

NW Tucson Bridge Club Board Meeting Minutes for Apr 2, 2025

Present: Joe, Joyce, George, Linda, Gayle, Steven, Jim, Cindy, Ron

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Gayle. Minutes for March 5 were accepted as written.

President's remarks (Gayle)

Gayle expressed thanks and appreciation for George Harger and Joyce Honorof attendance and participation; though they do not vote, their input is important.

Committee Reports

Financial (Steven):

1. The March balance sheet shows an excellent cash balance of 47.3k and is the highest it has been since he became treasurer. This is made up of 6.8k checking, 24.3k MM (~1%) and 16.2 CD (4.9%).
2. The March income statement shows plus net income for March of \$2,472 and \$5,066 for 1Q25. These are healthy numbers.
3. March F2F tables count was 245.5 compared to 225.5 in prior year.
4. 1Q25 budget variance (actuals vs budget) and 2025 vs 2024 comparisons show reasonable performance, no concerns.
5. It was noted that our current CD matures soon, and the BOD discussed and approved the treasurer use of judgement in acquiring 2 CD's with funds from expiring CD and around 12k from the MM, so as to receive a better return on our reserve cash.
6. Summary: The club financial position is quite sound with plenty of good oversight by the active BOD.

Tax/Insurance (BOD):

1. It is not clear if our current liability insurance policy has been renewed. (Paperwork says YES, no record of premium payment.) The board is asking JoAnn and Joe to do more investigation and inquire about liability protection for the individual members of the board.
2. George stated that 2024 tax return has been filed.

Education (Bob H by email)

1. The Thursday Beginner Bridge I class has finished with 5 graduates. One is a seasonal player who has left for the spring/summer and is expected to return in the fall. The others play in the Friday P&L and have been encouraged to play in the regular club games.
2. The Tuesday Beginner II class continues with a few players and positive feedback.
3. With sufficient interest, a Beginner I class will be offered in June.

4. (Gayle) The Marvelous Monday offerings for April and May have been determined and promoted at the club, on the website and in the newsletter.

Club Manager/Directors (Joyce)

1. Joyce explained her plans to utilize upgraded games as appropriate for improved MP and pigmented awards. Her game calendar looks out to May, June, July and August and responds to changes from ACBL and District.
2. It was noted that The Longest Day Alzheimer Charity will be held on June 20.
3. In Kay's absence, Joyce reported on the recent game director meeting. Zero Tolerance and slow play policies were reviewed with directors in that meeting. They are all aware that board members present at games will support game director's enforcement of these policies.
4. All 2-section pairs games should consistently utilize the recommended table assignments with North pointed toward the kitchen and the B section closest to the entry door.
5. Joyce has updated the director's file drawer to include the preferred table movement for every table count possibility. The files are separated by LIMIT and OPEN games by color codes. The board acknowledges this good work and thanks Joyce.
6. The club policy on when a game director can also play in the game was discussed. The club manager and the board agreed that the game director should not play when the table count exceeds 7 tables nor play if their play makes a half table. This item will be updated in the Policies and Procedures when it is updated.
7. When a Unit Game is held at NWTBC, the club is required to provide the food (lunch), with \$300 reimbursement by the Unit.

Recognition/Communication (Gayle/Jim)

1. Gayle actively observes outstanding performance by our players and works with Jim to publicly announce these.
2. Jim provides the monthly rank advancements announcements from The Common Game notification to the club dropbox.
3. Gayle promotes the monthly birthday celebrations, typically on the last Monday of the month.

Old Business

1. The Fall NLM sectional tournament is slated for Saturday and Sunday. Oct 4-5 at our club. This is a four-session event with morning and afternoon pairs games and lunch provided by the unit. Kay, Bonnie, and Joyce are all certified to direct this game.
2. Terrific Tuesday has just begun with the potluck hi-low teams on April 1 with 8 tables. The program will continue and games may be adjusted as experience dictates. We specified that the Tuesday team game format will be determined by the Director in Charge in consultation with Kay.

3. Decision: Our first Greater Tucson Team Games on April 19 will NOT use pre-dealt boards.
4. Responsibilities for food and beverages for upcoming games were decided:
 - a. Mon Apr 7 - Celebration: Food – Cindy; Desert – Kay
 - b. Sat Apr 19 – GTTG: Appetizer – Joe; Wine – Bonnie; Beer – Greg; Soda – Ron
 - c. Sun April 27 – StaC: Food – Linda
 - d. The board decided that soda will be free when food is provided at special events.
5. Gayle clarified that typically, announcements at games will focus on events coming up in the next week, with the exception that we should always announce the April 19 Greater Tucson Team Game (GTTG) at NWTBC; and any announcement about the April 19 should also include an announcement about the May 10 game at Adobe.

New Business

1. We discussed making a change to our 499 limit games adding NLM to the limit. After discussion, the board agreed by acclamation to leave our 499 limit as it is. This allows Life Masters under 500 MPs to play in this game.
2. After some discussion regarding the mentor game now that it is an afternoon game, it was decided to increase the hands played to be between 21 and 24 depending on tables and rounds. (6 tables 24 boards; 7 tables 21 boards, 8 tables 24 boards, etc.), with every player (including those with a sit out) to play at least 21 boards.
3. A strategic planning committee has been established with Gayle Covey as chair and Don Taylor, Steve Maltzman, Linda Brown, Joe Olivier & Cindy Coonce as members. They will have their first meeting in April and have a goal to bring recommendations to the Board in the Fall.
4. A review of the Policies and Procedures will begin with Greg West and Darwin Afdahl asked to be on the committee.
5. The Board agreed to contribute \$200 towards our educator Bob Hertzog's 90th birthday. We will also have a gift for him.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting is scheduled for 10 am on Wed May 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary