

**FTLBC Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date – October 14, 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 and Jonathan Salt.

Club manager Emilio Lopez was present. Club members Michael Schneider, Barbara Tate, Wendy Howard and Rosemary Boden were present for portions of the meeting.

1. **September 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes (with corrections) of the September 9, 2024 FTLBC Board meeting were approved.

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

a. Cash: Total bank, *PayPal* and petty cash/change balance was \$94,030.14 as of September 30, 2024.

b. FTLBC was notified of a \$8,154.45 *Employee Retention Credit* from the IRS related to COVID based on applications by former FTLBC treasurer Rick Shapiro (Thank you Rick!!).

c. Pre paid game vouchers were discussed along with the difficulty in managing the accounting challenges created by the pre paid game vouchers.

d. Operations: FTLBC had a net operating gain of \$13,215 for September, 2024 and has a net operating gain of \$65,199.88 year-to-date through September 30, 2024.

e. Club members donated more funds than the (\$2,337) cost of the new canopy. Excess funds shall be used for needed repairs to the roof (if necessary), AC ducts (as needed), windows (anticipated), computer upgrade needs and possibly new planters.

3. **Club Manager's report:**

- a. Table count for September 2024 was 391 compared to 315.5 for September 2023. President Salt suggested a 2024 total table count goal of 5,000.
- b. Score adjustments: The Board discussed at length how and when to post score adjustments for zero tolerance violations (cell phone violations). It was suggested by some present that score adjustments be posted along with the gamed scores that are posted daily on the main bridge room TV screen.
- c. Hollywood Duplicate Bridge Club re-opened on 10/14/24. The effect on FTLBC's table count to be determined.

4. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Insurance Committee (chair – open)
  - i. Required roof inspection related to the 2024-2025 comprehensive insurance policy is pending.
  - ii. FTLBC still needs an Insurance Committee chair.
- b. Education Committee (Chair Robin Kupperman):
  - i. Class for bridge beginners ended on October 7<sup>th</sup> with 11 students.
  - ii. A new beginner series is scheduled to start on Jan. 13, 2025.
  - iii. Supervised games, free 30-minute lessons Wednesdays and Fridays continue; *Thank you Robin and Rosemary for their ongoing efforts with the new players.*
  - iv. The limited mentor game has been suspended until 2025.

- v. Face to face *advanced* mentor games are being discussed.
  - vi. There is an ongoing on-line mentor game on Wednesday evenings sponsored by BBO and the Southeast Florida Bridge Group.
- c. Events Committee:
- i. Sunday birthday / brunch games (free lunch to birthday people!) are planned for November and December.
  - ii. The FTLBC annual Fall Silver Sectional tournament is planned for November 1 – 3 2024. All are encouraged to attend.
- d. House Committee (Chair Allen Bozek):
- i. Blue canopy replacement is in the works with December installation expected.
  - ii. Projects to consider include:
    - Carpet cleaning in main card room;
    - Window cleaning (last done approx. 10 years ago);
    - AC ducts cleaning (last done approx.. 12 years ago);
    - Re-engineering of the AC system to allow the front door to close when the unit(s) are running.
  - iii. AC filter changes are due.
- e. Grievance and Ethics Committee (Chair Daniel Tordella):
- i. A meeting was scheduled for the Board to meet with a member regarding his continued zero tolerance violations.

- ii. Zero tolerance score adjustments will continue to be posted by the Club Manager. Some discussion was had about displaying ZT penalties on the TV / score screen.

f. Membership: (Chair Rosemary Boden):

- i. The 2025 FTLBC membership / renewal drive is ongoing with 112 members signed up / renewed for 2025 through 10/14/24.

g. Marketing (Chair Knyvett Lee):

- i. The club manager was requested to print new 11 x 17 flyers.
- ii. The cost of social media advertising (expensive) was discussed and the possibility of hiring an outside professional marketer was discussed.

5. **President's report:** President Salt reported:

- a. The annual membership meeting shall be conducted on 12/2/24.
- b. 2025 Cruise: Joint cruise venture with Quick Tricks is in progress and progressing nicely with 50 bridge players so far.
- c. Nominating Committee: The nominating committee for the FTLBC 2025 Board Elections selected sitting Board members Allen Bozek, Daniel Tordella and David Kupperman and club member Wendy Howard for the four open positions.

5:26 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:  
Daniel F. Tordella – FTLBC Secretary