

Hartford Bridge Club
Board of Trustees' Meeting
September 19, 2023

Called to order at 1:30 pm. Present, Ben Bishop, Ann Lohrand, Eric Vogel, Bill Wininger, Carole Amaio, Mike Wavada, Nancy Calderbank, Rob Stillman, Diane Tracy, Donna Feir. Also, Sally Kirtley.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the August 15 meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is \$110,798.89. The total contributions received in memory of John Willoughby are included in this total. The virtual game total was 126 tables and in person club games 271.5, for a grand total of 397.5 tables for August. Finances are close to breaking even monthly, game fees vs. cash flow is neutral. Eric informed the Board that we needed to change signatures to accounts since Ben became President, all agree.

Manager's Report: Donna reported the annual membership drive has begun. Our year runs from October to September. The memorial fund is presently \$6,293, acknowledgement letters will be sent out this week. Dan Finn presented a lesson after the Friday afternoon game on September 15. He will be presenting again in 2 weeks. The annual meeting notice will be sent out shortly.

Old Business:

- AED machine is now integrated to the West Hartford Fire Department.
- Lease was signed by Ben and we are waiting for the counter sign.
- Ideas for the John Willoughby memorial fund will be discussed at the annual meeting.
- The annual meeting will be held at the club on October 22. The nominating committee has sent in the slate to be presented at that time.
- Bill Larson has volunteered to head up the committee to oversee the Partnership Desk.
- 0 – 750 tournament will be held at the Club on October 1 – more information to follow.

New Business

- BBO has opened club games to all, we will see new names participating in our on-line games.
- The nominating committee has sent in the slate of officers and trustees to the board.
- An idea was floated to give a free game ticket to members returning to live games, more information to follow.
- Discussion of updating membership information to include emergency contact information. We would need a method to maintain this information.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 17 @1:30

Meeting adjourned 2:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand