

NW Tucson Bridge Club Board Meeting Minutes for Oct 4, 2023

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

Meeting was called to order at 9:57 am

Minutes for Sep 6 were accepted as posted.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report (George):

1. Reported a profit of \$400 in Sept due to upturn in table counts with an additional income of \$1,050 from the NLM Sectional in September.
2. Loss for the year is at \$1,800, but with fall influx of players, this is estimated to finish the year at a positive \$3,000.
3. Cash balance still remains at \$32k and club is in good financial shape.
4. **(Operations)** We plan to renew our lease for five years which starts in June 2024 with an option to renew for an additional five years with the same terms of lease. This came to a board vote and passed.
5. Table counts were discussed with charts and analysis which were useful. Table average per game day was 10.1 in September, up from 8.1 in August. Break-even table count is 7 to 8 tables. Of course, table counts are seasonal.

Education (Bob, et al):

1. Bob reported his Beginner Bridge I class ends on Oct 5. A new class begins Oct 19 with at least 4 known players with interest.
2. Bob's Beginner II Bridge continues on Tuesday mornings. Students express interest in continuing this class beyond its intended end date with additional lessons.
3. The topic of Education Coordinator was discussed. The Board agreed that this role is needed and Bob agreed to be a committee head with two additional members for collaboration. Kay and Gayle have agreed to be members. Once established, the committee will write a job description with roles, responsibilities and expectations or something of that nature. The committee will oversee a wide span of education offerings from beginner to advanced player interests. The 2024 board will oversee the outcome of this new structure.

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 a variety of game options during the table count discussion.
2. The board agreed that the Oct 25th mentor game will be a team game, and will be fully disclosed to registrants in a way to not scare them off. Sign-up will be by pairs and the formation of teams will occur just before or during game day in an equitable manner.
3. Team games in October will be Oct 14 – JoAnn Aiken Club Appreciation and Oct 28 – GNT Qualifier.
4. Team games in November and December will be Nov 11, Nov 25 (Thanksgiving weekend) and December 9. We will NOT have a second team game in December due to the holidays.
5. Noted there is a unit game at NWT on Sunday Oct 29 with Halloween theme and lunch. Lunch is covered by the unit but purchased by NWT. From a recent note from the unit president, this event will be a two-section pairs game with an NLM and an open section. Registration and directing will be handled by NWT.
6. Kay will be teaching a two-day Director course. Participants will pay a \$25 fee which will be reimbursed if they commit to directing at NWT.

Recognition/In-Out

- No report

Operations

- Lease topic covered under Financial. No other discussion.

New Business (Pamela):

- Elections for 2024 BOD will be in December. Jim Wolf will chair the nominating committee with Rick Dunie and Greg West joining. Three two-year teams are vacated by Pamela, Greg and Donna.

The next board meeting is planned for Wednesday Nov 1 at 10 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary