

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2017  
SANIBEL HARBOUR MARRIOTT RESORT AND SPA

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Betty Sandifer, President - Unit 128, Jeff Edelstein, Vice President - Unit 128, Jeff Overby - Unit 128, Marshall Hall - Unit 128, Ray Wise - Unit 128, Shannon Cappelletti - Unit 128, Rawy Shediak - Unit 128, Howard Rothman - Unit 128, Allison Freeland - Unit 128, Charlene Predmest - Unit 128, Jay Whipple - Unit 128, Bruce Greenspan - Unit 128, Carol Hamilton - Unit 102, Mike Gibson - Unit 102, Susan Rowley - Unit 240, Candace Griffey - Unit 240, Keith Gellman - Unit 243, and Peter Jargowsky - Unit 243. (Shirley Seals, Secretary/Treasurer - Unit 128 - appeared by telephone.)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Charles Gill - Unit 128, Gayle Marr - Unit 219, Armand Grassi - Unit 219.

SPECIAL GUEST: Theri Andino, New EDITOR of the SUNSHINE BRIDGE NEWS.

Betty Sandifer, President of District 9 called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Motion made to approve the Minutes of the Tampa Board meeting held June 2, 2017, with one correction.

Theri Andino was introduced to the board and gave her vision for the continued schedules of the SBN. She was welcomed enthusiastically by the Board. She may switch to a 2-2-4-4 issues. If this is done, submission deadlines will be changed. Theri will advise the board of her decision.

Muriel Altus was thanked for her years of service as the Editor of the SBN.

Betty thanked Jeff Overby for heading the SBN committee to select the new Editor.

Shirley Seals gave the Treasurer's Report. All board members were given a copy of the Balance Statement as of September 30, 2017 and the Profit and Loss Statement. All checking and investment accounts have been reconciled as of this date. Total District 9 STAC income was \$19,169, with a net profit of \$6,191. (ACBL invoice for holding STAC games was \$12,978.) The profit goes to help financial support the SBN.

Jeff Edelstein reported on District 9s newly created and written Conditions of Contest for the NAP/GNT contests. He is waiting for committee to approve.

Jeff Overby reported on the current condition of the CFFK. Balance as of June 30, 2017 is \$137,243. Balance one year ago at the same time was \$124,383.

Jeff moved to increase the table fees to \$14 per person per session at Regional tournaments. After discussion and failed amendments, the Motion passed, to take effect at the Southeastern Regional in 2018.

Bruce Greenspan announced that the Sportsman of the Year award went to Shannon Cappelletti, and the Volunteer of the year to Barbara Tate of Ft. Lauderdale.

Jay Whipple gave his report about the Top Ten Meeting which emphasized a declining attendance and what is on the horizon at ACBL. ACBL is going live today about a Regional event to be held at Clubs. Peter Jargowsky gave his report on how to increase attendance at Regional Tournaments. A committee was established to look into details of a paid position and the committee was formed. Motion by Jay Whipple, second by Jeff Overby. Motion carried.

Harry Falk, Director in Charge, gave his report. The tournament is down 30% over previous year. Staff changes are anticipated for next year. Tables and supplies are likely to need to be moved to the East coast. Karl no longer wishes to transport tables and a replacement Director has been found. Harry is willing to continue duplicating hands, even after he retires. Financial details to be mutually worked out.

Betty Sandifer thanked Nancy and Paul Hagerty for their years of service with the Youth.

Jay Whipple reminded the board that the National Board is offering a \$1,500 stipend at colleges which have an increase in attendance at bridge events. (For 30 students to sign up.)

Motion made to adjourn by Rawy Shediak. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Jeff Overby,