

April 4, 2022 NW Tucson BC Board Meeting

The Board meeting was called to order by President Pamela Thaut at 10:05 am at the NW Tucson BC with several members joining via zoom. Members present: Pamela Thaut, Virginia Brier, Sue Bush, Greg West, Donna DePesa, George Harger and Don Taylor. Kay Afdahl also joined the meeting to present a report from the club directors and Bob Hertzog joined via zoom to provide an update on education.

The minutes of the March 2 meeting were approved.

Operations/George Harger: George said the carpet will be shampooed on Wednesday, April 6 following the afternoon game. There is a leaky sink in the bathroom which Joe Olivier will look into.

Recruitment/Donna DePesa: The 999er game, which had been the 749er game, had a slow February and early March but is starting to pick up. Virginia said that putting together partnerships has really helped. There are 17 pairs signed up to play on Tuesday, April 5. Kay said that we need to make an effort to increase the numbers at the Open games as well. Donna added that we need to greet new people.

Education/Bob Hertzog: Bob said that he continues with his Sunday morning classes. He added that five people have requested a beginner class and he is looking for a time and date to start it. Kay said that there would be interest from residents at Splendido to take a beginner class and when he has a time she would let them know.

Directors/Kay Afdahl: Kay said there had been some problems at recent games primarily because of actions from players such

as late arrivals for games. It was suggested that an article in the newsletter would request players to arrive by 12:45 for the 1 pm game and call the club if they will be late. She explained that another problem is incorrect scores being put into the scoring device such as showing West playing a hand that was actually played by North.

She wants to set a standard policy for slow play that the board approves that can be used by all the directors. This policy would include two warnings for slow play and then a penalty of $\frac{1}{4}$ MP deduction for the third time. She said this is standard policy at other clubs. In addition, she wants all directors to warn players that there is only 4 minutes left in a round and when there is only 2 minutes left to say that no more new boards should be started. The policy was proposed, seconded and passed by the board with one abstention.

The board also agreed that pre-dealt boards with the same hands for team games would make the team games fairer for everyone. Pamela will call Don and Ann Taylor to see if they will help set this up.

Financial/George Harger: George said that March was a good month for the club with a net profit of \$1000. The club raised \$1530 for the Ukranian relief effort. The cash balance is \$28,000. He said that expenses such as parking lot repairs and upcoming roof and landscape expenses could impact the club's bottom line in the upcoming year. The rent had been \$2400 and it is now \$2600.

New Business: The board agreed to keep the vaccine mandate policy and will rely on Barbara Starrett's input on when the mandate should be eliminated.

Sue Bush asked what the board wanted to do in regard to the yearly Longest Day fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. It was decided that a special game will be held on June 21 and 22. Players on those days will be asked to pay a \$10 fee for the game and encouraged to pay more or make an additional donation. Sue will ask Joyce Honorof if she will coordinate the collected funds with Small Slams so that one total amount will be mailed in to Alzheimer's.

Audit/George: George asked the board to approve the audit of the 2021 books provided by Virginia and the audit of the books done by George in 2018-19 when Don Taylor was treasurer. Both audits were approved.

The next meeting will be held at the NW Tucson BC at 10 am on Monday, May 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.