

ADOBE BRIDGE CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 9, 2024

President Pam Krisak called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m. at Adobe Bridge Center and via Zoom. Penny Storry served as Secretary.

Directors Pam Krisak, Ram Sundaresan, Barry Abrahams, Cayce Blanchard, Penny Storry and Julie Carnes attended in person. Via Zoom David Pearlman, Liz Detloff & Barbara Rosenthal, with each director able to hear the others at all times. Absent were Debbie Keller & Pat Klein.

Minutes

President Krisak noted that draft minutes of the meeting of July 12 had been circulated before the meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Statements

Ram reported we have a net positive income for July, despite lower table counts and additional expenses (\$375 towards Alzheimer's Association, \$405 towards Workers Compensation Insurance premium.)

Our mortgage P&L is down to \$65K. We are on track to pay off the mortgage in full by next Fall.

Ram is shopping for better insurance rates. We have 3 (three) policies coming due.

1. Our Worker's compensation policy was renewed (effective Aug 1) with Ameritrust. The annual premium dropped to \$405 (from \$445)
2. Our Directors & Officers Policy is in the process of being purchased from Hartford Insurance. In consultation with Pam & David, we retained only those coverages that were deemed essential, removed a lot of coverages that were deemed unnecessary, and the annual premium has dropped to \$290 (from \$1064).
3. Our Property & Liability Insurance Policy is due for renewal on September 1. The property premium has increased to \$2398, the liability premium is \$519, and the umbrella policy premium is \$453.

Ram is working with an insurance agent to see if we can get a better deal with a good company.

Ram also expressed his thanks to Penny and Julie for increased table counts, a better sense of community at the club and for the improved food and snack offerings.

Cayce motioned to accept the financial reports. Julie seconded and the board approved them as presented.

Club Management

The cashless token system was introduced at the club on July 29th. Feedback from members has been overwhelmingly positive.

The directors held a meeting on 7/31 - no major issues were raised.

Training directors on game setup and uploading results continues.

Members have asked for the position and direction of a phantom pair be varied and the directors are trying to do this when possible - although late, unreserved players make this difficult at times.

July's 8 is Enough team game had several setup, scoring and reporting issues. Despite this many of the NLM players - who'd not experienced a team game before, enjoyed the game. A second 8 is Enough game will be held on 8/30 with Len Hall directing. Additionally in September a "regular" team will be held and in October the team game will be a GNT qualifier.

Two ACBL Wide events are scheduled on 8/19 and on 9/11. The 9/11 event clashes with a Unit game - the board determined the Unit game should take priority.

If Saturday's limited games are to resume a new director will be required as Bill Schelstrate is no longer interested in running the game. It was recommended that if the games resume they do so on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays so they do not conflict with NWT's Saturday team games.

The newer PC is now ready to be moved into place as the directors' PC, scheduled for August 18th.

Work has begun on using robots to replace half tables, probably beginning in October.

New boards have been purchased to allow for all sets of boards to contain at least 28 boards.

Penny reported vacation plans for September 9th till October 1st. She also plans to attend the Desert Empire Regional (8/13 - 8/16) and the NABC in Las Vegas from 11/29 till 12/6.

Board members requested the announcements before the game be done earlier so that the game can start promptly.

Conduct and Ethics

David Pearlman reported no conduct or ethical issues.

Education Committee

Barbara Rosenthal is teaching two classes in the fall (Beginning Bridge and Defense 101). Both of these are on the website and each has students registered.

Pam reported that Larry Hudgens taught bridge classes in Maine for school students and wondered if this could be done in Tucson. Liz Detloff mentioned contacting the ACBL regarding the Bridge Whiz Foundation.

Hospitality Committee

The club Ice Cream Social was a big success. Julie is taking home the remaining ice cream to make ice cream cake and sandwiches.

Future events include: Player Appreciation lunch on Labor Day, Halloween potluck, and a holiday event.

Julie and Cayce cleaned out & organized the pantry.

Strategic Planning Committee

The strategic planning meeting will be held off site at Cayce's home on Sunday September 29th at 10am.

Facilities and Maintenance Committee

The painting project is now scheduled to start in September.

Barry purchased and will hook up an ice maker.

Pam has contacted a handyman, who will come to the club on 8/16 for several small to medium sized tasks.

Pam will meet with a new janitor for the club, and occasionally the casita, on 8/9.

A quote from Vilatoro's Landscaping and Design was received for an initial clean up and routine maintenance of the grounds outside the club. Initial clean up \$750. Tree pruning and trimming \$500. Monthly service - \$275-\$325. The board asked that the service be twice a month. Pam will follow up with the service.

Membership and Publicity

Gary Howell asked Cayce to propose to the board that the club support the Optimist Club's golf tournament, by sponsoring one of the golf course holes during the event. The board voted against this (2 in favor - 5 against).

Cayce is now assuming responsibility for the Mail Chimp email service - training provided by Barry and Ram.

Old Business

David Pearlman has met with the owner of the bakery regarding sale of the casita and reported that currently the bakery is not interested in purchasing the building but may be interested in a use sharing agreement.

New Business

Penny asked the board to review the table fees. The board approved a change to the fees starting on January 1st 2025. The new fee structure will be that all morning games (P&L, Mentor games) will cost \$6 per player and afternoon games will be \$8 per player regardless of life master status or the game being played.

The committee to nominate new board members will be convened in September.

Penny asked the board to consider a complimentary token system. She proposed giving players who attend any bridge class receive two complimentary tokens and that players who achieve a new ACBL rank be awarded a complimentary game token. The board countered that any new bridge player who completes all 6 weeks of the Beginning Bridge class, receive one complimentary game token beginning with the September 2024 class. And that any player who achieves a new ACBL rank, from January 2025 be awarded one complimentary game token. This motion was approved.

Pam asked that the directors keep the club phone with them during the game and answer it promptly when possible to reduce disturbing the players.

Changes to Bank Signatories

Ram proposed a motion adding Penny Storry as a signer to our National Bank of Arizona business account ending in 7994 and the removal of Harold 'Hal' Gensler. This change is effective as of August 9, 2024.

Seconded by Cayce Blanchard. Approved by Debbie Keller, Pat Klein, Barry Abrahams, and David Pearlman. Penny Storry recused herself.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Penny Storry
Acting Secretary