

**International City, Unit 159, of the ACBL  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
January 7, 2026**

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**Call to Order**

President Gustavo Gonzalez declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:47 PM.

Present were:

- President, Gustavo Gonzalez
- Treasurer, Christy Horton
- Secretary, Renee O'Donnell
- Board Member, Lucy Pfirman

Absent were:

- Vice-President, Bill Hickman
- Board Member, Debi Covington

**President's Remarks:**

Gustavo's opening remarks emphasized that the Board's mission is to increase membership and keep the club financially sound and viable. He shared data from the ACBL showing declining membership at the national, district and unit level. Gustavo also presented data from Unit 159, detailing how many times members play each week for Board analysis.

The President challenged the Board to brainstorm ideas to grow membership and increase participation. The Board will revisit this topic at the next Board meeting in March. Some ideas presented were:

- Making the Sunday game a regular unit game;
- Adding another day of play;
- Choosing another day to host special games (i.e. Hi-Lo) other than Sundays hoping to draw more Saturday players;
- Playing an additional game per week;
- Encouraging new players to come and play at the Club;
- Inviting any Party Bridge players you know to come and join us.

**Approval of Minutes**

Secretary, Renee O'Donnell, reported that the minutes of the December 12, 2025, BOD meeting were approved by the Board of Directors via email on December 30, 2025. The Secretary presented the December 30, 2025, Board minutes. Christy moved the Board approve the minutes with Lucy Pfirman seconding the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Christy Horton went over the Unit 159 financials consisting of Receipts and Disbursements for month ended December 31, 2025. Renee moved the Board accept the financials with Lucy seconding the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

### **Unfinished Business**

Valentine's Sectional

Gustavo shared that the fall, 2025, tournament made about \$1000 in profit with help from members' donations that offset some of the expenses.

Hospitality Committee for the Valentine's Sectional will consist of Christy with the help of Renee and others to be announced.

### **New Business**

Gustavo mentioned that the Board needs to name a fall tournament chair and apply for ACBL sanctioning but tabled the item for now.

### **Updates**

Club Manager's Report

- Scott Norris reported that the Valentine's Day Sectional is ready to go.
- Gustavo brought up some safety issues concerning the carpet. Scott will report on the cost of replacing the carpet on January 21.
- Next Board meeting is Sunday, March 8, 2026 at

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Bill Hickman (who was able to join us late in the meeting) moved the meeting be adjourned. Lucy seconded and the motion passed at approximately 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Renee O'Donnell, Secretary

**April 10, 2026**  
**Date Approved by BOD**  
***Renee A. O'Donnell***