

**New Hampshire Bridge Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Proposed Minutes
October 15, 2025**

The quarterly meeting of the New Hampshire Bridge Association Board of Directors was called to order by President William Kennedy at 7:04 p.m.

Other members of the Board in attendance were:

Mary Barry, Sharon Beaty, Lucia Carlisle, Donna Devlin, Sharon Kace, David Lawrence, John Pieper, Merrick Weinstein

Absent: Alan Carpenter

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the last Board meeting plus the Special Meeting regarding changes necessary for NHBA Tournaments were sent to the entire Board of Directors by Secretary Sharon Kace prior to this meeting. Motion made by Lucia Carlisle to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Sharon Beaty. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was sent to the entire Board of Directors by Treasurer Lucia Carlisle prior to this meeting.

Lucia stated that the Grantham Tournament lost slightly less than 2024 and the Keene Tournament had a slightly larger loss than last year. Lucia then explained the reports in detail. Motion made by Sharon Beaty; seconded by Rick Weinstein to accept the reports as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report

Our President Bill Kennedy reported that NHBA (Unit 150) presently has 507 members; noting that this unit is the 3rd largest within this district.

Sectional Tournaments

Lucia reported that she and President Bill Kennedy visited the Hudson VFW (this town is near the Massachusetts border). They both agreed that this is an excellent venue for a tournament and, if approved by the Board, they will reserve it for 9/26 & 9/27; 2026 at \$600/weekend total cost. Lucia accepted the temporary position of manager of this tournament until the Board has time to discuss and appoint a permanent manager.

Motion made by Sharon Kace to accept both the new location for the Fall Foliage Tournament of the Hudson VFW and the dates of 9/26-9/27, 2026; seconded by Mary Barry. Motion passed unanimously.

The Keene Tournament dates previously approved by the Board and scheduled for 2026, 2027 and 2028 remain the same.

State Tournament

State Tournament Manager Lucia Carlisle recommended that the format of a two-day tournament remain but that the Sunday night dinner be replaced with hors d'oeuvres & drinks.

There was a spirited discussion of the ACBL rules, timing and State trophies including possible change of the B, and C trophies to a plaque with yearly brass plates recommended by David Lawrence. Plaque idea will be investigated by Lucia and reported to the Board. All above State Tournament recommendations were approved unanimously.

New Business

John Pieper as manager of the Keene Bridge Club received a letter of complaint from ACBL regarding mislabeling of one of their games. He found the verbiage of the letter insulting and asked for permission to reply to ACBL as a NHBA

Board member. After discussion, it was decided that he should respond as the Keene Club manager, which he will do.

Next meeting: January 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Motion by Sharon Kace and seconded by Rick Weinstein to adjourn this meeting. Unanimous acceptance. Meeting adjourned by the president at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon S. Kace
NHBA Secretary