

Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club

Board of Governors Meeting
Wednesday, January 5, 2011

The regular meeting of the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club was called to order by President Charlotte Engleman at 10:35 AM immediately following the adjournment of the organizational meeting. All board members were present except Robert Merrill and Mary Short. She began the meeting by expressing the Board's appreciation to Bob Guida for his outstanding service as President of the Board.

Zeke Jabbour

The Board considered a proposal submitted by Ernie Moore to honor Zeke Jabbour at the regular Sunday brunch on January 23, 2011 by making him a life member of the Club and presenting him with a recognition plaque (expense not to exceed \$200) including cake and ice cream. The proposal is attached to the minutes. A motion was made by Carol Herigodt, seconded by Gloria Ezrin, to agree to the proposal to honor Zeke Gabor as indicated on January 23 and present him with the plaque. The motion was passed unanimously.

"In Memoriam" List

The Board considered a proposal submitted by Bob Guida, as requested at the December 11, 2010 Board meeting, outlining a policy and procedure for the posting of names on the "in Memoriam" list of members who have died during the course of the calendar year. Carol Herigodt made a motion to accept the policy and procedure as proposed. Her motion was seconded by Gloria Ezrin and passed unanimously.

Charitable Giving

The Board considered a proposal submitted by Bob Guida to give \$7500 to charity from the 2010 net income. This would bring the Club's contributions into accord with the Board's decision on charitable giving that was adopted following the suspension of daily charity games July 1, 2010. This donation will be taken from the 2010 net income leaving approximately \$5000 for bonuses and \$15,000 for reserves. Carol Herigodt made a motion, seconded by Barbara August, to accept the proposal to donate \$7500 from 2010 net income to charity. The proposal was passed with the support of all present board members, except Gloria Ezrin who voted No.

It was further agreed that the Board would consider how to deal with money for charities at its next meeting in February.

Minutes

The Board considered a motion by Gloria Ezrin, seconded by Carol Herigodt, to accept the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Board considered a motion by Gloria Ezrin, seconded by Barbara Tate, to file the Treasurer's Report for audit. The motion passed unanimously.

Food Service

The Board discussed issues regarding our current food service such as should we have it and how much is it costing us. The Food Service Committee was asked to evaluate these and other questions and bring them to the next board meeting with recommendations for a decision by the Board about the future of food service at the Club.

Other Games at FTLBC

The Board discussed games not a regular part of FTLBC such as Scrabble, Quicktricks, Quicktricks Mentoring Night, and the Monday afternoon 0-500 game. Are we making or losing money on these games. More information is requested for the next meeting and Betty Wingate was requested to take the lead on addressing the issue.

Manager's Attendance at Board Meetings

The Board discussed the need to have the Manager of the Club in attendance at the Board Meetings. There was a general consensus that the Manager's presence was needed at Board meetings to provide information to the board and assist in discussion of issues. Carl was asked to work with the Board to insure his presence at the Board meetings. He agreed to adjust the format of his upcoming Saturday classes to insure his presence at least for the first hour of Board meetings.

Website

There was a discussion of the Website with a number of members expressing their disappointment in the quality of the site, the content, and especially the timeliness of its updating. Robert Merrill was requested to investigate the issues regarding the website and alternatives to its improvement. He is asked to report on this issue at the next board meeting.

Calendar

The Board discussed the Calendar. It was agreed that at the next meeting members are to come prepared to discuss the calendar and issues such as which events to keep or delete or add to the Calendar. Bob Guida brought it to the Board's attention that a calendar will be published in the next directory which needs to go to press before the next Board meeting. It was decided to publish the directory with a blank calendar for people to fill in individually. It was also decided to investigate publishing the directory in the easier to read format of previous directories. Once costs are determined, the Board will be polled on which directory to order.

Renovations

Harvey Hoffenberg was requested to have his Committee look at updating the club facilities and report back to the Board, with recommendations and costs estimates and timing of various upgrades. Harvey requested Tom McKay to assist him.

Side Games

The Board decided to consider a discussion of issues regarding side games during various events. This issue will be covered during the upcoming discussion of the Calendar.

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Mail Boxes

Board members were reminded to check their mail boxes.

Recycling

Barbara Tate requested the Board check where we are with recycling. She requested more attention to the placement of trash cans and recycling bins.

Sunday B Game

Harvey Hoffenberg requested the Board explore the implementation of a 0-1000 game for Sunday afternoons. He was authorized to explore with the Manager such a game and, if feasible, to begin the game on January 16, 2011. There was discussion of ways to advertise the new game including flyers, announcements at current games, and posting on the rolling screen.

Adjournment

Barbara August made a motion, seconded by Carol Herigodt, to have the meeting adjourn. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Tom McKay, Secretary

Charlotte Engleman, President