

NW TUCSON BRIDGE CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2025

Present: Gayle, Joe, Linda, Jim, Jo Ann, Ron, Kay, Joyce, Steven

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Gayle. Minutes for May 14 were accepted as written.

Committee Reports

Financial (Steven):

- Steve gave a brief review of the cash position(CDs, \$29.3; MM, \$14.2; Checking \$4.9; Total \$48.8) and financial health for end of June. The club is doing very well financially and with good table counts for summer. Month-End July will be reported at the August board meeting.

Other Topics

1. **NAP games.** Joyce explained that ACBL sets the stratifications of these games at Open/3000/750; accordingly, we will raise the limit of the 499er game to 749 and use those strats for the Open game. The dates of these NAP games are: Mon July 7, Fri July 11, Wed July 16, Wed Aug 6, Fri Aug 8 and Mon Aug 18. This will be communicated to the players affected through a club eblast.
2. **GTTG.** We will continue these at least through September. NW will host one on Sat Aug 9. Adobe will host one in September, likely on the 20th. PLEASE NOTE, subsequent to this meeting, a decision was made by Adobe, which our board accepted that August GTTG would be suspended and that our club would host the next GTTG on September 13.
3. **Terrific Tuesday.** The board agrees to continue the program of varied games each Tuesday of the month: 1st Tuesday – HI-LOW Teams; 2nd Tuesday – Stratified Open; 3rd Tuesday – 199 and Open; 4th Tuesday – Mentor Game; 5th Tuesday – Barometer Game or other format. There was discussion about adding a 749er to the schedule. This could be a Tuesday game, a morning game or a Thursday game. More on this discussion at our next board meeting.
4. **Pre-dealt Boards for Team Games.** After discussion, a policy decision was made. Provided the dealer team agrees, pre-dealt boards will be used at team games. By majority vote (6 Yea, 1 Nea), this policy statement was approved and should be added to NWTBC Policies and Procedures.
5. **Robots for ½ tables.** After discussion of the pros and cons, the board was unanimous in a decision NOT to introduce this option at our games.
6. **Family Party.** Based on the popularity of the family picnic in the summer of 2024, the board is in favor of a repeat this year. We agreed NOT to combine it with the August 31 Unit Game. More will be discussed at the August board meeting.
7. **Position on Suspended Players.** Joyce shared a survey letter from the ACBL to club managers that she received (and responded to) about possibly allowing suspended players (who were suspended specifically for online collusion) to play in local clubs. After discussion, the Board unanimously adopted this resolution: *If the ACBL*

allows players who have been suspended for online collusion to play in local clubs, NWTBC will welcome them. (We would follow ACBL guidelines re any restrictions about master point awards or special games.)

- 8. Slow play.** A player letter was read and discussed. Joe Olivier will talk directly to the player. The board encourages consistent adherence to director practice, such as 4-minute announcement, 2-minute removal of a board not yet bid. Announcements at the start of games may include encouraging players to arrive 10 minutes prior to each game, self-enforcement of the 2-minute rule.
- 9. Director training.** Kay's class June 19 and 21 was well attended with promising results, including some new directors on our team. Some directors will be attending a class offered at Adobe by Doug Couchman. We are very encouraged by the potential success of our director recruitment efforts.
- 10. Volunteer awards.** After discussion, the board supports a Club Appreciation Day where all volunteers can be recognized, thanked and rewarded. We will discuss specifics at our next board meeting. It was expressed that the strength and personality of our club is greatly due to our volunteers.

Next Board Meeting:

Board Meetings Schedule

- Wed Aug 27, 10 am (for Aug & Sep)
- Wed Oct 8, 10 am

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary