

NW TUCSON BRIDGE CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2026

Present: Cindy Coonce, JoAnn Aiken, Jim Wolf, Linda Brown, Barbara Jensen, John Morris

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Vice President, Cindy Coonce.

Minutes for March 4, 2026, were approved with a correction to next meeting schedule. The Secretary, Jim Wolf took an action item to record the fact that an annual membership meeting was held on March 20.

Finance Report (John Morris)

1. As of the close of business on March 31, 2026, both the Money Market Account (MMA) and the Demand Deposit Account (DDA) have been fully reconciled and are balanced.
2. Total cash on hand is **\$52,873**, allocated as follows: MMA: \$20,152; DDA: \$2,998; CD1: \$13,293; CD2: \$16,430.
3. All recurring monthly obligations, including rent, cleaning services, insurance, HVAC maintenance, electricity, and internet—are current and paid in full.
4. Income Statement, Balance Sheet, and Variance Reports will be posted soon.
5. Note that CDs will reach maturity in two months and a decision will be made as to replacement of these assets.
6. A help request was received from Al Smith representing the SE Carolina online games on BBO. These games generate an average income of \$75 per month for our club. His request was for help in moving these players to the RealBridge online platform. We need to determine who in our club participates in these games. Linda Brown will draft a letter to ask these players to consider moving to the new platform and the board will review before sending.
7. It is recommended that future free play coupons clearly indicate their value (e.g., “\$5 value” or “\$8 value”) to prevent a \$5 coupon from being used for an \$8 game, and vice versa.

Club Manager Report (per written report from Joyce Honorof)

1. ACBL is running an awards program from April 20 to April 25 called Gold for Good. This program was advertised in the April newsletter and by direct ACBL email. This program awards participants Gold masterpoints for any masterpoint earnings in club games, tournaments or ACBL sanctioned online games during this period. No further action is required by our club. Players choose to participate by paying \$30 through the web-based link.
2. The next 99er game is April 14. We hope to promote attendance for this and future 99er games. Free Play coupons were given to the Beginner 1 students for use in the 99er game. Barbara Jensen volunteered to promote the April 14 game. We need to make sure there is a qualified “assister” to provide “assisted play” questions from players. Joyce Honorof confirmed that \$5 player fee is collected for that game.
3. NW will host the GTTG on May 23. This will be a STARDUST game and awards 25% GOLD masterpoints. The board agreed on this date. It is noted that the Denver Regional tournament coincides with this date.

Education Committee (per written report by Rick Dunie)

1. The Beginner 1 class taught by Barbara Rosenthal has ended. Follow On classes for new beginners as well as advancing beginners who took the Beginner 1 class are in the planning stages, perhaps to start in October 2026. Qualified teachers and class materials will require board approval.
2. We now have approved Marvelous Monday topics and teachers for April and May. Board approved the following schedule:
 - April 6 Scoring Rick Dunie
 - April 13 3rd Hand Play John Blankinship
 - April 20 Balancing Jack Wholey
 - April 27* Inverted Minor Stewert Dresch (*11:00 to 12:00)
 - May 4 Slam Bidding Joe Olivier
 - May 11 Reverses Rick Dunie
 - May 18 Puppet Stayman Joe Olivier
 - May 25 Opening Leads Joe Olivier
3. The Board greatly appreciates the effort given on education by Rick Dunie and all the volunteer teachers for P&L, Supervised Play, and MM.
4. The Board recognizes the need for special focus on education.

Ad Hoc Committee Follow Up

We discussed committee follow up actions noted in the March 4 board meeting minutes.

Community Outreach/Club Promotion (Barbara Jensen)

1. The club brochure has been deployed during the Alzheimer event and at Splendido. Committee members will begin dispensing the club brochure to various other retirement communities in the area.
2. A Saturday Open House is on the table but would require considerable planning and volunteers. It is not likely or feasible for the summer months. This remains an open item.
3. Use of signage for greater visibility was suggested. The board liked the use of window signage and an A-Frame or sidewalk sign. This is an open item.

Partnership/Ambassador (Jim Wolf)

1. Jim Wolf will update the list of players who are willing to be called to fill in for open seats.
2. No action has been taken on a formal mentor program. This remains an open to-do item,
3. It was suggested that the mentor-mentee notes provided by the Asheville Bridge Room be adopted as appropriate for role clarification when players sign up. Jim Wolf is to follow up.
4. Barbara Jensen graciously volunteered to promote the next 99er game, as noted in the club manager report.

Intermediate/Newcomer Advocacy(Cindy Coonce)

1. These ideas were mentioned at the March 4 board meeting.
 - introducing players to each other at the games – no specific action taken

- FREE Play to graduating Beginner students to play in the 99'er game on 2nd Tuesday- this item was completed.
- asking players (especially in the mentor game) to wear a name tag – no specific action taken
- words of encouragement for C players when they perform well – Action?
- consider introducing an “Ask an Expert” option, where an experienced player remains after the game to answer questions. – Action?
- Mentor program for I/N players – see Partnership item 2 above.

□ **General Project Coordination (Linda Brown)**

1. Linda Brown will compile a list of survey and sub-committee “to-do’s” for follow up.
2. Recognition. Linda agreed to compile the list of our players in lead positions in the Mini-McKinny and Ace of Clubs contests and publicly recognize them.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.

Next Board Meetings:

May 6, 10 am Joe leading

June 3, 10 am Cindy leading

July 1, 10 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary