

**AIKEN BRIDGE CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2016 – 11:30 AM**

**AGENDA**

**MINUTES**

*Board Members Present: Alan, Bonnie, Jay, Sedley and Ron  
Board Members Absent: Kay, Mike (votes submitted by email)  
Members Present: Diane Davies, Dorothy Johnson, Linda Knox*

**1. Approve minutes of the July 25, 2016 Board Meeting** Ron

*Approved as presented. Unanimous*

**2. Board Member Election Nominating Committee Report** Bonnie

*Information Only, Bonnie reported that there are currently four club members who will be running for the two Board positions being vacated in January 2017. While the nomination period never closes, Ron will set a date when nominees names will not be included on the ballot.*

**3. Second Readings of Motions – Second Reading** Jay

*Approved as presented. Unanimous*

*The new policy is: "All changes to policies and financial obligations of the Aiken Bridge Club (ABC) shall require approval at two (2) consecutive ABC Board meetings. This requirement shall neither preclude changes that are time-constrained so that two consecutive ABC Board meetings are not possible nor require a subsequent meeting because a previously approved motion has been amended so long as the intent of the original change remains the same."*

**4. Close Club December 2 in Support of Aiken/Augusta Sectional** Ron

*A motion to close the club on Friday, December 2, 2016 was, after considerable discussion, passed.*

*In favor: Alan, Jay, Mike and Ron  
Opposed: Bonnie  
Abstain: Sedley*

**5. Close Club December 5 – Croft House Holiday Party**

Ron

*Information Only. Croft House Management has informed Ron that the playing area will not be available to us on Monday, December 5, 2016, so we will be unable to hold our regularly scheduled game.*

**6. Rescind October 2015 Policy Referencing Notification of Members Regarding ZT Adjudications**

Bonnie

*The proposal was to rescind the Policy passed by the Board during the October, 2016 Board Meeting requiring notification of members of any activities related to out Zero Tolerance (ZT) Policy.*

*Bonnie and Sedley felt the policy should be rescinded and all ZT issues be dealt in private so the alleged violator would not be embarrassed. Alan, Jay and Ron felt the right of the members to full transparency was more important.*

*The proposal was not voted on. However, Ron was assigned to revise the policy for future consideration of the Board to meet the objectives of both sides. Good luck to Ron.*

**7. Discontinue Free Play Policy for Players with < 20 Masterpoints**

Bonnie

*Rather than discontinue this program, the Board decided to define it in a workable manner. Beginning January, 2017, to qualify for the program, the player must be new to duplicate bridge, be an ACBL and ABC member. The duration of the free play status will be 90 days. Mike, in his sole discretion, will administer the program. Good luck to Mike.*

**8. Finalize Holiday Party Planning**

Bonnie

*Bonnie and Diane Davies reported the current status of Holiday Party planning. All is well. The Board was asked to set a fee for non member significant others attending the dinner. The Board set the amount at \$15.00 with the club subsidizing the remainder of the actual cost.*

**9. Other Business**

All

*Sedley proposed an amendment to the by-laws to add an additional Board seat for the immediate past Club Manager for a three year term. Unanimous agreement. Jay tasked with writing the amendment which will be presented to the membership for approval during our January, 2017 elections.*

*Annual Meeting set for January 25, 2017.*

*Next Board Meeting set for January 11, 2017.*