

Northwest Tucson Bridge Board Meeting
March 1, 2022

Pamela Thaut called the zoom meeting to order at 9am.
Members present: Sue Bush, Pamela Thaut, Virginia Brier, Greg West, Don Taylor, George Harger and Donna DePesa. Absent: none. Also attending: Kay Afdahl, representing the directors.

The minutes of the February board meeting were unanimously accepted.

Director's Report, Kay Afdahl and Don Taylor: Kay said that the director schedule has been worked out with each director working 2-3 times per month. Kay added that she needs help with the team games. Phil Bush will help in March and Don Taylor will help in April. At the last team game Kay made up duplicated boards so all teams played the same boards. This provided fairer results for everyone.

749er Game: The Tuesday 749er game has been canceled for the past few weeks because not enough pairs signed up to play. After much discussion board members said that if there were not at least five tables at the March 8 session the 749er game will be eliminated from the schedule and revisited at a later time. It seems that many limited players prefer online games.

Thursday Game: Kay suggested that we add a Thursday open game. Pamela responded that she was very pleased with how Monday, Wednesday and Friday open games were going and was reluctant to add something new. Sue suggested that we ask fellow players if they would be interested in playing on Thursdays then revisit the discussion at the April 4 board meeting.

Education: Bob Hertzog reported that they had 19 participants at the play and learn last Sunday.

Operations, George Harger: George said the laptop may need replacing which would cost \$750. The board agreed to spend the money if it does need to be replaced. He added that the carpet will be cleaned which will cost \$700. George reported that a local Mah Jong club has asked to use the center four times per month for games. They would pay \$40 per session. After discussion board members decided it was not a good idea.

Financials, George Harger: Today the NW Bridge Center has completed three years of operation. The club has \$27,000 cash and \$20,000 in equipment and deposits. The club has lost \$2,000 since face to face bridge began. However, the club had a \$566 profit in February. The financial situation is stable.

Recruitment, Donna DePesa: Nothing new to report.

Mask Mandate, Greg West: Greg told members that he has studied reports from several respected medical experts who say that masks do not prevent getting Covid and that we should eliminate the mask mandate. He made a motion and Don Taylor seconded that we should remove the mask mandate at NW games immediately. The motion was passed with five in favor, one abstention and one no vote. Pamela said she would send out a notice to the membership immediately. However, the board agreed that those who wish to play at NW must show proof of vaccination.

Future Board Meetings: Pamela said she would like to have future meetings in person at the club on Monday mornings. It was agreed that future board meetings would be held at 10 am

at the bridge center except for Monday, April 4 when the meeting will be held at 10:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Bush, Secretary