

St. Petersburg Bridge Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 29, 2019

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

Board members attending: Bill Condeluci, Ralph Fortson, Lydia Jacobs, Phil Nolen, Kathy O'Connell, Anne Person, John Wharton, and Judy Zebos. Also attending: Charles Gill, Club Manager. Kim Dean, Paul Friedman, Gretchen Funk, Elaine Garofalo, Marianne Timmons, and Dar Webb.

Board members not in attendance: Sandy Adams, Linda Kneeburg, and Lee Taylor.

1. On a motion by John, and second by Phil, the minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.  
On a motion by Phil, and second by Kathy, the minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

2. Financial Review

John reported June's total income was approximately the same as in 2018. However, expenses in June 2019 were higher. Notably, the fees to ACBL increased approximately \$1300.

For the period of January – June, 2019 is slightly better than 2018.

Cash balance is low compared to 2018. If funds are available, payment can be made toward the debt principal in December.

3. Club Manager's Report

- a. Club Statistics – June was down about 12%. July is down about 11%.
- b. August Calendar – distributed. The special event will be a Red Party and game on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Members will be asked to contribute wine and snacks. The Labor Day Sectional is August 30 – September 2.
- c. Teaching Status, Plans – Learn Bridge in a Day is scheduled for September 28. Merry Schainblatt will teach Competitive Bidding on Wednesday mornings, and have her Brown Bag Lunch Tuesdays at noon. There will be one or two beginner classes. Charles will meet with Club teachers to coordinate curriculum.
- d. Seminar Plans – Larry Cohen, February 7. Kevin Wilson may be scheduled in early March. Barbara Seagram may not be possible this year.
- e. Red Party – discussed.
- f. Labor Day Tournament – volunteers and contributions of food needed. Also, someone is needed to send tournament flyers to other clubs in the area.
- g. Calendar for 2019 – distributed.

4. Old Business

- a. Bridge Reference Decks – Dar updated the Board on the new deck in progress for beginners. The first half of the deck is for absolute beginners. The second half is a little more advanced. The deck has more pages than previous decks.
- b. Membership Process – Dar presented an online renewal concept for membership renewals. Renewals will begin December 1 online. Online renewals will be promoted.

Renewals at the Club will begin in January. Ralph offered to assist in January. A volunteer is needed to train under and take over from Dar.

- c. Member Survey – Distributed previously. Dar asked for questions and comments. She left the meeting after her reports. Survey is expected to commence in the October time frame.
- d. Update regarding stolen tickets – Loss is estimated at approximately \$3000. Charles has reported the theft to the Pinellas Park Police Department. John will contact the insurance underwriter. Once the snowbirds return and redeem their yellow tickets, the actual loss will be determined. John has the application to compete to get an estimate for an Employee Dishonesty Insurance Policy.
- e. Procedures Manual – Significant progress. Joanne will write the Calendar Procedure, Charles will write the tournament procedure and a procedure on posting the seating from the Reservation System to the television screens.
- f. Parking update – The number of reserved places has been decreased from more than 30 spaces to 22. Technically, all parking is open to all except handicapped. The club is requesting that members honor those remaining spaces reserved for the other businesses. Only A-1 Towing is authorized to tow improperly parked vehicles.
- g. Personnel Issue – Based on an agreement reached between Charles and Gail Haire, Charles would draft two letters: one from the Board to Gail, and the other from Gail to the Board. After the letters were agreed upon and signed, a notice would be posted at the Club that the situation was resolved. After the drafts were sent, Charles and Joanne received nasty responses from Gail. Kim, Gretchen, Paul, Elaine and Marianne had concerns and asked questions regarding the issue which were answered by Joanne, Charles and John.

At the conclusion of the personnel issue, Kim stated she hoped the Club had Memorial Games planned for John Robinson and Rudi Kastellic.

Kim, Paul, Gretchen, Elaine and Marianne were excused from the meeting and the Board went into executive session.

A draft of a letter from the Board and Charles to Gail was discussed. The letter will be sent certified, return receipt.

5. New Business

- a. Duct Cleaning and Mold in the Men's Room – Phil presented estimates and will obtain additional estimates.
- b. Carpet Cleaning – Phil will call Doug Beacham to clean the needed areas.

6. Other

- a. Memorial Games for John and Rudi – Charles will contact Nancy Heusted regarding the game for John and Carol Rowland regarding the game for Rudi.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Person, Secretary