

FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date – February 10, 2025

4:10 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President Jonathan Salt

Board members present: Wendy Howard, Alan Rubin, David Kupperman, Daniel Tordella, Allen Bozek, Sheila Cesarano and Jonathan Salt. Bridge and House managers Jesse Laird and Knyvett Lee were present.

Former Treasurer and Club accountant Rick Shapiro was present.

Club members Keith Gellman, and Robin Kupperman were present.

1. **1/13/25 Board Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes (with corrections) of the 1/13/25 regular Board meeting were approved.

2. **Treasurer's report:** Club Accountant and Club Treasurer Alan Rubin reported:

- a. Cash: Final 2024 tally: Total bank, PayPal and petty cash balance was \$139,691.38 as of December 31, 2024.
- b. Operations: Final tally 2024: FTLBC had a net operating gain of \$61,442.48 YTD through December 31, 2024.
- c. Cash: Total bank and petty cash balance was \$146,980.71 as of 1/31/2025.
- d. Operations: Final tally 2024: FTLBC had a net operating gain of \$33,234.91 for January, 2025.

3. **Club Administrator's and Bridge Manager's reports:**

- a. Table count for January, 2025 was 590.5 compared to 507 for January, 2024.
- b. Events, reports, and score adjustments were reported.
- c. Modern Mahjong rental details for April 6, 2025 to be determined.
- d. The "gift card" issue was tabled. Accounting and accountability of gift cards are under review.

4. **Committee Reports:**

a. Insurance Committee (chair – open)

- i. Directors and Officers premium of \$1,191.00 (same as last year) was approved.
- ii. Insurance is fully up to date.
- iii. FTLBC still needs an Insurance Committee chair.

b. Education Committee (Chair Robin Kupperman):

- i. A new player series that began on Jan. 13, 2025 is complete. The program had 28 students.
- ii. Supervised games, free 30-minute lessons Wednesdays and Fridays (chip game) continue.
- iii. The next Friday mentor game is scheduled for February 21, 2025, with wine and cheese to follow.

c. Events Committee: (Chair – Diane Gaicobbi)

- i. Dian Gaicobbi volunteered for and was approved and appointed as the Events Committee chair. Many thanks to Diane.

d. House Committee (Chair Allen Bozek):

- i. AC ducts need cleaning. Several estimates with different scopes of work are being considered.
- ii. A good solution is needed for the “sun shade” issue in the south bridge room.

e. Grievance and Ethics Committee (Chair Daniel Tordella):

- i. Nothing new to report.

- f. Membership: (Chair position open):
 - i. FTLBC needs an energetic chair for this very important committee.
 - ii. Possible calls to *non-renewers* was discussed.

g. Marketing (Chair - TBD):

5. **President's report:** President Salt reported:

- a. 2025 Bridge Cruise: Joint cruise venture with Quick Tricks went well. A net profit of about \$3,000.00 to be shared by the two clubs is anticipated.
- 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. 23 cabins have been booked to date.
- c. Bridge Manager: After interviews, Jesse Laird was selected as the *bridge* manager for FTLBC.
- d. Longest Day: Day long games for the *longest day* are in place to be coordinated by Dan Woerner.
- e. Director Bonuses for 2024: Bonuses for FTLBC directors were approved as follows:

i.	Andre Sidelnikov	\$300.00
ii.	Maye Sakr	\$300.00
iii.	Dan Woerner	\$500.00
iv.	Robin Kupperman	\$500.00
v.	Emilio Lopez	\$750.00

5:45 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:
Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary