

St. Petersburg Bridge Club
Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2020

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

Board members attending: Pam Gorbics, Kathy O'Connell, Anne Person, Sandy Peterson, Lee Taylor, Bob Thacker, Marianne Timmons and John Wharton. Also attending: Delora Burkhart, Wendy Clark, Beth Corwin, Rick Corwin, Paul Friedman, and Elaine Garofalo.

Board member not in attendance: Herb Gould

Joanne stated that Anne has requested the meeting to be recorded to facilitate documenting the minutes. There being no objections an audio recording was made.

1. On a motion by Lee, and second by Pam, the minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting were approved as presented. While the minutes are recorded correctly, Sandy commented that she misspoke. Her statement sending a new job description to Joanne under 5a, Manager Position was in reference to the Directors Committee Chairperson, not the Club Manager.

2. Pooling

On a motion by Bob, and a second by Pam that each board member be polled for their vote on whether to have the Club participate in pooling. Anne polled each board member.

For pooling: Pam, Kathy Anne, and John

Against pooling: Sandy, Lee, Bob, and Marianne.

As there was a tie, Joanne was able to vote. She voted for pooling.

The motion carried, the Club is able to pursue pooling with other clubs in virtual games. (For reference, the ACBL document on Virtual Clubs and Pooling is attached.)

At this time, Bob moved that for the balance of the meeting, the board should go into Executive Session and all guests be dismissed. Joanne deferred to Sandy, as Parliamentarian, to determine if the remainder of the agenda would qualify as executive session topics. After her research and subsequent discussion, the remaining agenda items do not meet the requirements for an executive session: "Reopening" is a presentation by Lee; "Audit Quotes" are quotes, not the results of an audit, "Director's Liaison" is discussion of the Chairman position of the Directors' Committee. None of these topics meet the criteria which include: to discuss something of a personal nature, to discuss someone, or to discuss a specific financial problem. The meeting remained open to all.

3. Reopening

Lee presented his PowerPoint on planning for the Club's reopening. It is attached. Bob moved and Lee seconded a motion that the Club should remain closed until the fall of 2020. John moved and Bob seconded the motion be amended to change the time frame to until further notice. The amended motion was approved. The full motion states the Club should remain closed until further notice. The motion carried. Reopening will be on the agenda under Old Business and be discussed at future meetings.

4. Audit Quotes

John has obtained a second quote for an audit of the Club's financial records. This quote was for \$10-12,000. The first quote obtained was for \$4,000. John will send both audit quotes to all board members.

5. Directors' Liaison (Chair of the Directors' Committee)

Joanne reported we have three BBO certified directors to manage the Club's virtual games.

These three, Paul, Elaine and Pam are working well together, managing well and need no further direction. At this time, a directors' committee chairperson is not needed. Pam stated that however, once the Club moves from virtual club games to virtual tournaments or games on site, a Directors' Liaison will be needed. Sandy had relinquished the position of Liaison via email to Joanne. While we have only virtual club games, Sandy did not feel she needs to serve in the position of Liaison because she has no duties and serves no function in the role.

6. Other

- a. Bob asked about mail forwarding. All mail is forwarded to Joanne's home address.
- b. Rick asked about the Club's finances. Joanne stated the Club has received over \$8,000 in contributions since the closing. The two virtual games per day tend to cover our closed daily fixed costs on the days we hold two virtual club games. Lee offered to post financial information on the Club's website.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Person, Secretary