

## **NW Tucson Bridge Club BOD Meeting – May 10, 10:00**

**In attendance: Pam Thaut, prez; Greg, Donna, Gayle, Jim V, Board Members; Kay Afdahl, DIC; George Harger, Treasurer.**

Minutes from previous meeting approved.

Gayle C appointed secretary for a day.

### **Education – Bob H**

- 1 Bob H reported that he had finished two classes.  
Gayle asked if classes worked as a feeder to our games. Bob: yes!
- 2 Bob H reported that Friday Play & Learn continue.
- 3 Paul Shalita's courses, poorly attended, have been suspended.
- 4 Steven DeVico would like to teach on Friday's – free mini-lessons of 45 minutes. We discussed if 'free' meant that lessons were not valued; no consensus. Kay A reported that in her previous life mini-lessons were well attended and fed big games. In any case, we want to wait until fall to begin new lessons.
- 5 The monthly lecture series – on Tuesdays – will continue. May – Control Bidding – Bob Herzog. June – How to Think About a Bridge Hand (1 play, 1 defense, 1 bidding) – Steven DeVico. July – Subject TBD – Kay Afdahl.

### **Zero Tolerance discussion**

- 1 Gayle told us that nowhere in our minutes have we adopted ZT for our club.
- 2 All agree that we should have policies/procedures/methods to deal with bad behavior.
- 3 Kay....
  - a) Brought forth a recommendation for adoption re .....
  - b) Told us that ACBL-wide bad behavior has worsened post-pandemic.
  - c) Told us that she has begun a notebook to document situations of behavior that required the Director's intervention.
- 4 We agreed to table the discussion re bad behavior and slow play. A subcommittee – Greg, Pamela, Gayle, Donna, Darwin – to discuss and formulate recommendations to bring to the Directors. After that step, we hope to formalize. Meeting set for Monday, May 16, 9:30. Pamela asked Gayle to facilitate.

### **NAP Qualifiers at the Club – Kay**

- 1 We need to modify stratifications to run legal games. We will. Those stratifications are 500/2500/unlimited.
- 2 Tuesday is an issue. Decision: For NAP Qualifiers, an Open Game only with the above stratifications.
- 3 Friday is not an issue – currently (and for NAP Q's), 499 and Open. The Open will have the 2 required stratifications – 2500 and unlimited.
- 4 Before NAP Q's begin, we should have an article in our newsletter.

## **Facility and Supplies**

- 1 No more big bottles of water!
- 2 Carpet will be cleaned.
- 3 Ask Joe to explore changing thermostat to one that isn't so 'swingy' temp-wise.

## **I/N**

Jim Volz reported that he will be sending letters (emails) of Congratulations to winners (mentors and mentees) of M/M game. Great!

## **Recognition**

Gayle reported that some of the free plays have been redeemed. She will offer specifics at our next meeting.

## **Financials**

George...

- a) reported that we have approx \$10K in checking, \$9,000 in savings, \$10,000 in 4.2% one-year CD. Our bank is Bank of the West. Note that NWTBC financials are posted on the website.
- b) Reported that expenses are increasing some, but we are stable and healthy.
- c) Reminded us that our rent is based on the landlord's actual expenses.
- d) Reported that Joanne's SaddleBrooke game is dissolving....and that her plan is to distribute the \$2,500 to us....and issue \$2,500 to her players as free plays at NWTBC. The BOD responded with appreciation. Yes, we approved this! Joyce will design and print special BridgeBucks.
- e) Told us that a Unit September I/N tournament was being planned. Adobe has offered to hold it. We'd like to also bid....and would accept \$300/day. We can hold 22 tables max. The BOD authorized him to negotiate on our behalf.
- f) There was consensus that we would be glad to have an ACBL out-of-town sectional director....but if there were a second, we wanted it to be one of the NWTBC directors. Or...Kay is ranked so that she can run it, and she would like to. Gayle said that a local director from another club running this would be a 'deal breaker' for her and she would not vote for the tournament at NWTBC if that was the case.

## **Unit Games**

Kay told us that the last Unit Game was poorly executed and she is working with Adobe to sort it out.

The Unit has one person, David Pearlman, who schedules (date and place) Unit games. Gayle and Kay felt that this seemed problematical to them. Joyce H is our club's liaison, but not the decision maker for the Unit. Perhaps we will discuss further at a later meeting.

## **Covid**

We agreed to drop the vax requirement immediately.

### **Games**

- 1 Continue Mentor/Mentee Game. But do less expensive lunch.
- 2 Friday Series. No prize for winners.
- 3 Team Games for June/July/August. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pot Luck. 4<sup>th</sup> – Stratified.
- 4 Agreed to have IMP Pairs the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month for three months – October, November, December. We will give short talk before explaining the game and 'IMP strategy.'

### **Director Issues – Kay**

- 1 We need more directors. Should we hire? Kay is going to discuss with our volunteer directors. Gayle told us that the BOD agreed on compensation on 7/1/19 (\$60 for up to 10 tables; then an additional \$5 table up to a maximum compensation of \$100)
- 2 We need non-player assistant for Team Games. Gayle will help Kay this week. We probably need to nail down a schedule for this.

### **Decision Book (excerpted from Minutes)**

Gayle presented a draft she drew up for future consideration for possible adoption.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.**

**Gayle Covey, Acting Secretary**