

Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club

Annual General Meeting

January 27, 2026

The quorum of 20 members being met, the meeting was called to order at 11:30, President Jimmy Reynolds presiding.

A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Mary Ann White, seconded by Carol Cortez, voted on and approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting was moved by John Olsen, seconded by Bruce, voted on and approved.

A discussion about the playing cards ensued. Cindy Thomson did a lot of work putting loose cards into playable decks. The cost of new cards is expensive due to the shipping costs. Cards needing to be discarded should have the board number given to the director.

Bags have been purchased to cover the dealt boards.

Upcoming Sectional Report:

Mary Ann White announced that there will be a special price of 175 pesos per person per session for members of the Lake Chapala Duplicate Bridge Club.

Single sessions are available.

Following the Friday evening game there will be a cocktail party.

A Mexican lunch is included in the Sunday Swiss playing fee.

Cookies, bars, or other donated baked goods will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your items when you come to play.

President's Report:

Jimmy thanked Jennifer Williams and Joan Montgomery for helping with the meeting.

He thanked all members for playing and keeping the club alive.

He thanked all directors that have worked on various aspects at the club and for making our games possible.

Special thanks to Neil Hayden who does a lot of extra work for the club.

He thanked David Hoogenberg, John Gray, and Rob Rich for their contributions.

He thanked Mike Roney for Chairing the Ethics Committee.

We have tried to make the club more social. The send off to our snowbirds, the pizza lunch for our summer players and the Christmas Dinner Dance were very successful. I hope more people will join us for a drink after the Thursday game.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve Tuggle announced that the full financial statement is on the website.

The club is in better financial position than it was in 2024, having ended 2024 with 170,000 pesos and 2025 with 380,000 pesos.

Total rent for 2025 was 243,600 pesos.

Questions and Responses:

Janet Mitchell asked if the club receives any compensation when the hotel uses the room.

The use of the room by the hotel is in the contract. The club does not receive compensation.

Jeanne Treloar asked about the accounts mentioned in the 2025 minutes.

Donnie, treasurer of Unit 205 has invested in a mutual fund account.

Ratification:

Mike Roney was ratified as Ethics Chair for 2026.

Elections for two Year Terms:

The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee (Carla Hickey, Carol Cortez, and Barbara Stephan) was elected unanimously.

Congratulations to Vice President Jan Hendrix, Treasurer Steve Tuggle, and Facilities Manager Carol Cortez.

New Business:

Ellen Kuiper, Club Manager, spoke about the need for more directors. There is an online course and Michael Farebrother is willing to mentor anyone who would like to take the course. There is a particular need for directors in the summer.

Jimmy Reynolds said that he will direct when necessary to make sure that games happen.

Lane asked if more news could be put on the website to keep everyone informed on what is coming up. He also requested that mention be made when members reach new bridge goals.

Joan Montgomery asked that everyone please clean up after themselves. Please dispose of garbage, clean up your table, and push in your chairs. Please try to keep the coffee table tidy.

There was a discussion about the club's dealing machine and maintenance. It was suggested that the club dealing machine maintenance be done in the summer when there are no tournaments and the unit (Unit 205) machine could be used.

Adjournment:

12 o'clock. There being no further business Carol Cortez moved, Ellen Kuiper seconded, and all agreed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Williams for

Cindy Thomson, Secretary

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