

Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club
Annual Membership Meeting
December 6, 2016

The Annual Membership Meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by President Nancy Moran. There were 19 members in attendance.

Manager Jesse Laird reported on the successful year Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club has enjoyed. The club has hosted 9,700 tables for the year, placing FLBC in the top 12 ACBL bridge clubs in the nation. The bridge club will host the sectional bridge tournament April 14 - 16, 2017.

Treasurer Bill Nussbaum reported that through November the club income was a little more than \$255,000, expenditures were about \$235,000, and net revenues were more than \$20,000.

Paul Jacobson gave the House Committee report (see attached) listing the impressive list of major projects completed this year.

Rosemary Boden reported on the extensive list of lessons and workshops the club offers each year. Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club is fortunate in having many qualified teachers who are available to teach various levels of bridge instruction. Rosemary was also pleased to report for the Ethics Committee that not one ethics complaint was lodged this year. The only complaints involved players' behavior and all were resolved amicably. Ernie Moore made a request that signs be posted asking members to respect lessons in session so that disruptive interruptions are avoided.

Charity Events Chairperson Barbara Tate reported that the club raised more than \$5,000 for the Longest Day event benefitting Alzheimers Disease. More than 300 pounds of food were collected for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. And the bridge club will support the Broward Coalition for the Homeless for Christmas.

Dale Jacobson, Events Chairperson, reported on the extensive list of special events the bridge club has hosted throughout the year (see attached). She emphasized that staging events is important in order to encourage members to attend more often, become involved in club activities, and truly make FLBC the "Friendliest Club."

A special recognition was given to Carmella Knauer for her contributions of vegetable platters as snacks during the afternoon games.

Tomorrow night, December 7, will be a regularly scheduled Mentor Night.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Jacobson, Secretary

