

NW TUCSON BRIDGE CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes for May 6, 2026

Present: Joe Olivier, JoAnn Aiken, Jim Wolf, Linda Brown, Barbara Jensen, John Morris, George Harger, Joyce Honorof

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

Minutes for April 1, 2026, were approved with an amendment to the Financial Report stating that the letter to participants in the SE Carolina Collective was approved by email after the April 1 board meeting.

Treasurer Report (John Morris)

1. As of the close of business on April 30, 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 **\$53,470**, allocated as follows: (MMA): \$19,311; (DDA): \$4,436; (CD1): \$13,293; (CD2): \$16,430
3. All recurring monthly obligations, including rent, cleaning services, insurance, HVAC maintenance, electricity, and internet—are current and paid in full.
4. Financial variance reports have been updated and posted online.
5. Board discussed reinvestment of the soon-to-mature CD's and approved the Treasurer to reinvest up to \$40,000 in appropriate CD's, taking \$10k from existing Money Market Account.
6. Entry fee sharing for SE Carolina Collective games on BBO games was cancelled because it is no longer profitable. This means the club will no longer receive payments for online games from SE Carolina Collective. However, entry fee sharing might continue on RealBridge platform if games grow to 8-10 tables.
7. Net Income over the last 12 months has been somewhat flat meaning the club is maintaining cash funds.
8. Table counts by month are observed to be sound and noted that a count over 200 tables per month is acceptable.

Club Manager Report (Joyce Honorof)

1. Lead dealer Randy Wentross has requested that Bridge Buddy card decks be used for Play & Learn games, The Board authorized a purchase of 84 decks to satisfy this request.
2. Several NAP qualifier events will be scheduled in June, July and August, giving ample opportunity for players who are interested in qualifying.
3. Noted that June 30th is a fifth Tuesday, so we will offer the 499'er Play & Learn with Rick Dunie on that day.
4. ACBL continues to sponsor The Longest Day events in June. The Board approved a single day, Friday, June 19th for this event, with a table fee of \$10, all proceeds going to Alzheimer Association. We will not solicit additional donations due to the very successful GAB event in March.

5. The Greater Tucson Team Game is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd. Joe will follow up with Greg to ensure that snacks and beverages are provided after the game.

New Business (Joe Olivier)

1. Bonnie Hertzog has volunteered for the open position as Chairperson for Club Education. The board unanimously and gratefully approved this appointment, giving Bonnie full authority to convene a small committee of interested volunteers, making sure that both open and limit player needs are met.
2. Several ways to honor Bob Hertzog were briefly discussed. A club event will be planned for October and making the game a Club Appreciation game. Details will be developed and discussed at a future Board meeting.
3. Joe Olivier read a very nice letter from Gayle Covey to our Board.
4. Masterpoint awards for Play & Learn games was explored further by Barbara Jensen. She reports that awards credited by ACBL may differ from the credits shown on our website. We assume this is due to only 12 boards being played. We dismissed the idea of increasing the number of boards played. Rather, we will explore the possibility of providing additional learning opportunities after the game if time allows.
5. The Board recommends removing the word **ADVANCING** from the Tuesday 499'er P&L description because it may discourage participation.

Survey Committee Report and discussion (Linda Brown)

1. Facilities / Room Environment

- Continue monitoring room temperature.
 - Jo Ann reported hearing continued concerns about the room being too warm, while others reported greater satisfaction with current conditions.
 - Directors will be reminded to turn fans on approximately one hour before games and continue monitoring player comfort.
- No additional acoustical changes will be pursued at this time.
 - Players will be encouraged to keep voices down during games.
 - Announcers/directors will be encouraged to consistently use the microphone.
- Joyce will arrange for larger decal signage for the windows.
- Ron will be asked to add some healthier snack options.

2. Partnership / Participation

- Jim contacted players on the existing list of players willing to be called at short notice with limited success.
- Linda volunteered to contact players and help update the list.

Discussion focused on the broader need for a person to help Limited players find partners for games.

- Linda volunteered to draft a job description for a "Partnership Coordinator."
- Draft will be shared with Joe, Jim, and Joyce for feedback.
- The Board will revisit the possibility of an enhanced mentoring program in the fall.

3. New Player Experience

- Barbara will explore ways to improve the new player experience.
- Barbara will also consider taking on the role of Intermediate/Newcomer Board Director, previously held by Cindy Coonce.

4. Education

- Bonnie Hertzog has agreed to serve as Education Chair.
- Bonnie will report back to the Board in July with a proposed fall schedule for beginning players.
- The education committee will include both Open and Limited players.

5. Outreach

- Consider adding a regular newsletter blurb focused on Limited players.
- Continue outreach efforts to local retirement communities.

Specific follow-up items:

- Barbara will check with Bob Murray regarding brochure placement at La Posada.
- Linda will contact Nancy Holt regarding similar opportunities at All Seasons.
- Joe will add a bridge club blurb to Sun City's Monthly Community Events.
- Linda will contact Oro Valley regarding club fairs or similar community outreach opportunities.

6. Long-Term Planning

- Long-term planning and expansion discussions will be revisited next year.
- In the meantime, the Board will continue to remain alert to potential opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am.

Next Board Meetings:

June – skip June

July 8th (not the 1st) at 10 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wolf

Board Secretary