

Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club  
Board of Governors Meeting  
May 9, 2016 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club was called to order at 4:10 by President, Nancy Moran. Club Manager was present and Board member Carmela Knauer was absent. A copy of the minutes from the April 26, 2016 meeting was distributed for all to read. Bill Nussbaum made a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Carolee Petrey and passed unanimously.

Old Business: Judy Halloran reported that she is dealing with the issue of a contract with our food service provider, Steve Andrews. There is a question regarding locking up the kitchen when Steve is not working. Judy will check with the fire inspector to determine whether locking off the kitchen would be legal. Another issue is the mess other people leave in the kitchen in Steve's absence that he then has to clean up. Steve has asked the board to look into this problem.

Manager's Report: Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club is still ranked 10th in the nation, although our table count is down by 80 tables. As of May 9, 2016, there are 664 members.

Treasurer's Report: The club's income for the month was about \$2700, approximately \$500 under budget because it was not budgeted until April. The 2016 budget was based on last year's budget. Since then ACBL fees have gone up, and the increase passed on to the clubs. We are short \$7000 but this will be made up with this month's and next month's income. There is close to \$52,000 in the bank. Bill asked that the board approve changing from TD Bank, where our account is now, to BB&T bank, which was our bank prior to the bankruptcy. At TD Bank, the fees are too high and transactions take unreasonably long. Barbara Tate so moved, the motion was seconded by Dale Jacobson, and was approved unanimously.

House Committee Report: Both fire inspector violations have been corrected. However, the necessary work on the electrical disconnect boxes will require the building to be closed for one day. Also, in the area behind the serving counter in the main room, the carpeting has been removed and the wall has been painted.

Teaching Report: Ads in the newspaper for our bridge courses will cost about \$335. The ACBL has reduced support for this from 75% to 50%. Beginning on Wednesday morning, May 18 at 9:30 AM, Ernie will start a new beginner's bridge class.

Grievance and Ethics Committee: No report.

Charity Events Committee: The next event will be The Longest Day on Monday, June 20. There will also be a fundraising dinner for Alzheimer's on Monday evening, June 6, followed by a bridge game. Orders for tee shirts for the benefit are being taken at the club through May 20th. Look for informational flyers to be posted. In preparation for the Longest Day there will be a Club Cleanup on Saturday, June 4, from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. Nancy would like a few volunteers to help with this activity.

Purchasing Committee: Carmella Knauer will be handling snacks upon returning from vacation.

Special Events: Dale Jacobson reported the Kentucky Derby Party was a success, but the Mother's Day brunch the next day was not. It seems that the two events were too close together. On May 21 there will be a theme dinner and betting on the Preakness Race since the Derby event was so successful.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 13. At that time the board will address the bylaw changes needed to replace 6 of the 9 board members whose terms expire in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Jacobson, Secretary