

Agenda Unit 214 Board meeting
September 20, 2024

A. Call to order

B. Bridge lesson format

- a. Review of how many lessons we have taught,
 - i. Beginner bridge two part series twice
 - 1. That was a 24 week commitment
 - 2. 21 enrolled was our peak number of students
 - 3. Second series had much fewer at night: 6 new and several repeats from first group
 - 4. We have had several people take the class twice (all 24 weeks)
 - b. Review of who is actually playing as a result of those lessons
 - i. We have had at least 8 people play some as a result of these endeavors
 - ii. Most consistent fear is that the open game will be too hard

C. Alternative format

- a. Easybridge
 - i. Three 15 week series. First 15 week series is most important
 - ii. Week five starts real duplicate bridge games
 - 1. We need a Bridge Plus sanction for 0-5 MP games.

2. We may need a Newcomer sanction if we keep up the series which goes from 0-20 MP
- iii. Review of how the program is structured
 1. First four weeks preset lessons
 2. Students buy a book one from Easybridge.
 3. We get the play by play manual for each lesson
 4. Week five students are playing in a sanctioned game as above
 5. Workshops are encouraged on a day outside of lessons for a more indepth look at subject matter
- iv. Review of what ACBL will help cover cost for
- v. Difference is that Easybridge format charges a nominal cost starting with the sanctioned games.
- vi. Easybridge also recommends food and snacks for a sense of community
- vii. Easybridge recommends the workshops as extras as well with a charge
- viii. Easybridge recommends the experiential learning model. Sherry and I are presenters instead of pure instructors. Less need for helpers

D. What are we asking for?

- a. Permission to use the Easybridge format as representatives of the unit

- b. Permission to charge for the duplicate games as part of the Easybridge format as representatives of the unit
- c. Permission to buy books for the first class .
Easybridge recommends that the unit buy the books at discount and we resale to our students
- d. Permission to buy food and snacks for classes and games
- e. Permission to charge nominal fee for workshops