed cost while closed, \$171, was based on fixed costs before the closure. This amount has not been recalculated since the Club closed. However, the Club's actual fixed operating expenses are lower since the Club is closed.
- b. Calendar for 2020 – No changes.
- c. Contributions to the Club – Contributions have slowed significantly. However, over \$21,000 has been received, not including the bequest from Bill Hale.
- d. Teaching Status, Plans – Beginning in September, Merry Schainblatt has classes scheduled 6 days a week. With one exception, she is not charging her students, but is asking for donations to the Club. The one class that will have fees is Introduction to Bridge. This class will be taught through the Shark Bridge platform. The Club must pay a fee to use this platform. The charge for the class will more than cover the cost. Merry is currently taking a class to be certified to teach using Shark Bridge.

4. Report from IT Committee

Pam reported that the telephone, computer, battery back-up are back on line. The computers are connected to in the battery backup for surge protection.

5. Report from Finance Committee

A Finance Committee has not been formed.

6. Old Business

- a. Changes to Bylaws – The proposed revisions were discussed. The discussion will continue at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 8.
- b. Plans for 2021 Annual Meeting and Elections – The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2021 at 4 p.m.
- c. Nominating Search Committee/Nominating Committee – The Nominating Chair will be selected by the Board. The Chair will form the committee without further Board input. At the September 8 meeting, potential candidates to Chair the committee will be identified. There will not be a Nominating Search Committee.
- d. Signage – On a motion by Anne, with a second by Pam, new signage will be purchased for approximately \$1,750 and installed immediately prior to reopening. The motion carried.
- e. Guests at Board Meetings – Sandy moved, and John seconded, that the Guest Attendance Policy at Board Meetings be approved as presented. The motion carried.
- f. Manager Position – No report.
- g. Game Director's Meeting – No report.
- h. Procedures Manual – No report.

7. New Business

- a. Resignation – Lee moved, and John seconded, to accept the resignation of Bob Thacker from the Board. The motion carried.
- b. SPBC Vice President – This topic will be addressed at the September 8 meeting.
- c. Board Vacancies – Lee moved that the Board appoint members to fill the vacant Director positions. Without a second, the motion died.
- d. Reopening Committee – To be formed in the fall.
- e. Elections Committee – At the September 8 meeting, identify potential candidates to Chair the committee.

8. Other

The next meeting is a Special Meeting scheduled for September 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Person, Secretary