

Asheville Bridge Room Board Meeting

September 18, 2025

Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM

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

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

CD (First Citizen's Bank & Trust)	\$71,737.04
Checking Account (FCB&T)	\$ 8,936.42
Total assets	\$80,673.46

Tournament Planning

On September 9 Polly Ross (Virginia Pett) moved that the Asheville Bridge Room enter into a contractual agreement with Asheville-Buncombe Technical College to rent the Mission Health Conference Center located at [16 Fernihurst Drive](#) for a Sectional Bridge tournament to be held on October 1-3, 2026. Motion passed, 6 approved, 1 abstention. Subsequently, an announcement was sent to the membership by email.

Polly Ross reported that the application for the Conference Center has been completed and will be final when we submit the required deposit. The Hendersonville bridge club has declined our invitation to partner with us in the tournament. The Spruce Pine club may be interested; Lisa Bryant will follow up. The next steps are to identify a host hotel and to appoint a Partnership Chair for the tournament, which is required for ACBL approval.

We need a name and a flyer for the tournament. Melissa Himelein volunteered to set up an electronic folder of examples for us to look at.

Karen Campbell asked if a local director could take the necessary steps to become a tournament director. This would be a significant saving.

Education

Lisa Bryant reported that 12 people are enrolled in the Series 2 bridge lessons, conducted in person. When Lisa is out of town Sarah Manow will conduct supervised play.

Supervised play on Fridays has been popular.

A new Series 1 will begin in February.

Monthly Birthday Celebrations

During the Mentor-Mentee game on the third Wednesday of each month, there will be a cake for all the birthdays to be celebrated for that month. The next Mentor-Mentee game will be October 15.

Bylaw Revision

Lisa Bryant presented a draft of extensive revisions to the Bylaws, because the nature and size of our club has changed dramatically since Covid. Virginia Pett proposed several additions to the Bylaws from the Policy and Procedures Manual and noted that the P&P document could then be retired, because much of it no longer applies. Karen Campbell noted that it is easier to revise the P&P document than to amend the Bylaws and that is a reason to have both documents. Lisa Bryant will prepare another draft for the next Board meeting and will find out if both documents (Bylaws and P&P) are required by ACBL.

Polly Ross (Melissa Himelein) moved that the revised Bylaws should call for 9 Board members, approved (5 yes, 2 no).

Membership

Polly Ross volunteered to check with current members on correct email addresses. Nick Frost said that 3x5 cards for new members to fill out would be helpful to have contact information for them. New players have a free play the second time they come.

Action Items

Melissa Himelein will approach members who might replace Myra Schoen on the Board.

Polly Ross will identify a Host Hotel for the Tournament.

Polly Ross will check with current members to verify their current email address.

The next Board meeting will be October 16 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Pett, Secretary