

Asheville Bridge Room Special Board Meeting

August 3, 2026

Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM

Members present: Patrick Barnes, Lisa Bryant, Melissa Himelein, Sarah Manow, Nick Frost, Virginia Pett, Polly Ross, John Underwood

New Business

Sarah Manow reported that Ed Kramer, President of the Board of Congregation Beth Israel, called her to say that ABR would not be able to use CBI facilities after 10/1. In discussion with Lisa Bryant, Ed Kramer stated that he wants to use the space for programming for CBI members. Upon further discussion, Ed Kramer agreed verbally that ABR would be allowed to use the facilities until 12/31/2026.

Currently we pay CBI \$85/day or more than \$12,000/year. We have been told that the fee will increase to \$100/day after the tournament.

The Board discussed alternative venues. Individual members volunteered to contact these venues and gather information. The list of venues and volunteers will be posted as a Google document. A spreadsheet for information gathered will also be posted as a Google document.

The Board agrees that a written contract is required for any future venue.

Lisa Bryant will draft a message to be sent to members, giving them information about the situation and asking for suggestions.

CBI has informed Lisa Bryant that we will not be able to use the facilities on Friday, September 11 and Friday, September 25. These dates were not on the previous list of dates that we could not play. Lisa Bryant will check with Givens Gerber Park to see if that facility is available. We might use RSVP Bridge.

Schedule

Special Board meeting, Monday, August 17, 7 PM

Club Championship, Sunday, August 9 and 16, 1 PM

BridgeBattle, Sunday, August 9 and 16, 2-4 PM

Board meeting, Thursday, August 20, 7 PM

Mentor-Mentee game, Wednesday, August 26

Action Items

- Send message to members regarding our search for a new venue
- Investigate alternate venues and report on August 17
- Check with Givens Gerber Park regarding September 11 & 25

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Pett, Secretary