

# Asheville Bridge Room Board Meeting

March 12, 2026

Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM

**Members present:** Lisa Bryant, Karen Campbell, Nick Frost, Melissa Himelein, Sarah Manow, Virginia Pett, Polly Ross, John Underwood

## Minutes

Karen Campbell (Sarah Manow) moved to approve the February minutes, approved.

## Treasurer's Report

CD (First Citizen's Bank & Trust)	\$72,844.82
Checking Account (FCB&T)	\$ 6,278.53
Total assets	\$79,123.35

Virginia Pett (Polly Ross) moved to approve the Treasurer's report, approved.

## Education

Five people have been attending the series I class. After the class ends there will be supervised play. Then series II will be offered. Some people have asked for a series III class, covering such more advanced topics as support double, Michaels. People request supervised play both Wednesday and Friday.

## Tournament Planning

The \$525 insurance binder for the tournament has been signed and paid.

The request for \$500 funding from District 7 was turned down. It appears that the district wants to support education at the club level. Polly Ross (Virginia Pett) moved to resubmit the proposal, approved. Lisa Bryant and John Underwood will rewrite the proposal. A tournament "boot camp" at the club in preparation for tournament play was suggested.

The lunchtime analysis of hands at the tournament will be done by Lisa Bryant and Sarah Manow.

Tournament chairs met and agreed that a goal of \$3500 would adequately support the activities of the upcoming sectional. Plans were made to solicit support from several local businesses. Polly Ross has secured \$500 from Cat Café. There will be a zoom meeting of the chairs on Wednesday, March 18. Send sponsor ideas to Polly Ross.

Cards in the shape of diamonds, clubs, hearts, and spades that people can purchase for \$20 was suggested. The cards could be sold and posted at the club and at the sectional. Melissa Himelein (Karen Campbell) moved to approve this idea, approved. Melissa Himelein suggested names such as "Play it Forward" or "Honor Cards." Polly Ross (Virginia Pett) moved that a second bank account be set up specifically for the tournament, approved.

Online publicity was discussed; Karen Campbell and Sarah Manow will post links to information about the tournament on the AVL Bridge Room website, such as attractions in Asheville and list of sponsors, in addition to the tournament flyer, which is already online. Email blasts and an article in District 9 (Florida) newsletter will advertise the tournament.

Reservations for the tournament, especially the teams, were suggested, perhaps with a welcome bag for those who sign up.

### **Schedule Changes**

The Synagogue will be closed to bridge April 3 and April 8. Instead, there will be games on Wednesday, April 1, and Friday, April 10, with two sections. Sarah Manow will update the calendar and notify members by email. Also, the synagogue will be closed on Friday, May 22.

Neither Karen Campbell nor Nick Frost can direct on Friday, May 15, when Lisa Bryant is out of town.

### **Snacks**

Snack teams on Fridays are raising money for the tournament. On Monday and Wednesday the tips provide snacks for those days. Coffee is provided by the Club. Lisa and Nick will make coffee and request players on those days to provide snacks. We need to discuss the birthday celebrations to make them more meaningful.

### **Special Games**

The mentor-mentee games have been small, and people have backed out at the last minute. We need more participation and a better system for matching mentors and mentees. We will encourage more mentees to sign up.

The Sunday team games have been small also; we will schedule one in May or June.

## **Schedule**

Mentor-Mentee game, Wednesday, April 15

Board meeting, Thursday, April 16

Annual Meeting, Friday, May 29

## **Action Items**

- Revised grant proposal to District 7 (Lisa Bryant, John Underwood)
- Review idea for tournament “boot camp”
- Plan for Synagogue closing May 22
- Make birthday celebrations special
- Encourage mentees to sign up for the mentor-mentee games

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Pett, Secretary