

Asheville Bridge Room Board Meeting

February 12, 2026

Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM

Members present: Lisa Bryant, Melissa Himelein, Sarah Manow, Virginia Pett, John Underwood;

Absent: Karen Campbell, Nick Frost, Polly Ross

Minutes

Melissa Himelein (Sarah Manow) moved to approve the January minutes, approved.

Treasurer's Report

CD (First Citizen's Bank & Trust)	\$72,844.82
Checking Account (FCB&T)	\$ 7,698.71
Total assets	\$80,543.53

Our finances are stable. We are losing money on the Monday games, but the Wednesday games are increasing in size, and the Friday games are strong. We are eager to begin a second section on Fridays for 20 and under players, who can join ACBL for free. It was suggested that we contact Hendersonville players in their 20 and under game by email. Virginia Pett (Melissa Himelein) moved to approve the Treasurer's report, approved.

Education

The new series one class has enrolled only 4 people. This is disappointing. Possibly this series should be postponed until spring.

Tournament Planning

Virginia Pett, Polly Ross, Melissa Himelein and Sarah Manow wrote a request for \$500 funding from District 7. Several ideas were presented to increase turnout at the tournament, including a special tournament flyer aimed specifically at newer players.

Old Business

Lisa Bryant has sent the list for nametags to Sarah Manow, who will order them.

Birthday celebrations will be organized by Holli Rovenger on the Wednesdays of Mentor-Mentee games.

New Business

Snacks on Friday organized by Sandi Dover have been fabulous. The Wednesday players have requested an upgrade in the snacks available to them. It was suggested that Board members might occasionally bring snacks on Wednesdays to encourage others to do the same, on an informal basis.

Virginia Pett (John Underwood) moved that the ABR reimburse fees to members who complete the ACBL online classes to become a club director, approved. This policy will be announced by John Underwood at the Friday game.

Schedule

The next Mentor-mentee game will be Wednesday, February 25.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, March 12.

Action Items

Contact Hendersonville players in the 20 and under game by email

Encourage snack contributions by the Wednesday players

Directors needed: Lisa Bryant will be out of town April 21-May19.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Pett, Secretary