

NW Tucson Bridge Club Board Meeting Minutes for Nov 7, 2023

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

Minutes for Oct 4 were accepted as posted.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report (George):

1. Reported a good October month with net profit of \$2,300. Positive contributing factors were higher table counts by 2 over previous year, more game days in the month (20), Small Slams rent payment, and return of lesson income.
2. Cash balance is reported at \$35K (up \$3K from Sept), holding some reserve for equipment replenishments. (See Operations)

Education (Bob):

1. Bob reported his Tuesday Beginner Bridge II class ended on Oct 31
2. The Beginner Bridge I class continues on Thursdays with 8 students and 6 more weeks until completion.
3. Bob will teach a two-over-one class for beginners starting Tuesday November 28 for five sessions. This class will be advertised. Cost is \$50 for five sessions.
4. BOD discussed asking for a "free-will offering for the Monday "chat room" lectures. This passed by consensus and will be announced at the next Monday lesson. This is totally voluntary, but is believed that participants are willing to pay for the value received.

Director/Special Games (Kay):

1. Team games have been set for the remainder of the year:
 - o Nov 11 StaC Team game
 - o Nov 25 Club Championship Stratified Teams
 - o Dec 9 Upgraded Stratified Team Game
 - o Only one December team game due to holidays
2. Discussed the request by a class member to allow players to use our club space for Rubber Bridge. Bob will investigate who may have requested this, for further discussion.
3. Discussed suggestion to have an assistant to the Director on Mondays and Fridays to help with organization and smooth game start-up. Jim and Kay will collaborate and provide a volunteer sign-up sheet to be announced at the next Monday session.
4. Mentor game will continue as is for November. It was suggested to make it a Barometer scored pairs game where all players play the same boards at the same time and see their progressive position in the "race". Due to holiday, there will be no mentor game in December.

5. "No-Zero" game will continue through December and then revisited. Dates are Nov 10th Nov 20th and Dec 20th. Seven winners on Oct 30 may have been a fluke.

I/N Report (Jim V): no report

Recognition/In-Out: no report

Operations

1. Equipment replenishment was discussed, and it was generally agreed that the following measures will be taken:
 - 12 Bridgemates will be acquired. Pamela to call the company, George to make the necessary purchase.
 - Bob Hertzog will investigate the best printer/copier replacement and get consensus on his recommended choice.
 - Discussed possible need for more sets of boards, nothing concluded during board meeting.
 - Cleaning of carpet and chairs will be arranged by Pamela while club is closed.
2. Pre-dealt hands for team games was approved, considering its benefit for the game and the availability of a dealer (Randy).

New Business (Pamela):

- Elections for 2024 BOD will be in December. Three two-year teams are vacated by Pamela, Greg and Donna. Self-nomination is open through the end of November. If more than three qualified candidates come forward, there will be an electronic election in December. If only three candidates are on the slate, then they will be approved by the current board by acclamation.

The next board meeting is planned for Wednesday Dec 6 at 10 am. Greg West will be acting as Chair, as Pamela will not be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary