

NW TUCSON BRIDGE CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2026

Present: Joe Olivier, Jim Wolf, Linda Brown, John Morris, George Harger, Bonnie Hertzog

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by President, Joe Olivier.

Minutes for May 6, 2026, were approved as written.

Treasurer Report (John Morris)

1. As of the close of business on **June 30, 2026**, both the Money Market Account (MMA) and the Demand Deposit Account (DDA) have been fully reconciled.
2. The club remains in a **very strong cash position**, with **\$53,151** in available funds:
 - **Money Market Account (MMA):** \$49,835
 - **Demand Deposit Account (DDA):** \$3,316
3. Financial variance reports (Year-over-Year and Budget vs. Actual) have been completed and posted online. While year-to-date expenses have exceeded budget in several categories and revenues have been modestly below expectations, the club's strong cash reserves provide excellent financial stability as the Board continues to monitor operations and manage expenses.
4. To improve investment returns on idle cash, the Board approved investing approximately **80% of the Money Market Account balance** into one or more Certificates of Deposit (CDs) beginning next month. (John, Joe and Joyce will meet in August and decide on best options.)
5. The **Arizona Corporation Commission Annual Report** has been filed online, including the current Northwest Tucson Bridge Club Board members and their titles.

Club Manager Report (Joyce Honorof)

1. July and August calendars are posted on the website in the list calendar.
2. September:
 - 9/6 Unit Championship OPEN & 499er at NW
 - GNT if a team game is to be held
 - Sporadic International Fund Games
 - 9/14-9/20 STaC Week
 - 9/20 Unit STaC Game at Adobe
 - 9/28 Afternoon: ACBL-Wide Silver Sr. Pairs #2 of 2
 - Sporadic Club Championship Games
 - Note: Adobe was listed to host GTTG in September. Their decision will dictate other GTTG games at NW.

Education (Bonnie Hertzog)

1. It is noted that the Education committee is now comprised of Bonnie Hertzog (chair), Rick Dunie and Nancy Montgomery.
2. Al Spaet will teach a 10-week Thursday morning Beginner I class starting August 20. Details and promotion will occur in the coming weeks, including the August Newsletter and perhaps a special eblast to 0-99 players.
3. We should be prepared to provide Al with whatever support he needs such as preparing hands for specific lessons, etc.
4. Plans are being formulated for a Tuesday morning class taught by various experienced players and aimed at advancing players in 2 over 1 who attended the previous Beginner 1 class. Joe Olivier is willing to teach a play-of-the-hand class beginning in late October using a classic book by Eddie Kantar.

Committee Update (Linda Brown)

1. Standby player list – we discussed identifying players living close to the club who are willing to be called at the last minute to fill an open seat. Joe came up with ~10 players who live in or close to Sun City, Spendido, All Seasons, and La Posada. Linda will follow up.
2. Partner Connector Role – Linda has prepared a “Roles and Responsibilities” document which has been reviewed as a guideline for a search for candidate or co-candidates. We are looking for someone who wants to do this role, not someone who is coerced to fill a position.
3. Outreach – Joe suggested an article in the Sun City **Tipster** at a very low cost will be useful. The club email address and Jim Wolf’s phone number can be used for responses to this ad. Linda is looking into participation in a Sun City People’s Fair in April.
4. Recognition – Linda drafted a proposed revision to the Recognition/Welcome Committee policy and will send it out for consideration at our next board meeting. Rosy Bezosky agreed to organize and send letters with a free play to players who have advanced in rank. Mailing addresses is an issue. Jim Wolf will look into this.
5. Combining games policy – after discussion, it was determined that there will not be a change in policy. We’d like to encourage greater attendance to help alleviate the issue. It is noted that 3 limit games in June and July were combined with open due to attendance. Bonnie mentioned that it would be helpful for the director’s to remind all the players to introduce themselves to each other at the table. Linda suggested everyone wear name tags. If a less experienced pair would like any tips after the hand is over, feel free to ask the more experienced pair.

New Business (Joe Olivier, BOD)

1. Air Conditioner Upgrade – The board does not believe that an upgrade contract at significant cost would be cost beneficial. The suggestion to install key-locked boxes for the two thermostats will be a benefit. Joe will purchase and install when he returns in late August.
2. Closure during Talking Stick Regional – no precedent exists for this action. The board is unanimous in its decision to stay open. Director availability is a minor concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.

Next Board Meetings:

August – skip August meeting

September – meet on Sept 9 (not 2nd)

October – meet on Oct 7

Respectfully submitted,



Board Secretary