

FT. LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Thursday, June 11, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club Board of Governors was held on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 4:10 pm. All members of the board and the Club Manager were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

President's Report

The President was happy to inform the members that, after a final hearing last week, the legal battle was finally over.

Manager's Report

The manager reported a 17% increase compared to last year's table count. He was also happy to announce that FTLBC ranked 10th in the ACBL Top Clubs and 1st in Unit 243. He also reported on upcoming events to take place in June and July. The 4th of July BBQ would be held this year on Friday the 3rd. Also to be held on the 12th of July, a Pro-Am Fundraiser game at lunch time.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented a budget while explaining that certain items (repairs, maintenance, replacements), pending estimates, had been earmarked but could be changed as necessary. However, if the budget was adopted and followed as presented, the deficit at the end of the year would be about \$25,000. Peter moved to accept the budget, the motion was passed.

The question of raising the fees in order to build up the reserves of the club was discussed again and it was agreed to postpone any decision or vote until other avenues had been explored, such as fund raising activities.

Committee Reports

House

Gene said he was still working on various issues as far as the building was concerned : external signs, painting, repair of chairs and tables.

Marketing

Rosemary informed the Board on her discussions with FTLBC teachers who are conducting classes; the new teaching contracts are now in effect. All class fees are paid to the Club, of which 90% go to the teachers. She expressed her wish to start a new Beginner program in October and stressed the importance of advertising this new series using ACBL Co-op Advertising program in which they will reimburse 75% of advertising costs.

New Business

Jesse expressed the wish to have new playing cards purchased to replace the ones actually in use at a cost of approximately \$800.00.

The question was raised of changing the by-laws to reflect the number of board members, quorum etc... As the Parliamentarian, Bill Nussbaum was appointed to chair the Committee consisting of Paul Jacobson and Allen Bozek, who had corrected the last version- to make all necessary changes.

The question of changing the day of the monthly board meeting was discussed. A motion was made to change from Thursday to Wednesday. After the motion was passed and seconded, the vote was 5 against 4, thus no changes to be made.

The Board agreed to offering 10 free play to Nancy Paris to thank her for all the help and assistance she had offered to the Club, particularly for the lunch held last Sunday honoring Rhoda.

Board members absent next month :

Bill Nussbaum (25 June to mid-August).

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 9 July 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 5.30 pm.