Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Mon, October 5, 2026, at 6:30 PM Zoom 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 August 3, 2026, meeting. Done

2. Treasurer's Report -Ken - Earthquake Sectional Financials

Checking account year to date net gain: $1672. Account balance: $16,827.

Our financial state continues to be stable and healthy despite the lower attendance in tournaments. Ken pointed out that tournament attendance seems to be down (from pre Covid days) across the board in our district and we are following that downward trend. Many of our unit members don't play in tournaments. We have an advantage with the low rent at CRC and were able to make money even with the lower attendance at this year's Earthquake sectional. Also a few people made generous donations.

3. Earthquake Sectional-Seala

Seala and Graham did an excellent job of planning for and running the tournament. Thank you also to their sons for helping with the setup and takedown!

We made $562 despite the fact that table counts were down compared to previous years but people enjoyed the weekend and commented on our great food - there was plenty of food with great variety.

Discussed the fact that the timing of the sectional being so close to labor day may not have been ideal. The board is proposing to move this

sectional out by a week next year to 9/18 and 9/19. Ken will propose the new dates to the district for approval.

Seala proposed changing the afternoon Swiss game's start times to TBD (from 2:30) and Linda proposed changing the 0-99rs game to 0-20. Also discussed looking at our rates to see if it makes sense to raise from $15. Seala will research other clubs and propose if it makes sense.

4. Membership – Seala

We have 92 paid active members and 27 guest members. We have lost 3 members due to health issues and relocations. Carmel and Gretchen have joined our Sapphire club. Discussed sending them a congratulations note and including a $5 play coupon.

5. Education – Linda

No more 0-5 Lesson and Game in 2026 -

Linda is planning to do the next one possibly in March- 2027

Learn Bridge in a Day program at the CRC scheduled on Jan 23 2027.

3 students have already signed up

We are not sure how Barb Miller's new beginner class is going. It would be good to get an update from Barbara. Patty and Linda will reach out again.

6. New Business

November designated as "Pie Sharing Month" at the Unit Game

We will have a signup sheet at the Oct. unit game for people who'd like to bring a pie to the Nov unit game. Seala will also include in the Oct newsletter

Christmas Party starts at 10:30 -Sunday Dec 6https://docs.google.com/document/d/18yY2vVH3laYLo5JvtCJSBvZh--f_WaVJ/edit

0-199er and Open Game Starts at 11:00 AM
Game Fee: Free-Unit 524 Members
Game Fee: Free for non-members of Unit 524 with Paid Dinner
Sign ups at the Unit Game and Thursday Games. RSVP by 12/1
Patty will ask Win if he would be the director for our Xmas game

Directors for the Unit Games through the end of the year: Oct- Jim Craig, Nov Skip, Dec. Jim

7. Old Business

Status of all board members for 2027

All current board members have agreed to stay on for another year! Election to follow.

Continued conversation on how to reduce our bank account

The board decided to designate the April 18, 2027 unit game as a free game for all unit 524 members and include pizza lunch (with learn?)

We reviewed the 2027 calendar and confirmed that there are no scheduling conflicts with our third Sunday of the month unit games. June falls on Father's day like it did this year and the team decided to keep it as is.

Discussed having cake in March again to celebrate Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney member achievements

Adjournment_ - next meeting date to be announced.