

## **NW TUCSON BRIDGE CLUB Board Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2026**

**Present:** Joe Olivier, Gayle Covey, Steven DeVico, Cindy Coonce, JoAnn Aiken, Jim Wolf, Linda Brown, Barbara Jensen, Joyce Honorof, George Harger, John Morris

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by President, Joe Olivier.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. The board approved a thank you gift card for Gayle Covey and Steven DeVico in the amount of \$250 to be presented at the March 20 annual membership meeting. Linda Brown will purchase a card that can be used anywhere.
2. Board Meeting minutes for Jan 7, 2026 were approved as posted.
3. Gayle Covey stated her intent to resign from the board immediately, as she is relocating to North Carolina. Her resignation was accepted by the board. John Morris was selected by the board to replace Gayle Covey's remaining term which expires at year-end 2027.
4. John Morris was selected to replace Steven DeVico as Club Treasurer. This appointment was officially approved by the Board.

### **Finance Report (Steven DeVico, George Harger, John Morris)**

1. The 2026 Budget was presented by Steven with details explaining its content. After some discussion, the 2026 Budget was approved by the Board. It will be posted on the website. It is a living document that will be reviewed periodically over the year.
2. It is duly noted that in the smooth transition of the Treasurer position, check-writing privileges have been established for John Morris, Joyce Honorof, and Joe Olivier exclusively.
3. It is duly noted that the club BMO Debit card, used for Amazon (and other merchant) purchases allows only John Morris and Joyce Honorof to make purchases. The BMO online banking website gives John visibility into all debit card purchases in order to reconcile at the end of month.
4. John Morris provided a written Treasurer report that is included with minor editing following this bullet point.
  - a. Cash position is quite sound at \$54,790 (MMA \$19,559, DDA \$5,657, CD1 \$13,195, CD2 \$16,379). Monthly rent (\$2966) check is in the mail. CNA business liability insurance bill (\$1144) will be mailed out to club on 2/6 - policy period is 2/28/26-2/28/27.
  - b. 2026 Budget has been created and shared with the board. Note that rent increases 2.5% in May. Revenue is expected to drop \$800 in April due to tournament. Premier cleaning costs increased to \$100 per week.
  - c. George Harger updated January's income statement and balance sheet which is posted to the website.
  - d. Steve transitioned 1) bank reconciliation and 2) daily game receipts excel sheets to John. Daily financial data will be continually updated and forwarded to George at the end of month. John applied for new BMO debit card; Steve's debit card was closed out.

- e. TEP (Trico Electric) and Comcast Business are on autopay and need to be transferred into John's name. In addition, ACBL fees are automatically paid and George has visibility into these.
- f. Tolin Mechanical will resend a bill for HVAC coverage for period 8/1/25 – 7/31/26. (Joe Olivier will follow up with Tolin.)
- g. Added – John plans to complete a list of Treasurer tasks for the Board to have visibility to.

### **Club Manager Report (Joyce Honorof)**

1. The Board approved a donation of \$500 to be divided into packets of Free Play.
2. 2-session mentor services will be sold at the silent auction -- a \$50 value comprised of 2 sessions with the mentor and Free plays for mentor and mentee. We will promote A players willing to participate.
3. The Friday 299 Play & Learn is being run by volunteers – Joe Olivier, Stewart Dresch, and Jack Wholey are alternating the pre-dealt hand prep and teaching part of the game and directors are assigned to run the scoring. This arrangement is expected to carry until Bob Hertzog is back.
4. Jack Shoemaker has asked for our club to provide people to be at the welcome desk during the April Regional Tournament. We agreed to ask for volunteers, but not "assign" volunteers in our club announcements and newsletter communications.
5. March 31 is a fifth Tuesday and so a game format needs to be decided. The Board decision is to have a 499 Play & Learn session on March 31. Rick Dunie has agreed to run this game, and Joy Rieckers will ensure that a director is assigned.
6. The GTTG game in March will be hosted by Adobe on March 7<sup>th</sup>. May and November GTTG games will be hosted by NW, per previous agreement.
7. The Thursday Beginner Bridge Class was discussed. Some players have expressed complaints about several issues – boards distributed and lesson materials availability and content. The Board approved the awarding of FREE Play to mitigate some of the complaints.
8. Marvelous Monday is going well and is very well received, thanks to Gayle Covey's leadership! Gayle is teaching each Monday in February. Art McHaffie is teaching on defense on March 2, 9, & 16. Joe agreed to teach on March 23 on the beginner's convention card and perhaps on how to score. Joe will recruit a teacher for March 31, perhaps Jack Wholey to teach a lesson on redoubles.

### **Annual Member Meeting March 20 (Joe)**

1. Joe will take leadership for this event, which includes recognition of volunteers, farewell to Gayle and Steven, and any member information. Joe will also plan the menu. Joe will MC the recognition and membership agenda.
2. It is agreed that the recognized volunteers will each receive five FREE Play's.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Report (Linda Brown, et. al.)**

1. Barbara Jensen – Community Outreach and Marketing. Her ad hoc committee is comprised of players from various player communities, like Splendido, SB Ranch, La Posada, etc. A promotional brochure about NWTBC including the educational offerings will be created, with help from Linda Brown.
2. Cindy Coonce – Intermediate/Newcomer Advocacy. Committee participants are in place and this committee will work with the marketing committee on the flyer.
3. Jim Wolf – Partnership and ambassadorship. Committee members are in place and will meet to develop realistic action items for the next Board meeting.
4. Rick Dunie – Exploring Education Issues. Committee membership is being formed. The board asked that this committee role be expanded into scheduling of follow-up offerings for the students completing the current Beginner Bridge class and the Marvelous Monday program for April and beyond.
5. It was noted that, given the club's strong financial position, the ad hoc committees may propose action steps that involve the use of club funds.

### **New Business (Joe Olivier)**

Joe has three suggested topics that should be addressed by suitable and willing volunteers to lead these topics. The Ad Hoc committees and the Volunteer Committee Chairs should keep these items in mind as they develop their action items.

1. Sunshine Committee – to recognize health or bereavement circumstances within our club membership and respond appropriately.
2. Rank Advancement recognition – with postal letter, FREE Plays and appropriate recognition.
3. Development of a MENTOR program within our club to help advance the skills of B and C players.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

### **Next Board Meetings:**

Wed Mar 4, 10 am

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Wolf*

Board Secretary