

NW Tucson Bridge Club Board Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2024

Present: Pamela, Jim W, Jim V, JoAnn, Steve, Gayle, Kay, Joyce, Ron (by phone)
Meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm
Minutes for October 9 were accepted as published.

Committee Reports:

Financial Report (Steve):

1. The current cash balance is sound at \$40.6k (\$15.5 mm, \$9.3 cash, \$15.8 CD).
2. Revenue vs expenses for the month of October reflects a \$3.0k surplus and YTD revenue vs expenses reflect a surplus of \$5.2 k.
3. The variance report shows close to zero variance YTD on the expense side (budgeted vs actual). On the revenue side the YTD variance to budget reflects a negative **\$4.5k**, largely explained by an unrealistic expectation from table revenue.
4. Table count for the eight-month period in 2024 exceeds the same 2023 period by 247.5 tables.
5. Summary: Club financials, table counts, and budget performance are very sound.
6. Table count analysis by types of games and days of the week will be available for the 2025 incoming board and will include three full years of data.

Education (Bob – text submission)

1. Marvelous Monday lectures since October 7th have been very positive. The board expresses thanks to Bob, Steven, Gayle, and Kay for their presentations.
2. Play and learn tables: Oct 25 had 5 1/2 tables; Nov 1 had 6 1/2 tables. Clearly, the snowbirds are returning.
3. Bob's beginning bridge class has finished. There were nine students in the class, at the outset. Seven finished the course. Some of the students are participating in play and learn. Another beginning bridge I class is planned for January.
4. The Tuesday Beginner II class is ongoing with 8 students.
5. Kay's Land Cruise event held all day Saturday Nov 2 had 6 tables. The board, again, expresses great appreciation to Kay for all the work that went into this event and for the positive impact it had on our players who participated.

Welcome/Recognition (Gayle)

1. Our Birthday celebration day started in September and will continue each month on Monday or a Friday late in each month.
2. The November BD celebration is planned for Monday, Nov 25th. Two gifts donated by Jane Pendley will be given away to some lucky celebrants who are present that day.
3. Recognition letters will be discontinued, per agreement by consensus. Welcome letters (with free play) for new members will continue.
4. Rank advancement recognition will continue with bulletin-board, slide show, and newsletter communication. Gayle and Jim W prepare these recognition communiques.

Operations (Pamela, et al)

1. Gayle's Calendar whiteboard is very helpful and well received by players and board members.
2. The posting on the bulletin board of current month and coming month events will be reconsidered by Joyce to reduce redundancy and unnecessary labor.

Old Business/Games (BOD)

1. **Sunday Nov 17:** A D17 Royal StaC unit game will be hosted at NW. Speaking with Jack Shoemaker and Gayle Covey after the meeting it was clarified that the unit provides \$300 for food, and it is NW responsibility to purchase and set up the lunch. Gayle has graciously agreed to arrange the food.
2. **Wednesday Dec 4:** The 9:30 am mentor game will be rated an International FUNd game. Currently 11 mentees and 5 mentors have registered to play. This should be a viable game with 4 weeks to go, though it coincides with LV NABC and some of our mentors will be gone.
3. **Friday Dec 13** game will be a split-site unit game. We will have our usual games: P&L, 749 and OPEN.

4. **Saturday Dec 14** game is a GNT qualifier. We plan to offer a 749 and an OPEN section with sufficient registrations.
5. **The week of December 16 – 20** is Stardust week. We will have our usual MTWF games.
6. Board approved – our club will be closed Dec 24 (Tue), 25 (Wed) & 26 (Thr). We will be open Friday Dec 27 and Tuesday Dec 31.
7. **Saturday Dec 28** – We will have our own Holiday Party Team Game with free (upgraded) lunch. This will be a Club Membership game with extra masterpoints. The format will be Eight is Enough to draw players at all levels. (Players over 1500 mpts are a **3**; 500-1499 are a **2**; 0-499 are a **1**.)
8. We agreed to make no changes to the Tuesday game discount and review this again in January.
9. Joyce told the Board that she had an agreement with the previous treasurer that no game would be run where the ACBL fees per table were greater than \$5.15. (Normal table fee is \$1.15.) Several games are available that cost \$7+.
The BOD decided to run one game on Tuesday December 10th (since Tuesday can use more interest): the ACBL-wide International FUNd game with a charge of \$7.50/table.
Since few of these games are being run in the next four months (now-EOM January), it was agreed that the decision on increasing the allowable per table fee would be postponed for the new BOD to consider in January.

2025 Elections

1. The nominations and elections process was discussed. Here is a summary of decisions and process:
2. With 8 viable candidates, a paper ballot election will be held. (Sun Dec 14 – Fri Dec 20)
3. Ron G is the BOD elections czar. He will write to each candidate explaining the election process, board member expectations and a request for a brief (150 words or less) candidate bio expressing their qualifications and desire to serve, due NLT Monday Nov 25th. These will be posted on the club website with the candidate's picture from the picture directory.
4. Paper ballot election will be held Dec 14 – 20. Jim W will prepare the ballots and a list of eligible voters (based on having played in our club 5+ times in the past 12 months, regardless of residence). Ballots and check-off list will be at the Director's desk.
5. Game directors will check off the name of each player requesting a ballot and give them a ballot. Ballots will include the names of each candidate and a link to the candidate bio. Voters may cast a vote for one to four candidates. Joyce will provide a secure box for their votes. The ballot will not disclose the name of the voter.
6. Once the election period is closed on Dec 20, Ron and JoAnn will count the votes and certify the election results. Ron will notify each candidate of the election outcome and inform the current BOD.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting is planned for Mon Dec 16 at 4:30 (after game).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary