

St. Petersburg Bridge Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2020

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The Zoom video meeting was called to order by Joanne Wharton at 4:03 p.m.

Board members attending: Pam Gorbics, Kathy O'Connell, Anne Person, Sandy Peterson, Lee Taylor, Bob Thacker, Marianne Timmons and John Wharton.

Board member not in attendance: Herb Gould.

1. The minutes of the June 29, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

2. Financial Review

John reported that the loss in June 2020 was less than the loss in June 2019, approximately \$1,800 vs. \$2,300. 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 \$9,100 compared to approximately \$18,500 in 2019.

As shown on the Balance Sheet, the cash is approximately the same as in 2019, \$45,000.

This is even though the Club paid \$20,000 in principal and approximately \$5,000 in interest on the loan.

Capital Contributions have increased to a year to date total of approximately \$25,000.

3. Club Manager's Report

a. Report on BBO Virtual Club Games – We are losing players. However, the revenue from these games is still covering the daily fixed costs while the club is closed. The analysis of the virtual games does not include any revenue received from the Support Your Club games, or the newly added 0-100 District 9 games.

b. Calendar for 2020 – No changes.

c. Contributions to the Club – Contributions are slowing down. However, over \$21,000 has been received.

d. Teaching Status, Plans – Merry Schainblatt is still teaching. She is evaluating a new platform "Shark Bridge". With this program, students can play bridge hands designed to re-enforce the lesson.

4. Report from IT Committee

Lee reported the site counter on website records approximately 2,000 hits/visits per week.

Pam reported the electrician is scheduled to install the needed outlets Tuesday, August 4.

5. Old Business

a. Guests at Board Meetings – No further changes were made to the document circulated at the last meeting. Sandy will finalize the document as time permits.

b. Update on Changes to Bylaws – Sandy reported she has been in discussion with two national parliamentarians and has additionally taken two separate courses with one of them and is currently enrolled in another course. The Club must make changes to allow for video/audio meetings necessitated by the pandemic, as well as other changes. Anne and I have thoroughly reviewed our current bylaws and have recommendations for the revision.

Procedurally, the Board can make revisions to the bylaws. Then, at the next annual meeting these revisions can be ratified. This is the recommendation of the two national parliamentarians.

Anne will send the draft of the proposed, revised bylaws to the Board for review. On a motion by Lee with a second by Anne, the Board will have a Special Meeting on August 10 to review the proposed revisions.

- c. Plans for 2021 Annual Meeting and Elections – Will be affected by the pandemic. Some of the complications were discussed above.
  - d. Review of Accounting Records – Lee thanked John for his years of work as Club Treasurer. He followed with a detailed presentation. The emailed copy of his report is attached.
  - e. Tournament Sanctions – The Club will have two open sectionals and two non-life master sectionals in 2021. The dates for the open sectionals are: February 12-14, 2021 and September 3-6, 2021. The dates for the NLM sectionals are: April 21, 23, and 24, 2021 and December 2, 4, and 5, 2021.
  - f. Manager Position – No report.
  - g. Game Director's Meeting – No report.
  - h. Procedures Manual – No report.
6. New Business
- a. Nominating Committee – Premature to have committee formed at this time.
  - b. Signage – Discussion regarding moving ahead with the new signage for the building. The topic had been tabled at a previous meeting. Sandy will research the procedural process of moving an item from the table.

7. Other

Sandy reported she and Anne saw what appears to be termite dust pellets in front of and under the kitchen sink. John will contact the pest control service to evaluate the dust pellets.

The next meeting is a Special Meeting scheduled for August 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Person, Secretary