

## Northwest Tucson Bridge Club February 1, 2022 Board Meeting

President Pamela Thaut called the zoom board meeting to order at 10 a.m. Members present: Pamela Thaut, Sue Bush, Virginia Brier, Greg West, George Harger, and Donna DePesa. Absent: Don Taylor.

The January 10, 2022 minutes were unanimously approved.

Operations, George Harger: The locks on the doors at the club have been fixed. George will ask Randy Wentross and Joyce Honorof if the dealing machine needs service and what dealing machine can be borrowed while it is being serviced.

Finances, George Harger: Cash is fine with \$26,000; insurance payment of \$850 coming due; rent for the month will depend on shopping center maintenance costs; table numbers are up but maintenance costs took away some of the increased revenue.

Education: Bob Hertzog told Pamela that he will be starting an advanced beginner class on Sunday mornings.

Communications, Donna DePesa: Donna said she sent out 35 letters to invite members back to playing at the club. She received only two replies and several letters were sent back because of incorrect addresses. She still does not know why members are not returning to play F2F at the club.

749er Tuesday Game, Randy Wentross: Randy reported that the Tuesday game has had very poor participation. Donna suggested we change the game limit to 499. Randy said that change would eliminate some of the few who are playing. It

was decided to keep the game for now as is and revisit the issue at the March meeting. Randy and Sue Bush will call some of the players and find out why they are not coming.

Team Games: These games have become quite successful with 9 tables the last two games. Members discussed various formats to encourage more players. Greg West proposed that we make the Saturday team game a regular "Two Grand and More" event. In this format each member of one of the teams has fewer than 1000 points while the other team is unlimited. Donna seconded and the board unanimously agreed. The Sunday game will remain the same with unlimited points for any team. Pamela asked about serving beer and wine after the Saturday game and George said he will look at the lease to be sure there are no restrictions on having alcohol at the club. Other ideas for the team game: developing a list of players who will substitute at the last minute if available and having pre dealt hands to save time. Pamela will put a request in the newsletter regarding players and ask Randy about doing pre dealt hands.

Covid Committee: Pamela asked if we should continue having a committee to give recommendations on health safety. The committee presently includes Joe Olivier, Barbara Starrett, and Joyce Honorof. It was decided to keep this committee for now.

Pamela brought up complaints about slow play by some club members. Pamela will talk to Kay Afdahl about instructing directors to give warnings to slow teams once during a game and then take away boards if it continues.

George told the board that he thought it was a good idea to audit the books as it had not been done. Virginia said she would volunteer to do it.

The board agreed to meet again on Zoom on Tuesday, March 1 at 9 am. Future board meetings may be scheduled following a game at the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Sue Bush, NW Tucson Board Secretary