

**AIKEN BRIDGE CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 25, 2016 – 11:30 AM**

AGENDA

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Alan, Ernie, Jay, Kay, Mike and Ron

Board Members Absent: Bonnie

Members Present: Myrtle Anderson, Steve Banwarth, Pat Bieble, Ginny Brooks, Rose Coldiron, Diane Davies, Dorothy Johnson, Phyllis Pellarin, Betsy Rinehart, Jesse Roach, Marilyn Sudlow, and Dot Veasey

The primary purpose of this somewhat unscheduled meeting is to hear and discuss a presentation by Steve regarding a new home for our club. Thus, we will dispense (with Mike's prior agreement) with the usual Treasurer's report. Additionally, agenda items listed after Steve's presentation are subject to time availability.

1. Approve minutes of the May 18, 2016 Board Meeting

Ron

Approved as presented. Unanimous

2. New Club Location

Steve

Steve gave a presentation to those assembled regarding a possible new location for the club. The presentation, discussion and results of this portion of meeting are summarized in an article in the June Newsletter which is hereby included in these minutes by reference.

Having exhausted the time available, the meeting was suspended until August 10th at 12:00 PM, later changed to 11:30 AM.

All Board members were present at the reconvened meeting, as were Ginny Brooks, Rose Coldiron and Diane Davies.

3. "Sunshine Fund"

Kay

The proposal was to use funds collected from our local Charity Games to make donations in honor of recently deceased members to charities of their choice. After much consideration and discussion the consensus was this was an inappropriate use of club funds and the proposal was withdrawn.

4. Surcharge for non-ACBL members

Ernie

The proposal was to charge non ACBL members a considerable surcharge to be an Aiken Bridge Club member. The additional funds would be remitted to the ACBL to use for operations. While it is the feeling of the Board that our members should support our parent organization it did not believe it should compel anyone to join the ACBL. Additionally, since most new members end up joining the ACBL anyway, this may have been a solution searching for a problem.

5. Second Readings of Motions

Ernie

The proposal was to require that all changes to club policies and financial obligations be approved by the Board at consecutive meetings. This allows time for reconsideration as well as input from club members. Items requiring immediate action would be exempt. Passed unanimously. Ernie and Jay were asked to write the policy which will be presented for a second vote at our next meeting.

6. Other Business

Ron

Financial Reserves: A vigorous discussion was held regarding our \$30,000 reserve and if it was a disservice to our members to not spend it. We discussed giving free plays to our volunteers, reducing card fees for non-special games (not enough to matter), paying our directors, etc. It was agreed that there was no need to not have substantial reserves since our quest for a home of our own is never ending. However, there was also no need to enhance our reserves. We opted to upgrade our Holiday Party as part of operating in a break even mode. Bonnie, Kay, and Diane Davies volunteered (or were volunteered) to form ad hoc committee to spearhead this effort.

Free play for new players who become members and hold less than 20 masterpoints: The program was discussed, some clarifications made, and it was agreed the program needed additional discussion at a future meeting.

Ernie Resignation: Ron announced that Ernie had resigned from the Board effective at the end of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.