

NW Tucson Bridge Club Board Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2024

Present: Pamela, Bob, Jim W, Jim V, Ron, JoAnn, Steve, Gayle. Guests: Barbara Jensen and Rosy Bezosky

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

Minutes for May 8 were accepted as published.

Special agenda

Barbara and Rosy who were representing a number of 299 players expressed their concern about the change from 499 to 749 on Mondays and Fridays. They made a good case for their peer group and the Board was attentive to their concerns.

The board decided the following in response to this input:

1. We will keep the current limit for the Monday and Friday limit games, so as not to lose participation in those games.
2. The board agreed to add a 299 game on a day to be determined. After subsequent suggestions by Kay and email discussions, the board approved a Wednesday 1 o'clock 299 game along-side the Wednesday open. Our Wed 299'er will begin Wed Sept 4 with a brief beginner lesson by Kay at 12:30 am. This decision will be promoted appropriately.
3. A comment was made and noted here that it speaks well for our board and club transparency that players feel they can bring suggestions like this to the board.

Committee Reports:

Education (Bob):

1. Bob reported that Friday P&L is healthy with 4 to 5 tables in play. Players who attend give positive reports about this format.
2. Bob will start a new Beginner II class beginning on Tuesday Aug 20 @ 9:00 am. Fee is \$10 per class.
3. Bob will start a Beginner I class beginning on or about Thursday September 5 at 9 am. Fee is \$100 for 10 sessions.
4. The fall 2024 ed program will be planned by committee and presented for approval at the next board meeting.

Operations (Pamela):

1. The carpet needs cleaning. Pamela will make the necessary contacts and plan to have this done on a Thursday before Sept 5 or on a Saturday.
2. Due to a tripping risk, the outdoor door mat will be replaced with a suitable replacement.

Financial Report (Steve):

1. The current cash balance stands at \$37.1 (\$12,8 mm, \$8.7 cash, \$15,6 CD), which is healthy.
2. FY24 (March – July) net income stands at a positive \$1,601.

3. Table count for the five-month period stands at 1,026 in FY24 vs 820 in FY23, which is up by 206.
4. The variance report shows a negative **\$2,835**, made up of low summer table revenue and additional rent for common area maintenance.
5. Our BMO Branch Manager has offered to teach a 30-minute class at our club on fraud awareness and prevention. The board agreed and it will be scheduled (tentatively?) for Monday Sept 9 at 12:15.

New Business:

1. Bob advised of a common player complaint concerning players who may be playing while ill with contagious symptoms. While we know that not all coughs are in that category, we will be communicating to all players to be responsible and perhaps wear a mask or cough inside your elbow, not on your hands, and certainly refrain from playing if you are likely ill with a contagious symptom.
2. It has been our practice to recognize some players with a cake on their birthday. This is always welcomed. It was announced that Steve Maltzman wants to plan a special birthday recognition for Donna DePesa who will be 90 years old (hard to believe) on Sept 6. The club will make a public announcement for this recognition.
3. Darwin Afdahl has suggested that we should regularly have a once-a-month birthday recognition. Gayle volunteered to plan this event. The best time for this is either the last Monday or the last Friday of the month. We might consider this to be a regular part of Marvelous Mondays.
4. Pamela advised the board that she would be away a considerable time in September, October and December. The board expressed its desire for Pamela to remain on the board as President, working with the VP during this time. She will be resigning from the board in January.
5. In light of Pamela's departure from the board and four other current board members' terms ending in January, plans for next year's board membership should be considered. For those whose 2-year term expires (Gayle, Bob, Jim V, & Jim W), please decide by next board meeting if you plan to self-nominate for another 2-year term on the board. (There is no term-limit on board membership.) Based on the number of willing board members, a nominating committee may be needed to fill vacant seats in 2024. Jim W will organize this once its need is known.
6. The board wants to make a special recognition to Jim Wolf and Shaon Maxwell for the great team game and cookout with extended family last July 13. Thank you, Jim and Sharon.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting is planned for **Wednesday, September 4 at 11 am**. Please note the start time of 11. Pamela may join by zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary

