

NW Tucson Bridge Club Board Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2023

Present: Pamela, Jim W, Bob, Gayle, Jim V, George

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 am

Minutes for July 12 were accepted as written.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report (George):

1. Lost \$700 in July due mostly to lower than desired table count of 7 per game
2. We do have a good cash position with \$31K in the bank.
3. It was noted that our lease renewal will come due in early 2024. George and the board are feeling good about our future, with loyal financial supporters within the club to step in if the need arises.
4. The board requested to see table counts month-by-month for a clearer picture of our history and projections for the future.

Education (Bob):

1. Bob reported that the beginner class is in its third of 10 weeks with 4 students participating. Two of these are brand new to our club. They meet on Thursday mornings.
2. Bob plans to begin a skills improvement class very soon. It was suggested that Tuesday Oct 26 is a reasonable start date. Thursdays are not good because of Small Slams game on Thursdays through at least October. Bob and Jim will discuss details for more advertising for this class. (Later, Bob decided to start this class on Tuesday beginning Aug 29.)
3. Friday Play & Learn has had small numbers this summer. It will continue and is expected to increase in participation in the fall.
4. Advanced learner lectures will continue on 3rd Tuesday:
 - a. Aug 15 – Bob Hertzog. Topic is "*Lebensohl After Ops Weak 2-Bid*".
 - b. Sep 19 and Oct 17 dates need teachers. Greg West will be asked to recruit or fill these spots. (Later learned that Steve DeVico is willing to fill Sept 19 and Oct 17 slots.)

Director/Special Games:

1. We discussed at some length some upcoming special events to be held at NW:
2. Fri Aug 25 Unit Game is a split-site game and NW will host one at our club. Kay will be directing. The Unit does not provide food for this event.
3. Sat/Sun Sep 9-10 NLM Sectional will be held at NW. Planning for the food is underway by unit personnel, with complementary lunch provided each day. Rosatti's pizza is the agreed choice for Sunday lunch. In discussion with Unit

president, NO speaker will be used. We will be permitted to have a table where players can come after the game to "ask the expert".

4. Sat Sep 23 – NW will host an "Eight is Enough" format team game. ACBL has encouraged this with mpts bonuses.
5. Sat Sep 30 – this is the date for our joint "potluck swiss" team game with Adobe at NW. Pamela will chair a small planning committee to assure that all goes well with this event. Pamela, Jim W, Donna(?) and an NLM rep recruited by Jim Volz will comprise this team. Adobe (Pam K) has agreed that all registrations will be through NW website.
6. We discussed the Tuesday Stratified pairs game and decided to leave as-is and review on a month-to-month basis. (Later – see special BOD Minutes for Aug 11 mtg.)

I/N Report (Jim V):

1. Jim V suggested that IN members with top masterpoint winnings during the year should be recognized. Board is in favor of some special event for this at the start of the new year.

Recognition/In-Out (Gayle):

1. This committee sent letters to players in three categories (current through the June in/out report):
 - a. 20 new members received a letter and free play. 2 have been redeemed.
 - b. 10 transfer-in players received a letter and free play. None have been redeemed.
 - c. 32 players advancing in rank receive a letter and free play and 9 have been redeemed.
2. Gayle will provide email contact info to Jim for communication with newcomers and transfers in.

The next board meeting is planned for Wednesday Sept 6 at 10 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary