

WHITE ROSE BRIDGE CLUB MEETING NOTES - JULY 25, 2025

1. Meeting called to order by Judy Parson, President, at 12:28pm
2. Present: Judy Parsons, Carol Buchholtz, Steve Becker, Michelle Hovis, Carl Fahnestock, Gail Burke
Absent: Linda Davidson, Ike Hileman, Elaine Smith, Cathy Brown, Ed Scanlon
3. MEETING NOTES from last meeting as published - approved
4. TREASURER'S REPORT - presented by Carol Buchholtz - Balance Sheet as published. Additional summary lists of expenses and income per month from June 2024 to May 2025 .
Discussion ensued on potential areas available to reduce expenses with increased rent expense of \$65/session per the new lease signed with Brian of Comic Book West, lessor.
 - Possibly reduce selection of snacks.
 - Director's fee is \$50 each session if another director is used when Ed Scanlon is away.
Discussed possible ways to compensate this differently. Ex: Harrisburg's Club does not pay directors, gives them 2 free plays.
 - No final decision made on these discussions.
5. CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT - Ed Scanlon NA
Ed has volunteered to change his compensation for Tuesday afternoon, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning sessions, Ed would no longer direct these sessions. This is in exchange for the board assuming responsibility for shopping for supplies. The board agreed with this but will require an addendum to the contract with Ed Scanlon.
Carl Fahnestock volunteered to do the shopping with assist from Judy notifying him of needed supplies. Discussed possibility of obtaining Sam's Club card that gives percentage back to club based on the club's purchases, cost is \$60/year - the board decided not to apply for this at this time. Carl will be using his BJ's card for shopping then, submit receipts for reimbursement.
Other directors will need to be set up for the Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and Friday morning sessions. Possibilities: Judy Parsons, Cathy Brown, Bruce Carriker.
Steve Becker is still in training.
6. NOMINATION COMMITTEE - Linda Davidson NA but sent in report, slate of nominees is in the process and will be available for voting at the October General Membership meeting.
7. OLD BUSINESS -
 - A. New sublease with Brian of Comic Book West, lessor has been signed for a 6 month duration. Rent per session increased from \$55 to \$65
Brian offered a possible Tuesday evening session. Weekend session with permission and pre-planning possible.
 - B. End of Summer party on August 22 - decision that the club will provide the luncheon.
Gail Burke and Judy Parsons will plan and ensure delivery of the meal.
Luncheon at 12:00pm, game at 12:30pm. \$20/player, pre-registration required.
After party evaluate profit potluck meal vs club paying for the meal for future party planning.
Ask Marge Boner to make the poster for this party.
 - C. Swiss Game planning - a regular Swiss game schedule on September 18 afternoon game.
Carl Fahnestock will direct the game. Players make their own teams, must register the team at least 1 week before the game, by September 11.
Ask Marge Boner to make a poster for this game.
 - D. Update on Living Word Church - too many restrictions, off the table as an alternate location
Update on LCBC East York Church - unable to make a direct contact with their representative, no voicemail and no one answers the phone.

8. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Letter from Cliff Lynd, bridge player/member to the board requesting a response listing his concerns of inappropriate behaviors between directors creating a negative atmosphere during the session on 7/21/2025. Ed Scanlon said he will address this, Judy will follow-up with a letter to Cliff.

Discussion ensued with suggestions:

1. specific times be announced when "the last round in a session cannot be started after a specific time" ie: 11:45am for mornings, 3:20pm for afternoons.
2. Alter length of session and/or start times ie: 9:00am social time, with game to start at 9:30 for mornings, extend to 12:00pm. Start afternoon session at 12:45pm or 1:00pm. Concern that the current schedule for morning games is shorter than the afternoon and does not allow an equal number of boards/session.
3. Judy Parsons, President will discuss with Ed Scanlon, club manger how to resolve these issues. Standing orders need to include the final decision, members notified by email, announce these orders for 1 week before implementing them.

B. BYLAWS COMMITTEE - Sue Cathcart, Michelle Hovis and Gail Burke - meeting to review and make recommendations for any changes, information will be provided to the board by the time of the next board meeting for comments. Needs to be approved by the board before presenting to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting in October for a vote.

C. Changes to weekly schedule? Judy reported that

Ed Magee, member, suggested conducting ACBL or Audrey Grant classes vs Easy Bridge Classes on days that have low attendance (Tuesday or Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings) - usually requires 6-8 weeks/book. Ed Magee would teach, Carl Fahnestock stated he may be able to help. Decision was not made at this time, needs further investigation and discussion.

D. How to motivate newer players to play in regular games, participate in special party games?

1. Michelle Hovis has participated in Thursday and Friday morning games - recommended urging the players that did the Easy Bridge classes to join the Friday morning games that are more casual and relaxed. Is there a list of these bridge students to contact? Give the current students in the Thursday morning classes the club's schedule and educate them on which games are best for them to start attending. If the student needs a partner, board members can assist with this. Need to "sell the club" - Judy will attend Thursday 7/31 to start this process.
2. Carl Fahnestock recommended giving the students a free play for a regular game partway Through the classes and at the end to motivate them to play in regular 0-750 games.
3. Possibility for an "assisted game" - where newer players can ask questions on bidding and playing. Would require some experienced players to assist. The Harrisburg club does this With 2 experienced players assisting. This game would not be an ACBL game.
4. Recommendation to obtain the list of students, divide the number between the board members to make direct contacts.

E. MENTOR GAME - last one was well received. Scheduled for August 5 12:30pm

E. Set ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING for October 10, 2025. 11:30am Meeting
Lunch provided by the club, Judy and Gail will decide on menu. Ask Marge to make poster too announce the meeting. Party theme "Halloween."

Next Board Meeting: Friday 8/29/2025

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm