

NW TUCSON BRIDGE CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Gayle. Minutes for July 2 were accepted with a change to **Other Topics, item 2** about the suspension of the August GTTG game and the scheduling of the Sept 13 game at NW.

Committee Reports and Special Topics

Financial (Steven): Our financial position is sound. Our current cash position is \$49.4k (Checking \$3.9, MMA \$16.0, CD1 \$16.4, CD2 \$13.0). July profit was \$333; YTD profit was \$7,611 and variance to budget was +\$849. Comparing 2025 vs 2024 revenue/expenses shows a +\$4,579 variance.

Education (Bob by email):

1. Play & Learn attendance was strong all summer with 4.5 to 6 tables each week.
2. Tuesday Beginner II continues with a different topic each week.
3. Thursday Beginner I will start Sept 11 with a small class, wanting more to join.

Directors (Cindy): Three new directors (Cindy, Cherri, and Joy) will begin to shadow other directors soon. The Board is pleased with our recruitment of new volunteer directors.

Unit Games (Joyce, et al):

1. Aug 31: End-of-Summer at NW, good registration. Bob Murray is directing. Linda Brown is taking care of food.
2. Sep 21: StaC game at Adobe
3. Oct 4&5: 2-day NLM Sectional, pairs on Sat, Teams on Sun. Kay is directing with Bonnie's assistance. Unit provides money for lunch; our club sets up. Joyce will follow up to be sure this is covered.
4. Nov 16: StaC at NW.

GTTG (Gayle): NW will host on September 13, November 8, and January 3. (We are deviating from second Saturday as 'regular time' in January because of the Tucson Sectional). Adobe will host, on the 2nd Saturday in October, December and February. We will continue the arrangement that host club is responsible for food (generally, after game treats and libations), pays ACBL fees, and keeps the receipts. Lead director is provided by the non-host club; Assistant director is provided by host club. Directors are paid out of the receipts on the day of the game.

Lund Anniversary Lunch (Jim): Friday, Sept 5th, Lunds are providing food, club will provide beverages (including lemonade), paper/plastic products and table coverings as normal. They asked for help in serving. There are plenty of board members who will be there to make sure this goes smoothly.

Outside Event Ticket Sales (Joyce): A player asked permission to sell tickets at the club for an outside event. The Board adopted a policy is not to permit this, so as not to set a difficult precedent.

George Harger gift. Gayle reported that George had made a generous gift to NWTBC. The BOD cheered this generosity; we will acknowledge in our Newsletter.

SE Carolina Online Consortium (Joyce): The Board agreed to continue to engage as a club. Participation is free and some money is returned to the club for our player participation. Joyce will write a short article for the newsletter about this.

Communication (Jim): The Board is okay with the typical content including catchy items like “**It just makes sense**”. Content is always reviewed by several good reviewers before it is published. We will continue to publish once a month just before the beginning of the month with promotion of special events in the month as well as known special events in the near future months.

Tuesday Games (Joe, Jim): We will continue the current format for Tuesdays and revisit after a survey of player opinions is evaluated. The mentor game, now scheduled on the 4th Tuesday as an afternoon game, continues to be under the guidance of Jim Wolf. It was brought to the board’s attention that some mentors have requested more time with their mentees and suggested a slight reduction in maximum boards played. A new policy is approved: Mentor games will run with 18 (minimum, per player) to 22 boards (maximum, per player); the director will make the decision.

Strategic Committee (Joe-L, Linda, Cindy, Don Taylor, ad hoc - Joyce, George):

Eight recommendations were brought to the board for consideration and are summarized here with Board action on each:

1. Stay attentive for opportunities to expand our space, either where we are or at another location. **Board Agrees.**
2. Continue our current policy with volunteer directors. **Board Agrees.**
3. Raise the minimum cash reserve position to \$45k, increasing it every year by 10%. This means no discretionary spending that brings the cash position below the policy minimum. The recommendation was based on the probable need to expand our playing space, which would increase our costs. **Board Agrees with the \$45K (need to update P&P) but postponed the 10% decision until further consideration.**
4. Establish a permanent Financial Committee to stay attuned to financial health and sound financial decisions. This would include the Treasurer and others, including an accountant. **Board likes but defers action on this for now.**
5. Adopt the Recognition sub-committee recommendations for recognizing groups of volunteers in three separate events. **Board agrees in principle to these events and approves a \$400 spending limit for food and such.**
 - a. In October (Oct 31) Cindy will organize an event to recognize current and new game directors.

- b. In December, Kay will organize an event to recognize new and outgoing board members, club manager, website manager, lead director, and education director.
 - c. In March along with annual member meeting and anniversary celebration, Joe will organize an event to celebrate all additional volunteers, such as dealers, cleaners, money collectors, etc. In January, the BOD will determine how to identify those volunteers.
 - d. The Recognition Report – an addendum to these minutes – also specifies the free plays with which we show our appreciation. It also details the projected costs.
6. Post opportunities for volunteers and push for more players to become involved. Linda presented a draft of a poster, which she agreed to get printed and displayed. **Board Agrees.** Joyce is appointed to be the "Volunteer Manager".
 7. Additional focus on advanced education. Gayle agreed for now to coordinate, with Bob Hertzog, the resumption of Marvelous Monday lectures starting on October 13. **No further board action was taken on this matter.**
 8. Survey members with attention to the topic of education and other topics. **Board Action was to appoint Linda (chair) and Joyce and Jim to bring a proposed survey to the Strategic Committee and then to the Board in October.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Next Board Meeting:

Board Meetings Schedule

- Wed Oct 8, 10 am
- Wed Nov 12, 10 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary