

NW TUCSON BRIDGE CLUB Board Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Joe. Minutes for Oct 8 were accepted as posted.

Committee Reports and Special Topics

Club Manager (Joyce)

1. Linda Brown volunteered to take care of food for the Unit Royal StaC game on Sunday Nov 16. Thank you, Linda.
2. Per Adobe decision, there will not be a GTTG game in December. January game will be discussed in December. Also to be discussed then is director assignment and payment practice.
3. The Alzheimer fundraiser game this year will be on Thursday March 19 at the SaddleBrooke HOA1 clubhouse. NW BOD agreed to co-host with Small Slams. \$100 allotment was approved for promotion, which Joyce is leading.

Election for 2026 (Ron)

1. Three positions are vacated in January (Linda, JoAnn & Ron). Three candidates have self-nominated: Linda, JoAnn and Barbara Jensen. By board acclamation, this slate of candidates is accepted. There is no need for an election.

Recognition (Joe, Kay)

1. It was suggested and accepted that the December recognition event will be combined with a holiday party.
2. Kay accepted responsibility for food planning. \$400 is allowed for food and if more is needed, the board is okay.
3. The date will be Saturday, Dec 27. The game will be an eight-is-enough team format. The brackets for 1, 2, and 3 will be decided upon analysis of population sizes. Jim will provide the numbers to Kay.
4. Recognition will include 7 current board members, Club Manager, Lead Director, and communication administrator. Joe will obtain short bio sketches to be documented with pictures by Jim and in a format suitable for Linda to purchase full size posters. A volunteer MC/Moderator will be solicited.

Policies & Procedures (Linda)

1. Combining games. The following wording was accepted by vote of the board:
In general, we do not combine our Open and Limited games.
If either section has fewer than 4 tables, the games will normally be combined to ensure an efficient, timely movement.
The Director of the Day may decide to keep games separate if combining would create a practical difficulty.
When a pair moves from one game to another to fill out the movement (whether A to B or B to A), the pair will play for free.

2. Movements. The following wording was accepted by vote of the board:
Game movements will be determined by the Director of the Day. When possible, directors are encouraged to use the club's established folder system of preferred movements to support ease of use and timely game starts.
The folder system serves as the club's standard reference for movements and may be adjusted by the Director when circumstances require an alternative arrangement.

Financial (George)

1. You may find October financial reports posted on website. Cash position is very sound. Financials are very good. We are entering our best months seasonally and October reflected that trend.

Survey Report (Linda)

1. Board members have the powerpoint slides presented to the Strategic Committee.
2. Linda summarized the findings. For record keeping and future communication, that summary is available, but not part of these minutes. They will be communicated in the December NEWSLETTER (Jim).
3. Quick Fixes. The following actions have been approved by vote of the board to proceed immediately as a result of the survey findings:
 - a. Room temperature. Generally, the room will be set to be on the cooler side. Directors have been asked to arrive one hour before game time to set the temperature at 76 degrees with fan ON (not auto). AC/Heat will respond to plus/minus 1.0 degrees (vs 1.5 previously). This is a trial to see if this helps. NOTE (added): Winter settings will be stated later.
 - b. Joyce will purchase zippered sweatshirts in varied sizes and colors to match each size.
 - c. Dark film will be installed on entry doors to cut down on sun. (Joe)
 - d. Carpet will be cleaned on Nov 29 and contracted quarterly.
 - e. A design contractor will donate her time to make recommendations for sound abatement and lighting improvements. Added (not part of survey) is mold under the sink.
 - f. ZT policy will be announced regularly and posted prominently.
 - g. Narrow tables will be purchased to replace those on the south wall to maximize playing space. (May wait for design contractor to suggest what tables.)
4. Game changes – Tuesday revamp begins in December
 - a. First and Third Tuesday. Rick Dunie (or sub) will run a 0-499 advancing Play & Learn game format. There will always be a director assigned to run the computer and table calls.
 - b. Second Tuesday. We will try a two-section limit game. 0-99 and 0-1999.
 - c. Fourth Tuesday. Tuesday mentor game will continue. NOTE: However, in December, there will be no game on December 23 due to holiday. December mentor game will be held on December 30th.

5. Next steps

- a. The Board approved the formation of several **ad hoc** committees to help translate the survey results into meaningful action. These committees are an important step toward strengthening our club and ensuring that member input guides our future priorities.
- b. Tentatively, the following committees are commissioned to respond to the survey findings in earnest in January. Each committee, headed by a board member, will draft a charter/mission statement and seek volunteers outside the board to participate.
 - Gayle Covey is asked to lead the **Exploring Educational Issues**
 - Jim Wolf is asked to lead the **Partnership and Game Ambassador Committee**
 - Barbara Jensen will be asked to lead the **Community Outreach Committee**
 - Cindy Coonce will be asked to lead the **Intermediate/Newcomer Advocacy Committee.**
- c. Linda Brown will serve as liaison and support for committee chairs, helping ensure they have the tools and information needed to get started.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Next Board Meeting:

Wed Dec 17, 10 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary