

Naples Bridge Center (NBC) Board Meeting September 9, 2025

Present: Davis, Gabriel, Gur, Hendrickson, Levine, Lewis, Loew, and Schaengold via teleconference

MINUTES

The minutes of our last meeting were approved with Gur moving for acceptance and Davis seconded; motion carried.

New Members – Davis

There are 11 new members since our last meeting.

Club Operations Update – Lewis

Mary Lee presented her findings for the Christmas party. It will again be held at Bears Paw and the price is staying at \$95. The club will subsidize the price at a cost of \$27 per attendee. Lewis presented the idea of having a DJ at the event this year at a cost of \$695 for the evening. Gur moved to accept the recommendation and Hendrickson seconded.

Windows have been installed and awaiting inspection by the county. Painting of the building will be performed so that the new and old building will match.

Tinting of windows will be done at a cost of \$2352. Alarm is now functioning. Umbrellas will be purchased (10 to 12) for use by members.

Logo was approved for Palm Tree but professional Logo artist suggested we hold off approval.

Two new computers have been installed.

Second annual Halloween party is a go. Robert Todd is on for raffle for play on 2/23/25 to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. A motion was made to add other (nonprofessional players) for raffle. It was decided that Paul Meerschaert, Richard Gabriel, Al Shrive, Tom Oppenheimer, Ellen Gabriel, Melanie Schaengold, and Roberta (Rob) Trayman should be added to the pool of people to be bid on for charity. Ellen Gabriel volunteered to get all nominees on board.

A new sign for the building will be installed after the NBC new logo is approved.

Bridge Operations Update – Levine

Levine raised the issue of the feasibility of adding a game that bridges the upside limit of 750 of the Future Life Masters game to the bottom level of the open game. In the past, the numbers did not support the addition of the game and it was generally viewed as a nonstarter.

We will be closed on Christmas and Thanksgiving this year. We will be open on Easter.

The issue of too much unsolicited teaching is going on at the tables. Levine will address.

It was also brought up that we need a way to address suspended people showing up at the club and our response. It was suggested that those that are suspended may not know that they have been.

Loew raised issue that on 9/8/25, there was a half table in both the open and Future Life Masters Game as well as serious imbalances of the field by strata. Levine said that she will review.

Bert Murphy has said that he wished to resign his place on the Ethics Committee. Currently, Bob Dewey and Muffy Gur are on the committee. It was recommended that Mary Lee replace Bert on the committee.

Gabriel broached the subject that she and Schaengold have been teaching classes on a gratis basis but that there is nothing in the bylaws that prevents a board member from being compensated for teaching. All agreed that they should receive compensation and it was so moved.

Website Revision – Gur

Nothing new to report.

Treasurer Report – Davis

Davis explained that we may run a deficit this year as we have made a number of capital outlays.

Marketing – Loew

No new items. Ambassadors will reach out to new members that were added this period.

Hospitality and Events—Hendrickson

Nothing new to present.

A motion to adjourn was raised and seconded. The next meeting will be held 10/14/2025.

Respectfully submitted

Richard D. Loew