

MINUTES
NORTHWEST TUCSON BRIDGE CLUB
DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2020

Directors in attendance: Joe Olivier, Jack Wholey, George Harger, Rick Dunie, Peter Godfrey, Pamela Thaut

Other participants: Bob Hertzog, Bonnie Hertzog, Kay Afdahl, Jim Wolf

Called to order: 4:21 pm at the Club

1. The Minutes for the December 30, 2019 meeting were approved.
2. Committee Reports.
 - a. Education. Bob Hertzog reported that ongoing classes were continuing successfully. There was discussion about moving Paul Shalita's class to another day to increase attendance. Approval of Doug Couchman class on defense on February 22 at a cost of \$15 per participant.
 - b. Website. Jim Wolf discussed many of the changes he had made to the website. He recommended that a picture of the Board of Directors would be beneficial as well as pictures of events.
 - c. Directors.
 - i. A barometer game was suggested as a once per year event. No major problems were reported with directing except for occasional scoring issues.
 - ii. Kay Afdahl suggested a Swiss pairs game. No action was taken.
 - iii. Future consideration of an Individual game was discussed.
 - iv. The Director schedule for February was complete while a March schedule was in the works. A Directors meeting was scheduled for January 21. There are currently 10 Directors available.
 - v. It was agreed that Bridgemates would be set to require recording of opening leads effective February 1 on a test basis.
 - vi. It was discussed how to better balance strength directionally. No decision was made on this issue.
 - vii. It was suggested that stratification be based on average points rather than highest points on a test basis.
 - d. Financial reports. George Harger reported that results since the opening of the club continued to exceed expectations. Bronze and Silver investors were to be repaid as soon as they had signed the necessary document. There was some

concern that table counts were leveling out. This concern would be addressed by the Advertising Committee formed at the meeting. See below.

- e. Facilities. Joe Olivier reported that everything was working well. There may be some possible roof leaks and he was testing whether these were ongoing problems.
 - f. Advertising. An advertising/promotions committee was created including Peter Godfrey (chair), Pamela Thaut, Bob Lewis, and Rick Dunie. The Committee's primary objective is to promote the club to people unaware of its existence. The Board approved a budget of \$1,000.
3. Other issues.
- a. Cell phones: Directors will announce before each game that players should silence their mobile phones. There would not be any punishment for offenders.
 - b. Announcements on other topics would be permitted by appropriate people prior to the start of play.
 - c. There was a proposal to compensate unpaid directors (currently all of them) with gifts. No action was taken at this time.
 - d. The Board approved the contribution of four free plays to a raffle basket at the March Regional.
 - e. **The Board applauded the work of Jim Wolf on website modifications and partnership coordination, and Virginia Brier on signage for Special Events.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

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Rick Dunie, Secretary