

## **NW Tucson Bridge Club**

### **Board Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2024**

**Present:** Pamela, Bob, Jim W, Jim V, Ron, JoAnn, Steve, Gayle, Kay

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

Minutes for September 4 were accepted as published.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Financial Report (Steve):**

1. The current cash balance is sound at \$37k (\$14 mm, \$7.5 cash, \$15.5 CD).
2. The variance report shows a negative \$4.8k vs budget for the seven-month period of March through September. Two contributors are: (a) too optimistic table revenue budget and (b) unplanned rent charge for paving in the summer.
3. Revenue vs expenses at EOM September is \$4.8k better than in the same 7-month prior year period.
4. Table count for the seven-month period in 2024 exceeds the same 2023 period by 256 tables.
5. Summary: Club financials, table counts and budget performance are sound.
6. Discussion: More detailed analysis of types of games and days of week would be helpful to plan the future. ACBL and Bridgewebs both provide lots of detail data about attendance at games. We should explore ways to slice/dice and interpret the data. Jim W and JoAnn will bring a report and some suggestions to our next board meeting for further discussion.

##### **Education Bob/Gayle)**

1. Marvelous Monday lectures resumed October 7<sup>th</sup> and received rave reviews. The program is well-planned through the end of the year.
2. The Tuesday Beginner II class is underway with 12 students. This is now an on-going class, as students are asking for more topics.
3. The Thursday Beginner I class is under way with 5 – 8 students. Some of these students are taking the class to play informal bridge at home.
4. A "Bridge Land Cruise" is planned for all day Saturday November 2. The theme is "Going Slamming". It is time to hammer out details for publicity, registration and club setup. Light breakfast and lunch are in the plans. The board agreed on a charge of \$20 for the day with 12 hands in the morning and 12 hands in the afternoon as a sanctioned one-session event.

##### **Welcome/Recognition (Gayle)**

1. Our Birthday celebration day started in September and will continue each month on Monday or a Friday late in each month. October celebration is planned for October 28<sup>th</sup>. Gayle has ~ 115 birthdays on her list. The board approved a free play gift for any player present at the celebration day whose birthday is that month.

##### **Old Business/Games (BOD)**

1. The past weekend NLM Unit sectional event went very well, with 10 and 11 tables of pairs on Saturday and 10 teams on Sunday.

2. The Wednesday 299 game has experienced low attendance. The players have been polled and are fine with increasing the limit. The board approved an increase to 499, beginning October 16.
3. The low attendance at Tuesday's Open game was discussed briefly. Decision - we will continue the game with the \$4 discount for Monday players and discuss how to promote Tuesday game attendance at a future board meeting.
4. November and December team games were discussed. Decisions:
  - a. Saturday Nov 9 will be a team club championship game, open stratified at 1 pm.
  - b. Sunday Nov 17, NW will host a Unit Royal StaC pairs game, single session.
  - c. We will not have a Saturday Nov 16 game.
  - d. We will close during the Unit Sectional and I/N Regional at Tanque Verde Lutheran, which runs Thursday – Saturday November 21 – 23. (Friday P&L may be held.)
  - e. Saturday Dec 14 will be team club membership game at 1 pm.
  - f. Saturday Dec 28 will be a GNT Qualifier game.

### **2025 Elections (Old Business)**

1. The board appointed Ron Gospodarek as lead board member for this election cycle.
2. The period for open nominations will begin now and end October 31.
3. We will publicize four open positions with two-year terms. Members may submit their names in a box at the club. Ron will monitor nominations and report to the board as they come in.
4. If we have less than four nominations, the board will suggest who to ask to serve.
5. Only if we have more than four nominations, will be hold a paper-ballot election in December.

### **New Business**

1. We need someone to take charge of food and setup for the unit game on October 20. Jim Volz stepped forward to lead this activity. He will seek advice from Sheri and get help from others as needed.
2. Gayle submitted suggestions for updates to NWTBC Policy Procedures. The board approved of these changes, specifically in section 5 on combining game sessions, section 9 (new) on cancellation of games, section 10 (new) financial policies including rules on discretionary spending.
3. Gayle suggested a large whiteboard to show monthly events at the club. The board approved this action.

### **Next Board Meeting:**

The next board meeting is planned for **Monday, November 4** after Monday game is concluded (~4:30 pm).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Wolf*

Board Secretary