

FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date – August 12, 2024, 2024

4:05 p.m. – Meeting called to order by President Jonathan Salt

Board members present: Daniel Tordella, Allen Bozek, Knyvett Lee, Alan Rubin, Bella Ionis-Sorren, David Kupperman and Jonathan Salt.

Club manager Emilio Lopez was present.

1. July 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes (with corrections) of the July 8, 2024 FTLBC Board meetings were approved.

2. Treasurer's report: Treasurer Alan Rubin reported:

a. Cash: Total bank, *PayPal* and petty cash/change balance was \$100,851.30 as of July 31, 2024.

b. Operations: FTLBC had a net operating gain of \$927.38 for July 2024 and has a net operating gain of \$52,702.83 year-to-date through July 31, 2024.

c. The Board discussed and tabled the issue of which credit card processor to use.

d. A contract with Rick Shapiro for accounting / taxes services for FTLBC was approved.

3. Club Manager's report:

a. Table count for July 2024 was 385 compared to 322.5 in July, 2023.

b. Score adjustments: Score adjustments for zero tolerance violations (cell phone violations) have been posted and will continue to be posted in the hope players will comply with the “no cell phone” policy.

4. Committee Reports:

a. Education Committee (Chair Robin Kupperman):

- i. Beginner I bridge series – scheduled to resume on 9/9/24.
 - ii. Beginner II series started on July 17th.
 - iii. Committee Chair Kupperman attended the ABTA (American Bridge Teacher’s Association) convention in Toronto and obtained good marketing and teaching ideas on how to teach and promote bridge.
 - iv. Supervised games, free 30-minute lessons and mentor games shall continue.
 - v. The on-line intermediate lessons by Michael Wolfe may not go forward because of lack of enrollment.
- b. Events Committee:
- i. A Labor Day cook-out is planned with grilled food prepared by David Kupperman and everything else by Nancy Paris and helpers. Many thanks to David, Nancy and helpers!
 - ii. Sunday birthday / brunch games (free lunch to birthday people!) are planned for August 25th, September 20th and October 27th.
 - iii. A joint team game with Quick Tricks was discussed but was deferred pending further discussion.
 - iv. The FTLBC annual Fall Silver Sectional tournament is planned for November 1 – 3 2024.
 - v. A District 9 Grand National Teams game was approved for the small bridge room for March 29-30.
- c. House Committee (Chair Allen Bozek):
- i. The roof leak along the south wall was fixed.

- ii. The insurance / roof issue is still pending.
 - iii. Repair / replacement of emergency lights is pending.
 - iv. The east wall of the small bridge room was patched and re-painted and looks good.
- d. Grievance and Ethics Committee (Chair Daniel Tordella):
- i. The Board approved a recommendation by the G&E Committee restricting playing privileges of a member to “pre-arranged partner-only” play because of repeated zero tolerance violations by the member with “pick-up” partners.
 - ii. Zero tolerance score adjustments will continue to be posted by the Club Manager.
- e. Membership: (Chair Rosemary Boden):
- i. The 2025 FTLBC membership / renewal drive is pending.
 - ii. Raising card fees for non-members from \$13.00 to \$15.00 was discussed.
- f. Marketing (Chair Knyvett Lee):
- i. The US 1 Banner has been supplemented.
 - ii. The Marketing Committee also reported on potential advertising with the Galt Mile Community Association, ongoing support of social media posts by all members and changes to current email posting process.
5. **President’s report:** President Salt reported:
- a. 2025 Cruise: Joint cruise venture with Quick Tricks is in progress and progressing nicely.

- b. ACBL Unit 243 funds offered shall be used to purchase new *white boards* for teaching and other purposes.
- c. Nominating Committee: A nominating committee for the FTLBC 2025 Board Elections must be named by September 9, 2024.
- d. Outdoor cameras: The need for purchase and installation of outdoor cameras was discussed but no motion was made.
- e. Vending machine prices: An increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for soft drinks was approved.

5:45 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary