



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Mon, March 9, 2026 – 6:30 PM Video meeting

Board Members: President, Linda King; Vice President, Patricia Stone; Treasurer, Ken Johnson; Secretary, Shireen Zekanoski; Membership, Seala Fletcher Kelly

1. Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the Feb 2, 2026, meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report – Ken

This Sunday's unit game will be an ACBL charity game. We'll donate \$5 per table to the charity. Win will pay ACBL though his normal cadence and Ken will reimburse him.

Old City Hall restaurant received and cashed the replacement check for the anniversary party on Sept '25. The timing of the check (~\$850) is the reason Feb net deposit was lower than normal (services rendered in Sept - delayed payment in Feb)

3. Membership – Seala

Seala is following up with one member (Patricia E) who has not reinstated her membership.

Seala plans to put the Powerpoint for the Awards on a thumbdrive and bring it to Thursday's game so Win can check it works before Sunday. She will help pass out awards at this Sunday's game.

4. Education – Linda

a. District stipends for education at the unit level

This is a good opportunity for us to take advantage of. District will help cover the cost of guest lecturers. The reimbursement is higher for Grand Life masters.

b. Linda has applied to teach Bridge at Gavilan and is waiting to hear back

- c. Barbara Miller's beginner class completed 3 out of 8 weekly sessions and it's going well. The board approved a motion to pay Barbara \$25/class (\$200 for the 8 week course).
- d. Seala attended a class by Amber Lin: How to defend against 3 NT. She mentioned that it was perhaps a bit too intense for our members. Will think through other options.

5. New Business

a. Directors needed

Jim Craig has expressed interest in attending the training to be a director for our club. This is welcome news as we need more directors. The district will give us \$100 once Jim is accredited.

b. Is now the time to purchase a unit computer for training new (Non-Playing Directors) to fill in when Jo or Win is not available?

Ken had a discussion with Win and there is general agreement on purchasing a new computer from Costco.

All directors should learn the software and bridge mate in case Win is not available. Currently some of the program is custom written by Win and we'll need to figure out how best to train others.

b. Christmas Party changes, suggestions for a brunch prior to Bridge at Old City Hall.

Some of our members would rather not drive in the dark so the board decided to change the Christmas party schedule to earlier in the day:

10:30 start - social hour

11:30 Brunch with meeting right after

12:30 game start

Old City Hall is suggesting to use the card tables for brunch (instead of the round tables) so the transition from meal to game is faster.

c. Schedule 2nd quarter special games (Pro-Am, 0-5 Pupil Game)

Pro- AM: Ken will work with CRC to add a second game in June for the ProAM. Proposal from the board is 6/7.

0-5 Master points Game: Linda will lead this at the April unit game. Board suggests to keep the attendees' cost at \$10 and for Linda to receive \$5/person for her time.

d. Ken has met with Seala and Graham to start transitioning the management of the earthquake sectional game.

6. Old Business

a. Review of strategies for reducing the unit's bank account balance over the next two to five years, including reasons and methods.

Ways to reduce bank account:

- Free Birthday Games for Members at the unit games
- Pro Am Game – Pros play free and free pizza is provided
- Teacher stipends and payment for materials, advertising, etc.
- Professional Zoom Lesson: 1 hour before a Unit Game

7. Adjournment-

Next meeting: TBD