

NW TUCSON BRIDGE CLUB Board Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2026

Present: Joe Olivier, 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. Minutes for February 4, 2026, were approved as posted.

Finance Report (John Morris & George Harger)

1. As of the close of business on February 28, 2026, both the Money Market Account (MMA) and the Demand Deposit Account (DDA) have been fully reconciled and are balanced.
2. Total cash on hand is **\$52,106**, allocated as follows: MMA: \$18,615; DDA: \$3,549; CD1: \$13,297; CD2: \$16,645.
3. All recurring monthly obligations, including rent, cleaning services, insurance, HVAC maintenance, electricity, and internet—are current and paid in full.
4. The Feb 2026 YTD variance to budget was presented and will be included as part of the online reporting.
5. John Morris, George Harger, and Jim Wolf will work to simplify the Club Financial Reports that are posted on the website.

Club Manager Report (Joyce Honorof)

1. The Beginner I class is in its 8th of 10 weeks and has ~30 students, many of whom are playing in the Friday 299 Play & Learn game.

Education Committee (BOD)

1. We will plan to provide another Beginner class in the Fall using our own instructors.
2. Marvelous Monday has topics and speakers through March. Joe Olivier and Rick Dunie will plan for topics and speakers for April and May and suspend Marvelous Monday lectures in the summer months.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

A brief summary of each report will be given

Partnership/Ambassador (Jim Wolf)

1. We will continue use of the email request-for-partner, which works well for players who already know others at the club. We will explore other ways to help newer players find partners.
2. The board liked the idea of creating a list of stand-by players, perhaps pairs of players who can be available on short notice for specific games.
3. The board liked the idea of a mentor program with volunteer mentors available to play a given number of sessions with a mentee. Implementation might include a “go-to” person who would match mentees with the appropriate mentor.
4. We discussed ways to make it easier for players to find partners. While options such as a full-time partnership desk or signing up with a TBD partner may not be feasible at this time, we will continue looking for practical ways to improve the process.

5. The board liked having a game ambassador for specific games. The 2nd Tuesday 99'er game is likely the best candidate for this concept. Team games could also benefit, but they are not currently on the schedule except the GTTG game.
6. The board expects the Partnership/Ambassador ad hoc committee to move forward on an implementation plan.

Community Outreach/Club Promotion (Barbara Jensen)

1. A club brochure has been developed to help promote our club. Its first use will be at the GAB (Alzheimer Fundraiser) event March 19.
2. The board liked the idea of having an open house at our club on a Saturday in early summer to further promote the club. The committee is encouraged to work on planning such an event.
3. Use of signage for greater visibility was suggested. The board liked the use of window signage and an A-Frame or sidewalk sign.
4. Table capacity was raised as an issue. Discussion followed, suggesting that creative options might be explored such as morning or weekend games to utilize unused clubhouse space. A Thursday OPEN game is always a possibility.

Intermediate/Newcomer Advocacy(Cindy Coonce)

1. Ideas suggested include:
 - introducing players to each other at the games
 - FREE Play to graduating Beginner students to play in the 99'er game on 2nd Tuesday
 - asking players (especially in the mentor game) to wear a name tag
 - words of encouragement for C players when they perform well
 - consider introducing an "Ask an Expert" option, where an experienced player remains after the game to answer questions.
 - Mentor program for I/N players
2. The committee is encouraged to work towards implementation of these suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Next Board Meetings:

Wed April 1, 10 am Cindy leading

May 6, 10 am Cindy leading

June 3, 10 am

July 1, 10 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary