

NW Tucson Bridge Club Board Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2024

Present: Pamela, Jim W, Bob, Jim V, Ron, JoAnn, Kay, George

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

Minutes for Jan 3 were accepted with modifications: Gayle added as present; Financial report was modified to include George's revised "ideal cash position" at \$35K.

Operations: Pamela recommended a change to our policy for carpet cleaning to be authorized as needed. The Board approved this change. Carpets will be cleaned during shutdown Feb 27 – Mar 2, aware that Thursday morning class on Feb 29 and Friday P&L on Mar 1 will take place in the club.

Committee Reports:

Education (Bob):

1. Beginning Bridge I is underway on Thursday mornings with 6 students participating.
2. Bob will teach a Beginning Bridge II class starting on Tuesday Feb 20 and will run 8 weeks at \$10 per session.
3. Play & Learn is currently running well at 4 tables each week in the winter.
4. The Ed committee published its 3-month calendar of Marvelous Monday lessons and is posted publicly on the website and bulletin board.
5. Joyce suggested a Tuesday game for learners to duplicate bridge with supervised play. After discussion by the board, this was voted NO. The consensus is that there is not a sufficient need, it has not been successful in the past. There was doubt that players would attend with full tables on any consistent basis. Supervision would require volunteer staffing and conversation would disrupt open play.

Director/Special Games (Kay):

1. "NO ZERO's" contest on days ending in zero was brought to a vote and the board consensus was to discontinue this event.
2. A "series" game contest was suggested to run on Tuesdays beginning in March. The board agreed and Kay will write the conditions of contest for promotion as appropriate.
3. Kay explained the bridgemate failure at Tuesday Feb 6 game was due to a process required the day before to activate more bridgemate devices. This called for the need for a regular process of clearing the club computer. Kay and JoAnn will collaborate and set up a process to prevent recurrence.
4. A 2024 calendar of special games will be provided to the Board after the meeting. Jim Wolf will be the person to be liaison between the Club Manager and the Board.
5. We have an opportunity to join SE Carolina Club of Clubs and when our players play in their online (BBO) games, our club receives a percentage of our players' entry fee. After a brief discussion, our Board approved this alliance. We will participate.

Finance Report (George):

1. Table count continues to follow seasonal pattern and exceed prior year counts.
2. The current cash position is \$36K (ideal is \$35 – 40K) with a surplus of \$47K.
3. Income for January was a positive \$2,100 and expected to end the year at budget of \$3,600.
4. George announced his plans to retire after 5 years of service at the end of May. The Board will be looking for an eligible replacement for Club Treasurer. The Board is grateful for George's faithful and professional service to the club.

Unit Report (George):

1. A calendar of 2024 unit games was shared with the Board. This calendar includes nine unit games throughout the year hosted by Adobe and by NWT equally. NWT will also host a 2-day sectional game Oct 5-6. Four split-site games are planned in 2024 as well, hosted at Adobe and NWT simultaneously. The unit will subsidize clubs with \$300 for single-site event they host. The Unit calendar is presented as an appendix following these minutes.

I/N Report (Jim V): no report

Recognition/In-Out: no report

Old Business:

1. As information, the 2024 Board of Directors and Sub-Committee organization chart is publicly displayed on the website.
2. The roles of the various sub-committees is now documented. The document was reviewed and accepted by the Board. It will be made available on the website as well.
3. Amendments to the NWTBC Policies & Procedures were presented and brought to a vote. The changes were: (1) Combining Sections when fewer than 3 tables in limited or less than 5 tables in open; (2) clarification of score adjustments for slow play; and, (3) director authority to assign three levels of infraction for ZT violations and Board responsibility for level 2 and 3 infractions.
4. The Board approved these changes, which will be prominently displayed at the club and on the website. A change in title and placement of these Policies on the website will be made, per Gayle's recommendations.

New Business (Pamela):

1. Jim Wolf presented two revisions to Club Bylaws. (1) Article III revision clarifies "Voting Member" qualifications and describes "Club Member" as any player whose profile is kept for club communication. (2) Article VI clarifies the process for election of officers and provides for a safe electronic ballot process in lieu of in-person voting. The board voted to accept these amendments, which will now require a majority vote at the annual membership meeting.
2. The annual membership meeting is now planned for Monday March 4th at 12:30.
 - a. We will celebrate our 5th year anniversary with cake and cookies and fanfare.
 - b. Agenda will include Pamela's introduction of BOD members, presentation/vote on Bylaw amendments by Jim Wolf, and finance report by George Harger.

Next Board Meeting:

The board meeting scheduled for Mar 6 was cancelled due to absence of any urgent agenda. The meeting was postponed until April 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary

APPENDIX

UNIT 356 UNIT GAME SCHEDULE 2024			
2/18	Sunday	Unit Game at NW	Valentine Theme <i>#30</i>
6/9	Sunday	Unit Game at NW	STAC
9/1	Sunday	Unit Game at NW	Labor Day
10/5	Sunday	SECTIONAL AT NW	Hosted by NW
10/6	Saturday	SECTIONAL AT NW	Hosted by NW
10/27	Sunday	Unit Game at NW	Halloween Theme
11/17	Sunday	Unit Game at NW	STAC
2/4	Sunday	Unit Game at Adobe	STAC <i>#300</i>
3/24	Sunday	Unit Game at Adobe	Recognition Day Awards
6/30	Sunday	Unit Game at Adobe	4th of July Theme
9/22	Sunday	Unit Game at Adobe	STAC
4/8	Monday	Split Sites	Adobe & NW
5/7	Tuesday	Split Sites	Adobe & NW
9/11	Wednesday	Split Sites	Adobe & NW
12/13	Friday	Split Sites	Adobe & NW
TBA	Saturdays	4 Slots	Eldorado, Green Valley