

## **Naples Bridge Center Board Meeting February 10, 2026**

Present: Davis, Gabriel, Geremia, Gur, Hendrickson, Henry, Lass, Levine, Lewis, Wynn, and Shrive [by phone]

The **Annual Membership meeting** was called to order at 4:30 PM.

Gabriel gave a brief President's message that noted an increased table count to 8,421 for 2025, an increase of 300 from 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

The monthly meeting was then called to order.

New BOG members Gerry Geremia, Sue Lass, Al Shrive, and Mary Ellen Wynn were welcomed, as was re-elected member Ellen Gabriel.

### ***Election of Board of Governors Officers:***

After nomination and discussion, the following were approved unanimously:

President: Ellen Gabriel

Vice President: Al Shrive

Treasurer: Barry Davis

Secretary: Ron Henry

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the January meeting were approved, with Davis moving for acceptance and Gur seconding; motion carried.

### ***New Members – Henry***

There are 23 new members since our last meeting. As of February 6, there are 876 members. The club is #3 nationally for table counts for face-to-face play.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### ***Club Operations Update - Lewis***

Gutter guards have been installed – leaves are kept out of the gutters.

There has been a 30% increase in Food & Beverage costs over the last 6 months. Most of it is due to expenses for candy. It is recommended that candy and snacks be provided only at the beginning of the afternoon and not be refilled.

Gold name tags for past presidents are being purchased.

### ***Bridge Operations Update – Levine***

ACBL has given permission to use club stratifications for STaC games. Since ACBL charges \$7.50 per table for STaC games, we will only offer StaC games for NLM players. Most Open players do not need silver points and do not like the Common Game hands used for StaC games.

According to ACBL, spectators have no rights. For low-sighted spectators, discussion can only occur at the end of a round.

Jesse Laird will be the ACBL director for our April Sectional.

Friday morning 0-99 games will be initiated on 2/20/2026.

### ***Robert Todd Program February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Gabriel***

There are now 56 people signed up for the event.

### ***Coupon Desk Update – Davis***

New BOG members and other volunteers are encouraged to help with the Coupon Desk. They are being screened and trained.

### ***TREASURER REPORT – Davis***

The Year End Financial Report approved by the Audit committee was presented. Henry moved to accept it, seconded by Gur. It is posted on the bulletin board beside the office. It shows \$33,000 surplus for 2025 before depreciation costs. Also, annual Table Counts are posted on the bulletin board beside the directors' office.

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

#### ***Formation of Committees:***

Hospitality – Hendrickson

Ambassadors – Lass

Celebrity Program – Shrive

Treasurer Shadow – Geremia

Ethics – Dewey, Lee, Levine

A web back up for Gur will be sought.

***Sorting Cards during play – Levine***

The intent is to speed up play and try to end games by 4:00 PM.

Instead of sorting cards during play, it was decided to try to take one minute off the time allotted for each round. A trial of 13 minutes for 2 board rounds will be initiated. Or 20 minutes for 3 board rounds.

A motion to adjourn was raised and seconded. The next meeting will be held 3/11/2026.

Respectfully submitted

Ronald J Henry