

St. Petersburg Bridge Club
Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2020

The teleconference meeting was called to order by Joanne Wharton at 4:00 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. On a motion by John, and second by Bob, the minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting and executive session were approved as presented.
2. Financial Review
John reported that the Club's income is in a favorable position comparing February 2020 to February 2019 as well as comparing the income year to date with 2019. However, the Club is not as ahead as it would appear because there is no expense for a club manager. The Club is in a strong cash position comparing February 2020 to February 2019. The Barbara Seagram seminar, increased membership revenue and contributions in memory of Charles Gill have added significantly to the cash position.
John was asked to obtain a quote for an audit after tax season. John recommends waiting until after tax season for the best rate. He anticipates the cost will be half.
3. Club Manager's Report
 - a. Club Statistics – No report.
 - b. April Calendar – Will be prepared and circulated when the Club is able to reopen.
 - c. Jeff Edelstein, Mini-seminars – March 25 (series of 5). Joanne has spoken with Jeff. He is willing to reschedule the seminars.
 - d. Calendar for 2020 – Revised and distributed. The calendar is uncertain at this time.
 - e. Teaching Status, Plans – The schedule is uncertain at this time.
 - f. Name Signage for the Building – On a motion by Sandy, with a second by Bob, the purchase and announcement of signage was tabled. The motion carried.
4. Report from IT Committee
Lee reported all the computers are working. ACBL Score has been installed on all computers. The issue with Dropbox has been resolved.
5. Old Business
 - a. Manager Position – No action.
 - b. Membership Renewals – Anne stated volunteers were recruited to contact those members that have not renewed for 2020. She did not know the progress made. John stated based on the funds collected, the club is ahead of 2019 in renewals.
 - c. Game Director's Meeting – Bob has had one meeting with the directors. Sandy plans to have another meeting before the club reopens.
 - d. Orphan Games, Saturday Game Proposal – Bob suggest having a Newplicate Game, involving Roy Sandstrom and Merry Schainblatt in the process. Plans to be developed.
 - e. Tournament Sanctions – Joanne to follow up on sanctions.
 - f. Name the Game – Tampa Nationals. The club will name a two session event on December 2.
 - g. Bridge Reference Decks – No report.

- h. Men's Room Tile/Urinal – Phil Nolen and Joanne met with a cleaning company for the tile as well as the carpet. A small area of tile was cleaned to demonstrate effectiveness. The company will provide a quote for the cleaning.
 - i. Tile Around the Food Table – Same discussion as above tile.
 - j. Procedures Manual – No report.
 - k. Tampa Nationals – Volunteer Day. No report.
5. New Business
- a. Reopening Issues – Joanne distributed a list of items to be addressed prior to reopening. Many of the tasks have been assigned and/or completed. Bob has instructed Dina Oertli and Nikki to discontinue making game boards.
 - b. Revenue Loss/Replacement – John distributed a summary of the cost per day for the club while closed based on 2019 recurring expenses. The estimate is \$171 per day. Electric and water bills will decrease. Bob added that problems with the front and rear doors will need to be addressed. "Support Your Club" has limited opportunity for players and will not generate the lost revenue. Lee will add links to the website to facilitate on-line play including partnership requests for on-line play. Pam, Joanne and Lee are able to assist those needing help. Further discussion regarding revenue will be necessary.
 - c. Game Boards – Need new coordinator. Bob will work with Michael Varhalamas to coordinate. At this time, Bob anticipates needing another board maker in addition to Dina. He has an individual in mind and will help train.
 - d. Bylaws Update – Sandy to coordinate. Joanne and Anne will assist.
 - e. Evaluation of Fees Charged for Special Games – No discussion.
 - f. Free Plays – No discussion.
 - g. Tournament Volunteers – No discussion.
 - h. Analysis of Building Surplus to Date – John spoke extemporaneously on the topic. He will prepare and distribute as soon as possible information on the topic.
 - i. Etiquette Classes – No discussion. The topic will be addressed after reopening.
6. Other – Pam addressed the 2020 Calendar in light of ACBL's recommended closing through May 11. John moved and Bob seconded that the club follow ACBL's guidelines. Pam moved to amend the motion, with a second by Lee, that the date of reopening be subject to any further recommendations from ACBL. The amended motion was approved. The full motion with revision states the club will follow ACBL guidelines remaining closed until May 11 unless further changes are received from ACBL. The motion carried. Future events were discussed. No planning for these events occurred.

Joanne will schedule a test with the board using the ZOOM software platform. If successful, this format can be used for videoconferencing future meetings while the club is closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Person, Secretary