

**Management Committee Minutes
Annual General Meeting
January 28, 2025**

Management Committee members present: Nicci Beninger, Melanie Wolski, Jimmy Reynolds, Joan Montgomery, Mike Roney

The meeting was called to order at 11:30, Nicola presiding as Chair. The required quorum of a minimum of 20 members was met. There were 38 members were in attendance.

Moved and seconded: Approval of the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes of the February 6, 2024 AGM

President's Report: Nicci stated that she had three goals when she became President.

1. Stability—a lease until 2026
2. Transparency—She was always open to questions and suggestions
3. Create a friendly atmosphere

Question: How many members do we have? 77 paid and one lifetime member.

There has been no increase in fees as we are not losing money. As of November 30, the club has 28,000 pesos banked.

There has been a banking issues because the AC does not have an address or phone number associated with a corresponding signature. Currently there is no bank account, but there has been a designated phone number installed at Donnie's. He is working on creating a new account for the AC.

Question: What are the ACBL costs?

- \$1.15 US per table for ordinary games
- \$4.00 US per table for special games
- \$7.50 US per table for STAC games

For the first time, District 16—Mexico and Texas—received \$10,000 for charity. We were fortunate to give \$2,000 US to aid kidney and renal rehabilitation to lakeside communities in the Chapala area.

Election of Officers: The slate of candidates for the club Management Committee was presented and each were elected by acclamation .

For a two year term:

- President: Jimmy Reynolds
- Secretary: Cindy Thomson
- Club Manager: Ellen Kruiper
- Member at Large: Joan Montgomery

For a one year term, to be ratified to fill in a vacancy:

- Treasurer: Donnie Van Rooy

Facilities Manager: David Hoogenberg

Note: Melanie Wolski will continue for the second year of her two year term as Vice President.

New Business:

Thanks were given to Mary Ann White, Melanie Wolski, Joan Montgomery, Donnie Van Rooy and Ellen Kruiper for their service to the club.

Mike Roney was called forward and acknowledged for all the work he has done for the club. He was Presented with a gift.

Question: When are the bulletin boards arriving?

There are no more bulletin boards on order.

Delivery of four easels is expected from Sol y Luna.

Question: What can be done about the dirty cards?

The Club Manager, Ellen, will look into this.

Lane Galloway encouraged people to help with the club. More directors are needed. There is an online course which he and others can help with any questions. He thanked all of the directors and explained that they receive no cash payment. He thanked Michael Fairbrother for all of the extra work he does.

Question: Why has the Wednesday supervised bridge not continued?

Nicci explained that the volunteer instructors spent many hours preparing and giving the class, but although the participants enjoyed themselves, they didn't come to play at the club.

Suggestion: Could the Monday game have two sections?

Yes, this is possible with a sufficient number of tables.

Neal voiced an idea about having mentors for the Friday morning game once a month.

Question: Could you please explain the set up of the AC as it pertains to the club and the unit?

An explanation was given.

Nicci thanked everyone. During her time as president she felt supported and had no unpleasant moments. She enjoyed her time in office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02.

A pizza lunch was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Thomson, Secretary