

NW TUCSON BRIDGE CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2025

Present: Gayle Covey, Steven DeVico, Cindy Coonce, Jim Wolf, Linda Brown, Kay Afdahl, George Harger

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by President, Gayle Covey. Minutes for November 12 were accepted with a note added under Survey item 3.a. stating that winter temp settings would be added later.

Committee Reports and Special Topics

Recognition Game Dec 27

1. After discussion, all agreed that the eight-is-enough format would not draw sufficient players and needed to be changed.
2. The game will become a HI-LOW MIXER with pairs registration. At close of registration, pairs will be designated A or B based on masterpoints for the pair. The A and B pairs will be matched by a random drawing before the start of the game. Gayle will do the drawing during the lunch. The number of teams will determine the match rotation.
3. Darwin Afdahl will be asked to find a partner and become a stand-by pair. The stand-by pair will play only if they make an even number of pairs.
4. Jim Wolf will reconstruct the roster and the registration to reflect this change. He will contact all pairs to be assured they still want to play under this reconfiguration.
5. Kay will direct and Cindy will assist during setup.
6. Kay will provide the food. The board approved a \$600 limit.
7. Robert Murray will be our program MC.
8. Our objective for this change is to a) maximize participation in the game and b) run a smooth team game with no hiccups.

Finance (Steve & George)

1. The November balance sheet shows a very healthy cash balance of \$51,790.
2. The November income statement shows a minor monthly loss of \$710.
3. Actual vs Budget and Year-to-year comparisons reflect only minor negative variances
4. November table count shows that the normal seasonal increase is less than expected, compared to the previous year. This is a watch item.

Facilities (Joe)

1. It was commented that the current cleaning contractor has increased the monthly charge to \$100. We are pleased with the quality of work and it was recommended we accept this increase. The board approved this increase.
2. The east wall received a light color paint job, thanks to Randy Wentross and Joe Olivier. The board expressed their THANKS.

Director/Club Management (all)

1. Bonnie Hertzog and Joy Rieckers have assumed responsibility for assigning directors for our games. The BOD expressed their appreciation.
2. The Board considered a recommendation from the Strategic Committee about having an Assistant Director with limited responsibilities for each game. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the following:

An Assistant Daily Director (ADD) should be assigned for every game. The ADD's responsibilities are limited to backing up the DD in the set-up/start-up, specifically:

- a. Double check computer for proper table counts and movements
- b. Verify and help set up table cards and boards (confirming right boards on right tables)
- c. Hand out — or assist in handing out — BridgeMates
- d. The ADD is always eligible to play in the day's game.

Greater Tucson Team Games (Gayle)

1. 2026 plans and clarifications are presented for board approval. Adobe club is also revisiting their position and will be known soon.
2. NWTBC will host on Jan 24, Mar 21 and May TBD. Adobe will host (if willing) in February, April and June. Both clubs will promote each game.
3. No games will be planned in July, August and September.
4. Host club arranges snacks and treats, collects player fees, pays ACBL.
5. Head Director is provided by visiting club and is paid \$75 on game day. Host club provides assistant Director who is paid \$50.
6. Two sections will be held with sufficient registration: 499 and Open.
7. These plans may change depending on word from Adobe. These plans will be reviewed in May for a decision to continue.
8. A majority of voting board members approved these plans for 2026.

Policies & Procedures (Gayle)

1. Gayle distributed a Policies and Procedures document marked as 'provisional'. After discussion, Linda suggested that this version be adopted as the current version, marked 'modified 12/17/25.' The BOD agreed. It was also agreed that in 2026 a committee should be appointed to review the entire document, including a careful review of recommendations recently submitted by game directors.
2. Take note of these changes: Slow Play is now called Speed of Play (slow and moving before round is called); combining two limit games; movement guidance now called standard reference for movements and will be included as attachment.

Survey Actions (Linda)

1. Linda highlighted actions already completed in response to the survey: East wall painted, narrow tables purchased and installed, sweatshirts purchased, director instructed for thermostat settings, two P&L games added, 99'er and 1999'er game added.
2. Ad hoc committees have been identified and chairpersons named for future improvements to be studied: (1)Exploring Education Issues, (2)partnership and ambassadorship, (3)community outreach, and (4)Intermediate/Newcomer advocacy.

Bylaws (Gayle)

1. Please review prior to January board meeting for areas needing updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 am.

Next Board Meetings:

Wed Jan 7, 10 am

Wed Feb 4, 10 am

Wed Mar 4, 10 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary