

Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club
Board of Governors Meeting
Monday, Sept. 12, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order by president Nancy Moran at 4:00 pm. Present were the following: Nancy Moran, Carmela Knauer, Carolee Petrey, Dale Jacobson, Bill Nussbaum, Judy Halloran and manager Jesse Laird. Absent were: Major Pannu, Lynn Jacobson, and Barbara Tate. There were also 15 club members.

President Nancy Moran reported that a Nominating Committee was formed. Members of the committee for nomination to the 2017 Board are Allen Bozek, Drita Balentine, Judy Halloran and Barbara Tate.

Carmella Knauer made a motion to waive the reading of the August minutes and to adopt them as written. It was seconded by Carolee Petrey. **Passed**

Old Business: Nancy Moran reported that three bids have been received for the painting of the interior of the Club. They ranged from about \$2,900 to \$3,200. It has been suggested by board members that the Club create a master plan to coordinate painting with rug replacement, roof repairs, so that reserves can be budgeted for these projects. Correspondence was received regarding the interior painting. It was decided to postpone any painting until the end of the "busy season."

Carolee Petrey has offered to lend the Club her personal carpet cleaner to be used to clean the Club carpeting.

New Business: Discussion was held regarding the practice of having Game Directors fill in tables. The Board was polled, after discussion. It was determined that this practice is in the best interest of the Club as players would not be turned away. It also eliminates ½ table sitouts.

A review of the Club's cellphone policy resulted in the Board requesting the manager to remind Game Directors to announce the policy at the start of every game session.

President Moran asked the Board to consider increasing the minimum table count of 2 1/2 to possibly 4 tables. No changes were made.

With the coming "busy season", the Board discussed the problem of inadequate parking. Paul Jacobson, House Committee, reported that emails have been sent to the Park Ranger and Maintenance Chief asking if a golf cart could be provided to service as a shuttle. Nancy Moran suggested that able-bodied members be encouraged to park at Parker Playhouse to accommodate members who are not as mobile.

Manager's Report Table count for the month of August increased by 45. Year-to-date, we are down by about 100 tables. The Labor Day tournament went well. Any potential new members or guests can be added to the general email list. Please give the name and email address to Jesse Laird.

Treasurer's Report: As of 31st of August our net balance was \$11,000. Budgeted expenses were \$14,000. Anticipated liabilities were \$1,000. Our bank balance was about \$60,000. Treasurer Bill Nussbaum recommended that the table fees be increased by \$1.00 (one dollar) to build reserves to anticipate major expenses as indicated in the Reserve Study.

A motion was made by Dale Jacobson and seconded by Bill Nussbaum to raise the game table fees by \$1.00 (one dollar) so that members pay \$7 per game and guest pay \$9 per game.

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Voting was by secret ballot: Ayes = 3; Noes= 1; Abstained = 2 **Not Passed**

Members asked that agenda for the October 2016 meeting include determining a date for the increase.

Food Service: The Club manager reported that a themed lunch will be presented by Chef Steve Andrews for Monday, Oct. 31, 2016. Chef Steve is planning to resume Saturday evening dinners.

Membership: Jesse Laird presented the revised membership form. **New memberships** will be accepted next week (about 19 Sept.). Renewals will begin in October.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Submitted by Paul Jacobson
Acting Secretary