

# Garden City Duplicate Bridge Club

## Minutes

August 11, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Present: Ken Bryan, Barbara Berens, Becky Mosbacher, Susan Molaris, Brad Halfpap, Judy Hartz, John Brandeberry

- 1) Club Manager report – Judy will talk with Paul regarding the dealing machine. It is sent in for maintenance after a certain number of deals, and Paul has made arrangements in the past.
- 2) Treasurer report – The financial report shows a healthy balance
- 3) President report

### Annual meeting

- We are considering changing the name of the Annual Meeting to the Membership Meeting. This change must be made to the bylaws. The bylaws do not mandate that we hold an annual meeting, and so this name change will reflect that practice.
- Date: October 17, 11:00 a.m., before the 8 is Enough team game.
- Susan Molaris will arrange for food and will take charge of setting up
- 2024 Mini-McKinney awards (medals) will be presented
- Ace-of-Club winners will be announced (no medals).
- Club Board Election
  - In 2025, Brad Halfpap's seat will be up. Brad is happy to serve again, but he is willing to step aside if others wish to serve
  - In 2026, one seat will open (currently held by Susan Molaris)
  - In 2027, the two seats held by Ken Bryan and Becky Mosbacher will open
  - Barbara Berens will continue to serve as treasurer
  - We can increase the number of board members to allow for any interested people to serve
- Judy is in the process of updating the directory

### 4) Cleaning –

- Jeanette Stangl organized a cleaning schedule and crew, and it has worked very well. Thank you, Jeanette!
- Susan Molaris will spot clean the carpet this week. We will have the carpet cleaned prior to the March tournament.
- Becky will check all the chairs to make sure they have their foot caps.

### 5) Education/Recruitment

- Brad taught his beginning bridge class at the club. It was well attended.
- Becky is teaching beginners' classes at The Lifelong Learning Center this fall.

- Brad is formulating a class he can share at the LLC. We are trying to reach a new audience.
- Becky is going to reach out to middle schools and high schools in the hopes of setting up a bridge program in the schools.

6) Items not on agenda

- Kathy Veazey has been organizing cultural outings followed by social hour after the Tuesday game for all interested club members. People clearly are enjoying it. The next outing is at the new Hospice House. It is decided that in September, the outings start at 4:30 so the Tuesday game can be played fully with 24-28 boards.
- Ken suggested we look into the process of 501(C) (3) status to allow for tax deductible donations. The club would have to provide educational programs, such as outreach to the public schools, to make this valid. The board agreed to look into it further and may ask if there are club members with legal experience to help guide it. (Susan interjecting here that any attorney actually working on such a project with tax implications would want to have current malpractice insurance, and possibly, retired attorneys are not taking out such insurance due to cost.)
- Ken suggested we make a poster of the websites members can access to see the club results. This would include ACBL Live, the Common Game and GCDBC website. Anyone with an ACBL membership via email automatically gets a message in their inbox, but several people don't access this or do not have ACBL membership. The Board voted to proceed, and Brad suggested add info on how to navigate to the results page.

7) Public comment- none

8) The next meeting is Friday, October 10, 2025 at 12:10 to approve the ballot for the planned Oct 17, 2025 membership meeting and election.

9) Meeting adjourned 12:10.

Submitted by Becky Mosbacher, GCDBC Secretary