

FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date – January 13, 2025

4:05 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President Jonathan Salt

Board members present: David Kupperman, Daniel Tordella, Allen Bozek, Sheila Cesarano and Jonathan Salt. Club manager Emilio Lopez was present. House manager Kynvett Lee was present

1. **11/11/24, 11/24/24 and 12/2/24 Board Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes (with corrections) of the 12/9/24 regular Board meeting and the 1/8/25 special Board meeting were approved.

2. **Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Alan Rubin reported:

a. Cash: Total bank, *PayPal* and petty cash/change balance was \$139,691.38 as of December 31, 2024.

b. Operations: FTLBC had a net operating gain of \$3,912.35 for December, 2024 and a net operating gain of \$75,542.34 YTD through December 31, 2024.

c. The foregoing numbers are provisional. Final 2024 December Treasurer's report to be submitted at the February 2025 regular Board meeting.

3. **Club Manager's report:**

a. Table count for December 2024 was 388 compared to 369 for December, 2023.

b. Events, reports, venue rentals (only 1) and score adjustments were reported.

c. Winners of the Rhoda Schrieber award by section are:

Section A – Jack Jones

Section B – Sheila Cesarano

Section C – Robin Kupperman

d. *Ace of Clubs* and *Mini McKinney* winners to be announced.

4. **Committee Reports:**

a. **Insurance Committee (chair – open)**

- i. Insurance is fully up to date.
- ii. FTLBC still needs an Insurance Committee chair.

b. **Education Committee (Chair Robin Kupperman):**

- i. A new player beginner series is scheduled to start on Jan. 13, 2025.
- ii. Supervised games, free 30-minute lessons Wednesdays and Fridays (chip game) continue.
- iii. Rosemary Boden suggested trial of an incentive offering at the Friday chip game.
- iv. Possible renewal of face to face *advanced* mentor games are being discussed.
- v. *Bid, play and learn* lesson for Tuesday mornings is being considered.
- vi. Friday mentor game to re-start on January 17th.
- vii. *Picklebridge* game was discussed.
- viii. Night/evening lessons/games were again discussed.

c. **Events Committee: (Chair – TBD)**

- i. Management, frequency, promotion and execution (i.e. food) of Sunday birthday / brunch games TBD.

d. **House Committee (Chair Allen Bozek):**

- i. AC ducts need cleaning (last done approx. 12 years ago); estimates shall be obtained.
- ii. Many thanks to Allen and his committee.

- e. Grievance and Ethics Committee (Chair Daniel Tordella):
 - i. Nothing new to report.
 - f. Membership: (Chair position open):
 - i. The 2025 FTLBC membership / renewal drive is ongoing with approximately 321 members signed up for 2025 through 1/13/25.
 - ii. Possible calls to *non-renewers* was discussed.
 - g. Marketing (Chair - TBD):
 - i. Possible re-start of *YELP* advertising was discussed.
5. **President's report:** President Salt reported:
- a. 2025 Bridge Cruise: Joint cruise venture with Quick Tricks is in progress and progressing nicely.
 - b. 2026 Bridge Cruise: Another joint cruise venture with Quick Tricks is underway. Dates are March 22 – March 29 2026. Ship: A brand new Celebrity ship has been selected.
 - c. House Manager: After interviews, Knyvett Lee was selected as the *house* manager for FTLBC. Interviews for the *bridge manager* for FTLBC were ongoing as of 1/13/25.
 - d. Memorial Plaque: A plaque for deceased long-time member/director Joe Phillips has been proposed by two club members who offered to finance the project. Details and further discussion pending.
 - e. Grand National Game: FTLBC shall host the *championship flight* finals for entry into the *Grand National* tournament on March 29 & 30 2025.
 - f. Four possible FTLBC logos submitted by member Nico Communion.

5:06 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:
Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary