

Asheville Bridge Room Board Meeting

October 21, 2025

Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM

Members present: Lisa Bryant, Karen Campbell, Melissa Himelein, Nick Frost, Sarah Manow, Virginia Pett

Absent: Polly Ross

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

CD (First Citizen's Bank & Trust) \$71,737.04

Checking Account (FCB&T) \$ 8,300.05

Total assets \$80,037.09

Virginia Pett (Karen Campbell) moved to approve the October report, approved.

Education

The next Mentor-Mentee game will be November 19.

The second series of lessons is going well with 3.5 tables. Students find the supervised play very helpful.

Tournament Planning

- Two hotels will be hosts: Courtyard by Marriott on Meadow Road (20 rooms) and the Baymont by Wyndham on Hendersonville Road (10 rooms).
- A Publicity Flyer has been created to use in conjunction with inviting local businesses to be sponsors. Various levels of sponsorship are described.
- Ann Jones has created a Save the Date Card to take to local bridge tournaments.

Next steps:

- Create a Tournament Flyer and obtain ACBL approval
- Organize four committees (Logistics, Finance, Publicity, Hospitality) with job descriptions
- Apply for grant from District 7 for funding
- Contact Brian Ward about transporting tables to the venue.
- Provide food ideas. Box lunches are traditional on team day (Saturday). Other ideas instead of pizza are a catered taco salad or a buffet line.

New Business

The Synagogue has increased the number of holidays on which we cannot play. Alternate sites were discussed, such as the Jewish Community Center, Montford Community Center, Asheville Parks & Recreation, Buncombe County, a different synagogue or church.

The next Team Game will be Sunday, November 9.

Nick Frost volunteered to update the player database monthly.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, November 20.

Action Items

Investigate other possible locations for AVL Bridge Room

Appoint a person to be in charge of the monthly birthday celebrations

Appoint a replacement for Myra Schoen to the Board

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Pett, Secretary