Chattanooga Bridge Center
Board Meeting September 22, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Board members attending: Richard Spangler, Mary Robertson, Sharon Lewis, John Hubbard, Marian Creighton, Joe Schatz, Janie Hunt, and Bruce Antman

Richard Spangler called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

The August 2026 minutes were approved.

Richard reported there was one note occurrence impacting Club financials that occurred after the monthly report was posted. Due to an unknown user accessing the Club's outside water spigot, the water had run continuously for some time before it was noticed. This was corrected, but the water bill totalled $290. We will monitor first to see if it happens again and then assess steps to remedy/protect.

Myra Reneau was out of town, there were no pressing manager's items to discuss.

Janie Hunt agreed to lead the 2026 Nominating process as there is one upcoming vacancy, Richard Spangler's position. The Board was delighted to learn that Iris Abelson is willing to join the Board again and formally proposed her name for the election to fill the upcoming 2027 Board vacancy.

Good and Welfare: Iris Abelson has been selected as the October Good and Welfare recipient to honor her for her many volunteer hours dedicated to the recent kitchen and bathroom upgrade, as well as her role as the monthly social event coordinator.

The Board discussed the feasibility of a new process of creating and adopting a formal budget to be used along with the current monthly financial reports, this would include forming a Finance Committee to draft this budget and serve as support to the Treasurer. A vote was taken and the proposal did not receive majority support at this time.

The Club benefits from a surplus in reserves and the Board voted and agreed to offer a reduced membership fee of $10 to Club members in 2027. The Board is focused on creating multiple social events and fun opportunities in 2027 to increase table count, demonstrate membership appreciation, and foster new member participation. John Hubbard will create a committee to develop possible fun events to be held in the future.

The idea of a Job Fair to promote and seek new committee members and volunteers was reviewed. Rather than hosting a Job Fair, Richard will develop a list of Club volunteer opportunities (with information about what is done by each committee/task) for distribution in an effort to increase the number of volunteers serving Club needs.

This new educational opportunity, Post-game Hand Review, was discussed and agreed upon; the following to be posted in next month's newsletter:

> We're going to try something we haven't done in a while. After the Tuesday games on October 6 and 20, some of us will take a few minutes to discuss some of the more interesting hands we've just played. The October 20 date will be just in time to prepare for the Sectional. The idea is to do no more than 3 hands, with a hard limit of 10 minutes on each hand. For starters, discussion leader Bruce Antman will pick one hand to review, and print copies for the participants. By the time we finish discussing that hand, the game should be up on the internet, and we can look at any hand(s)

players found difficult. We'll see how these sessions go, and if they are useful we can continue - possibly with different leaders or on different days.

ACBL will begin awarding more points for tournament play in an effort to increase tournament table count.

The next scheduled meeting will occur on Tuesday, October 27, 2026. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.