

Northern Colorado Bridge Board Meeting

Date: February 11, 2025

Present: Lucille Steiner, Debe Nelson, Linda Meininger, Sondra Asa, Chris Watson, Douglas Watt, John Grossman, Jill Barker

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm. The minutes from August were approved with some minor spelling corrections. Two new board members, John and Jill, were welcomed. They will receive the by-laws and member duty documents.

Finances

- We still have about \$22K combined in our bank accounts. Debe is scheduling the renewal of some CDs. We are operating at a slight loss in our unit games, but the interest on the CDs is exceeding this loss.
- Holly will probably perform an audit on our finances again this year.
- ACBL fees and director fees are going up. Breaking even or operating at a slight loss is considered okay for our financial health. We will continue to sponsor some discounts at various games like StaC games and the holiday party.
- We will probably give the 1st Methodist church a goodwill donation this year.
- We will pay for the 100\$-200\$ electrical repair bill incurred after/by our holiday party. We will try to get more training on using the kitchen appliances before our next holiday party.

Unit games

Finances: The church costs \$275 per event + \$25 if we cook. Additionally, we pay \$25 per month for the storage closet. We consider this a very good deal for the unit, and it allows us to keep fees low.

Special games: We still plan to charge the same amount (\$10) for special unit games (e.g. GNT, StaC, NAP). We agreed that most people prefer colored points where possible.

8 is enough: The April 2025 game will be an “8 is enough” Swiss Teams game at Robyn’s club, where we have less capacity, and we expect this format to draw fewer players. We will pick the three brackets in advance and adjust as required when we see what the turnout is:

- A (4 points) = 1500+
- B (2 points) = 500 -1500
- C (1 point) = < 500

The combined points on each team must be 8 or less. We will post sign-up sheets.

Lessons: Chris volunteered to find presenters for the remaining single-session unit games. John volunteered to give the March lesson.

IsBridgeForMe?

John Wolf will withdraw from this event before long. We need to pass the torch. We need better outreach for the smaller communities that are part of our region. However, advertising costs are typically steep.

June Sectional

Dates: The summer sectional will probably be Friday-Sunday June 13-15, 2025. We might consider running from Thursday to Saturday (June 12-14) instead. Colorado Springs was successful over Superbowl weekend using this strategy.

Setup: Doug, Chris and Lucille will probably volunteer to help with setup on Thursday.

Flyers: Lucille will prepare flyers for distribution by March or April. We will need volunteers to distribute these.

Signs: John showed us the kind of yard signs we will use for our sectional games. Bright yellow background with big fonts and some bridge symbols; 5 for \$125. Everyone approved.

Director: John Worley will probably “come out of retirement” to direct. This will save us a lot of travel expense money.

Goodwill Ambassador

Tom Roberts was nominated as goodwill ambassador and Kay Brock accepted it. John claims that Tom has already received this distinction and it's a lifetime award.

Trophies

We discussed adding new names to the trophies which are still active (e.g. the summer sectional trophy). We will probably not retrofit names missing from previous years.

Next Meeting

Tuesday April 15th, 2025 @4pm.