

Asheville Bridge Room Annual Meeting
Friday, May 30, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Sarah Manow at 11:15 AM.

Table Count

There were 813.5 tables in 2024. This is an 11-month total because AVL Bridge Room was closed for a month due to hurricane Helene.

Financial Report

Date	Total funds in the bank*
1/1/24	\$82,291.14
12/31/24	78,728.94
Reported Loss for 2024	3,562.20

*A substantial amount remaining from the estate of Margaret Stone has been invested in a certificate of deposit and is earning interest.

Expenses were described: rent, refreshments, liability insurance, ACBL fees, director payments, improvements, website, business property tax.

More players would help the bottom line. Elaine Colokathis will be calling former players in an effort to increase the number of players.

AVL Tournament

It was noted that before the Covid pandemic there were tournaments held in Asheville, which attracted players from outside Asheville. Reviving the tournament was discussed. The facilities are expensive and there is a possibility of loss. Members were asked if they know of a venue.

Announcements

There is now a Sunday game once a month.

AVL Bridge Room is now part of The Common Game, a free service. Players from across North America play the same cards, and results are compared within the local club and with all players. There is expert commentary on some of the hands. Various analytical tools are provided. [See this document for more information.](#)

Election

The slate of new Board members was presented. Lee Wilcox moved that the slate be unanimously elected (second Holli Rovenger), approved.

Nick Frost (new term)
Melissa Himelein
Virginia Pett, Secretary
Polly Ross

These Board members join previously elected (or appointed) members:

Lisa Bryant, President
Sarah Manow, Vice President and Club Manager
Myra Schoen, Treasurer
Karen Campbell

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Outgoing Board members were thanked for their service:
Michele Heller, Elaine Colokathis, and Sylvia Cassel.

Awards

Award certificates and prizes were presented as follows below.

Mini-McKenney

Polly Ross 50-100

Richard Potter over 10,000

Virtual Ace of Clubs

Polly Ross 50-100

Lee Wilcox 2500-3500

Bert Hall 3500-5000

Online (new award!)

Melissa Himelein 20-50

Polly Ross 50-100

Holli Rovenger 100-200

Bert Hall 3500-5000

Connie Hoechstetter 7500-10,000

Elaine Colokathis moved to adjourn (second, Sandy Sharp), approved.

Action Items

Locating a venue for a possible Asheville tournament.

Increasing player numbers.

Respectfully submitted,

[Virginia Pett](#), Secretary

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