

## **NW Tucson Bridge Club Board Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2025**

**Present:** Gayle, Joe, Linda, Jim, Jo Ann, Ron, Kay, Joyce, George, Steven

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Gayle. Minutes for April 2 were accepted as written.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Financial (Steven):**

1. The April balance sheet shows an excellent cash balance of 48.3k made up of 3.1k checking, 28.9k MM (~1%) and 16.2 CD (4.9%). The current CD will expire soon and two 13-month CD's at about 3% will be added, taking needed funds from the MM account. This action will be reflected in May's month end balance sheet.
2. The income statement shows plus net income for April of \$1,967 and \$7,033 for 2025YTD. These are healthy numbers.
3. April F2F table count was 271 compared to 214.5 in April 2024.
4. April YTD budget variance (actuals vs budget) shows a favorable revenue variance of \$2,910 while expenses for the 4-month period were \$1,342 over budget for a resulting overall budget variance of \$1,568 to the good.
5. Linda suggested that financial reports sent to board members prior to the meeting would be helpful. Steven agreed. Jim mentioned that financials are posted promptly on the club website under Club Business/Treasurer's Report, but they do not include Steven's analysis for the board.

#### **Insurance (BOD):**

1. The question: "Are individual members of the board" covered financially, should there be a liability lawsuit brought against them? Joe reported a D&O (Directors and Officers) quote of \$500 from our current insurer; this is high. Adobe pays \$290; Gayle will check in with them about their coverage. (Note the clarification made that 'Directors' refers to BOD; our regular insurance covers game directors.). Though the probability that this would occur is **extremely** low, there is some precedent within the bridge league. This matter has low priority but will be discussed at a future board meeting for an increased level of comfort.

#### **Club Manager/Directors (Joyce & Kay)**

1. There are 3 players who have expressed willingness to become game directors. (A fourth player would learn ACBL score to do the computer part. He may also be interested in the Director course.). Discussion: Kay is willing to provide free training and testing. The new volunteers will be given the option to participate in face-to-face training and testing at the club or to take the online course and testing provided by ACBL for a fee (paid by the club). Once we know their

preference, a date will be determined for the in-house training, and it will be advertised for additional candidates interested in the course. Since Joe is one of the candidates, he will follow up with the other two, making sure they understand that either in-person or ACBL-online are choices.

2. Joyce also informed the board that the unit will offer free play at tournaments for players with 0 to 20 MPs. (note, unit changed this from 0-10.) Bob Hertzog's Play & Learn game can continue in Nov 2025 because the distance to the tournament is more than 25 miles. Our under-20 MP players will be able to decide whether to attend Bob's game or the free tournament game. In 2026, our P&L game on Friday will not be allowed if the distance to the tournament is less than 25 miles.

## Old Business

1. Tuesday games in April were deemed to be rather successful, even though the timing of the change was not ideal. This month the two games so far (May 6 & 13) were cancelled due to low registration. After discussion, it was agreed that we will continue the Terrific Tuesday program outlined by the games study committee and agreed by the board in April. This will continue to be a "watch" item. More advertising in the club and promotion by the games ambassador of these games will be done. Perhaps some players are dissuaded by weekly differences, but it was pointed out that none of the Tuesday regulars are eliminated from any of the new Terrific Tuesday games.
2. The Greater Tucson team games (GTTG) in April and May have also been deemed by both clubs a success and will continue. June GTTG will be at NW on Sat June 14<sup>th</sup>, and the July game will be held at Adobe on a Saturday of their choice. The clubs will continue to collaborate with paid co-directors, one from each club.
3. Bob Hertzog's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration is scheduled for Fri May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The BOD authorized a \$100 gift card, which Linda will purchase.

## New Business

1. We briefly revisited the number of boards to be played at the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday mentor game. Some feedback indicated that 24 boards was too long for a few players because it did not allow for enough time to discuss the hands. The board decided to stick with the current policy which is to play 21 to 24 boards with all players to play at least 21 board, because the mentor game is the only game that day, therefore no time constraint.
2. **Strategic Planning:** The committee will continue to meet over the next few months and report to the board as appropriate. A framework for future planning was set with the objective of expanding the space, either by staying here and renting one of the (now occupied) units to either side of us, or by moving close by. If expansion is not financially feasible, the goal would be to stay as we are.
3. Noise level during larger game formats is a concern. We went into solution mode and found favor in eliminating some tables near the kitchen and acquiring additional

fixtures, e.g. portable screen, cube storage to help the noise issue. Joyce has board permission to make appropriate purchases.

4. **Afterthought:** Gayle had made a 'Decision Book' when she first got on the board. It is a compilation of all important decisions since the Club was founded. Thanks to Linda, it has been fully updated. There is a tab in the Board Manuals to insert it. Linda will continue to maintain this document during her tenure on the board.

**Note:** Jim Wolf will make urgent board decisions while both Gayle and Joe are away: Gayle is gone May 29 – June 29 and Joe is gone May 29 to June 14)

**Next Board Meeting:**

Board Meetings for the next few months were determined:

- No meeting in June
- Wed July 2, 10 am
- Wed Aug 27, 10 am (for Aug & Sep)
- Wed Oct 8, 10 am

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Wolf*

Board Secretary