

NW Tucson Bridge Club Board Meeting Minutes for Sept 6, 2023

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:07 am

Minutes for Aug 8 and Aug 11 were accepted with minor revision, posted.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report (George):

1. Reviewed table counts which are improving at a measured rate. George reminded us that these are seasonal and expected to increase in the fall.
2. Cash position is sound at \$32k. Ideal position is \$40k. Our budget shows this cash position to increase in the winter months.
3. Income for August was positive (\$36).
4. Our current lease ends in May 2024. We plan to continue current contractual terms for five years in Dec 2023, 90 to 120 days prior to end-of-lease. Joe O. and Jack W. are our negotiators. Our President will make this their action item.
5. Board discussed strategy for equipment maintenance/repair, replacement. We approved the action to acquire 10 bridgemates from another club. It was suggested that maintenance of the dealing machine should take place while the club is closed in Nov 23 for the Regional. We may consider the purchase of a second dealing machine for backup.

Unit Report (George)

1. The board requested George give us a monthly unit report. Here is this month's report:
2. Unit plans for 2024 include: 1 NLM Regional (combined with Open Sectional in Nov), 1 Regional in March and 2 Sectionals in Jan & Nov.
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Dates	City	State	Info	Results	District	Unit	Category	Type
Jan 4-7, 2024	Tucson	AZ	Info		17	356	Sectional	Open
Feb 26-Mar 3, 2024	Tucson	AZ	Info		17	356	Regional	Open
Apr 18-21, 2024	Tucson	AZ	Info		17	356	Sectional	Open
Sep 28-29, 2024	Tucson	AZ	Info		17	356	Sectional	I/N
Nov 21-24, 2024	Tucson	AZ	Info		17	356	Regional	I/N
Nov 21-24, 2024	Tucson	AZ	Info		17	356	Sectional	Open

3. After Covid, the first JAN tournament lost money and the two Nov tournaments had a small profit. Mar Regional was very successful profit-wise. Venue prices are rising, but hopefully more tables may get us back on track.

Education (Bob, et al):

1. Bob reported his Thursday Beginner class is in its 7th of 10 classes with five students.
2. His Beginner II class is on Tuesdays and is in its 3rd of 8 classes with as many as eight students, which fluctuates.
3. Bob plans to start another Beginner class in October, which we will advertise.
4. We discussed the newly established Monday lecture series. Steve DeVico will teach three lessons on defense on 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25. These are FREE.
5. Gayle Covey will teach two lessons for advancing players on Mondays 10/9 & 10/16. These will be offered at \$10 per session. A suggested title is something like "It's Not Your Mother's Bridge". It will cover advanced two over one lessons.
6. Kay will give free 30-minute "The Chat Room" sessions starting at 12:00 on Mondays 10/2, 10/23 & 10/30.
7. The board decided to eliminate the 3rd Tuesday's lecture series in lieu of Monday's program.
8. The Board decided NOT to use Paul Shalita's lessons for now in lieu of other educational offerings.

I/N Report (Jim V):

1. Jim V continues to recognize newer players for achievements with positive emails.

Director/Special Games (Kay):

1. We discussed at some length plans for the unit 356 NLM sectional being hosted at NWT this weekend (9/9 & 9/10). Concern was expressed for players looking for team-mates for Sunday games. This concern will be communicated to unit leadership (Jack Shoemaker, Doug Caine, Sheri Morris).
2. Plans are being made by NWT volunteers to offer "ASK ME !" help during the breaks in games.
3. Steve DeVico will present help on 3 or so selected hands during the break on Saturday.
4. Our program for awards to players with NO ZEROES on days ending in zero will be promoted for Wed 9/20, Tue 10/10 & Fri 10/20. Jim W will prepare a graphic for use on game day on the second TV.
5. The October team games will be on Sat 10/14 & 10/28 and will be stratified open team games. The team game on Oct 14 will be JoAnn Aiken appreciation day for her generosity to NWT.

Recognition/In-Out (Gayle):

1. This committee will recognize rank advancements for July and August, as is our usual practice.

New Business (Pamela):

1. George is shopping for the sectional at NWT (9/9-9/10).
2. For general supplies shopping, George is responsible and calls for help from Joe or Jack if he is away.
3. Gayle will order 9 in. coffee filters for immediate delivery. (received)
4. Donna will purchase a variety of greeting cards for sympathy and get well to have on hand.
5. We are looking for more game directors and the club will pay for the ACBL online course being offered 9/16-17.

The next board meeting is planned for Wednesday Oct 4 at 10 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary