

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – May 21, 2016

Members present: Glenda Gerraputa, Bob Buchner, Don Levy, David Doretsky, Ed Rauch, Jane Anne Buchwalter, Joan Gasparro, Vicky Cobb, Shelly Salvi, Ursala Mayer

Members Absent: Barbara Warburton, Jill Pennington

Reading of the Minutes of the March meeting were waived and accepted.

Rich Waugh delivered the Manager's report. Rich informed the Board that attendance during April was slightly down, but that we are still ahead of last year's table count. Rich informed the Board that our new outdoor signs are now up and that we now have a new and much better printer. June 20th is the "longest day" and it was decided to eliminate the 3rd game of the day in the late afternoon as we had only three tables last year. Rich stated that there will be only three days in June that players will be charged the extra \$1 fee, but that there will still be numerous extra point games that we will not need to charge extra for. Rich is submitting our article in the Sunshine magazine, which will announce upcoming events, including a "pot luck" event on August 6th.

Don Levy delivered the Treasurer's report. Don stated that total cash assets are \$32,177, but that does not include approximately \$8,000 for the new air conditioner and repair of the other a/c which is on the Club's credit card.

The President's report was delivered by Glenda Gerraputa. Glenda reported that we have an excellent estimate for outside painting of \$2,000, or in the alternative we could hold a "paint party." The outdoor painting is necessary to comply with the City of Pompano Beach's requirements. Glenda proposed the following, which were all passed by Motions, seconds and unanimous approval:

- a) Although Directors have the discretion to "split" games, no additional monies will be paid to Directors unless there are a minimum of 18 tables;
- b) If there are a minimum of 18 tables, Directors will receive an additional \$50 compensation;
- c) If a Director holds two separate events, the Director will receive an additional \$25 compensation;
- d) If a bridge teacher holds a session with over 10 participants, the teacher will receive \$100, with the balance going to the Club, unless there are 18 or more students, whereupon the teacher will receive an additional pro-rated fee; and
- e) The Club will accept the \$2,000 estimate and proceed with the outside painting project.

The Board welcomed new member, Ursala Mayer.

Ed Rauch suggested that we hold "mentor games" to attract newer players to play either in the morning or "graduate" to the afternoon games, and the Board approved this idea.

Ed also suggested holding “speedball” games in the evening from 6:30 – 9:00 pm, and the Board agreed to try this approach after the summer.

There was further discussion of a possible survey of the members which David Doretsky worked on. It is relatively certain that the issue of much fairer games with 24 boards vs. playing 27 boards that create a much less fair game, will be a controversial issue with many different opinions. Vicky Cobb suggested that it may be preferable not to survey the members on this issue, which will likely create “a can of worms.” The Board agreed not to survey the members regarding the number of board, and tabled the balance of the survey for further discussion.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned.