The Board of Directors of The Bridge Studio of San Miguel de Allende / Unit 254 met in person and via video on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. Those present included Louis Roman, Lynn Chambers, Sandy Martin, Natalia Zapata and Jan Brosnahan (via video). Glen Okui, Club Manager, was also present. David McDougall was absent.

Louie Roman, President, presided over the meeting, which began at 11:30 a.m. The following agenda items were discussed:

Financials: Natalia Zapata presented the financial information for January - August, the present cash position, and the table counts. For January - August, there is a cumulative net profit of 53,017 pesos (about $3,000 US dollars), with only a net loss in the month of May when the Bridge Studio was only open for games on Mondays (but we still had to pay full labor costs but only half of the rental costs). A combination of the higher fees, lesson income, some tournament income and lower food/party costs have contributed to the cumulative net profit. The total cash position for the club is now over $22k, when converted to US dollars. The table counts for the last few months appear to be slightly higher than last year, which is also encouraging.

Status of Snacks & Supplies: A member has suggested that we use ceramic cups for coffee instead of styrofoam and offered to help supply such cups. We may also ask players to bring extra cups they may have. Sandy will work with Isabel regarding cleaning the cups as part of her responsibilities.

Suggestion Box Input: Recent feedback ,obtained through a suggestion box, was reviewed and discussed.

Director Free Play Policy: The Bridge Studio does not provide cash compensation for Game Directors, rather, in the past the Game Directors have been provided tickets for free game play. Going forward, the policy will be changed as follows:"Active" Directors (those that are regularly scheduled on a pretty much weekly basis to Direct games) will be able to play free anytime they wish to play, no ticket required. "Intermittent" Directors (anyone else) will be provided 2 tickets each time they Direct a game; if they wish to play on a day they are directing, they may use one of their 2 tickets they are earning that day they are directing. Tickets are not to the given away, Note: The Board wishes to grandfather-in Sherry and Woody McHarg, in recognition of all of their many contributions made to TBS throughout the years.

Day of the Dead Celebration: Lynn Chambers, our Hospitality Chair, will help coordinate a Bridge Studio celebration potluck after the bridge games on Monday, November 2nd. Players will be asked to bring food to share or beverages (i.e. a bottle of wine, a six-pack of beer or two large bottles of soda).

Monthly Social Gatherings at LaFrontera: There were 22 people at last month's dinner! Another successful gathering! The next dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 30th, at 5:00 p.m., at LaFrontera, with Norma Scott continuing to assist Lynn Chambers with coordination. As always, the dinners are the last Wednesday of each month, with everyone asked to let Norma know of their intended choice of the Salmon or Filet special or their intention to order off the menu. The end of October date will be Wednesday, October 28th, at 5:00.

San Miguel Sectional Tournament: Glen Okui, Tournament Coordinator, has recommended the following for the tournament to be held at The Bridge Studio on February 10, 11 & 13, 2027:

1). Start times of 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., to enable folks to have adequate time to go get lunch in-between sessions

2). Playing fees of 250 pesos per person per session (same as last year)

3). That the club absorb any non-ACBL member fees that the ACBL may assess (as they are minimal, vs. charging for this)

4). For the Saturday Swiss Team matches, we charge extra 200 pesos for lunch that we will arrange to be brought in
5). We continue to provide Free Games to those with < 20 Masterpoints
6). We may consider offering both a limited (i.e. <500 or <750 MP) and an Open game for at least one of the sessions, depending on level of interest.
7). Glen, as Tournament Director, will be responsible for making the boards, printing the hand records, making the entry forms, and other duties as required, similar to last year
8). Syndi McDougall has agreed to serve as Partnership Chair again

Next Board of Directors meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14th, at 11:30 a.m.

Post-Meeting note:
We are sad to report the passing of the following San Miguel bridge players over the past few months: Patricia (Pat) Bagg (7/12/26, www.pressherald.com), Helen Rivas Rose (8/18/26, www.legacy.com) and Diane Largeman (8/35/26). All three of these women, along with others who passed previously, will be remembered fondly as part of our bridge community as part of our Day of the Dead tribute on Monday, November 2nd, as described above.