

**Northwest Tucson Bridge Club, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2021**  
**Monthly Meeting**

**1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Pamela Thaut:**

- **Members Present:** Virginia Brier, Rick Dunie, George Harger, Joe Olivier, Don Taylor, Pamela Thaut, Jack Wholey
- **Members Absent:** None
- **Guests:** Kay Afdahl, Bob Hertzog, Ruth Houkum, Jim Wolf

2. Minutes of (A) December 28, 2020 Monthly Meeting; (B) December 28, 2020 Transition Meeting; and (C) January 1, 2021 Special Meeting Conducted by -E-mail were reviewed and approved.

**3. Committee Reports:**

**Bridge Directors – Kay/Jack**

There was extensive discussion of who we consider members of our club and who is “allowed” to play in our virtual games. There was a consensus that our policy is to require new players (not current club members) to request permission in advance of game day. Administration of this will be by Jim and Kay. Substitutes used in a game will not be added to the “friends” list.

There was a member request to consider increasing the number of boards in a game to 21. There was a long discussion of the game organization complexities with low table counts. This motion was made and approved: NW Tucson Bridge Club allows Bridge Directors at their discretion to go up to 22 boards in an Open virtual game.

There was a member request to consider running 12 board games. Since the Board does not know the level of interest in this type of game, we agreed to put an article in the Newsletter asking interested players to respond back to the Club. Rick Dunie agreed to write article.

Wednesday 750 game was deleted from schedule after a two week trial period because there were not enough players to run the game. Board consensus was to leave it off the schedule for now. Virginia is the Board point person for this, but she was not present for the discussion. Rick will update her later. Virginia will then decide if and how she wants to generate enough interest to warrant its inclusion in the Game Calendar.

Friday Play With an “A” Player Game – Several members have asked that this game be revived. Joe has agreed to lead this effort with the goal to reinstate it again on February 5. Board consensus was to go ahead with the game.

Saturday/Sunday February 13/14 Special games weekend – given the existing initiatives already in process, the consensus of the Board was to pass on this opportunity.

**Education – Bob**

Bob is starting a new Wednesday afternoon 8 week beginning bridge class with 3 students signed up so far.

**Operations Management – Joe**

Joe met with the AARP Tax Volunteer group about their use of our facility this winter. A motion to “Allow use of our facility by AARP Tax preparers” was approved.

**Communications/Marketing – Rick**

There was a discussion of the Newsletter’s purpose and frequency. There was a consensus to keep it weekly. Several people offered to become regular contributors.

There was a discussion regarding players exhibiting bad behavior towards Bridge Directors as well as rude behavior in general. This motion was made and approved: A “Disciplinary Sub Committee” be established to investigate complaints. Kay Afdahl, Joe Olivier, and Don Taylor were appointed to the sub-committee.

**Finance – George**

George proposed and the Board approved that the proceeds allocated to NW/TCBC from Thursday Open game run by Spokane Bridge Club be split 50/50 between the two Tucson clubs.

**4. Old Business:**

None

**5. New Business:**

There was an agenda item to discuss the role of the board. Given the complexity of the topic and the length of the meeting, a motion was made and approved to postpone the topic until the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm. The next regular Board of Directors meeting (using Zoom) is scheduled for February 22, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Don Taylor.