

Hartford Bridge Club
Board of Trustees' Meeting
September 13, 2022

Called to order at 1:32 pm. Present: Felix Springer, John Willoughby, Ann Lohrand, Trevor Reeves, Roger Pikor, Carole Amaio, Bill Wininger, Ben Bishop, Nancy Calderbank, Mike Wavada, Donna Feir. Also, Sally Kirtley, Linda Starr, Mary Sullivan, John Calderbank and John Dinius.

Felix called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of August 23 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance is \$ 100,151.42. Virtual game total was 169 tables and in person club games 219, for a grand total of 388 tables for August. The net loss for the month was \$1533.28. Donations (\$539) and lesson fee income (\$512) as well as an increase in table games have helped keep the amount of loss down. Total loss for the year so far \$2118.

Manager's Report: Donna reported a membership total of 417. Membership renewal has begun and 135 have paid their dues. Royal STAC will take place from October 10 – 16. Directors are meeting to discuss adding inhouse games to the Fall Schedule.

Old Business:

- Finance Committee distributed a report with suggestions for addressing the budget deficit.
- Mentor/Mentee Program – John Calderbank and Mary Sullivan presented the plan to restart this program. The plan included application forms and time-line for the program which will begin shortly.
- Lease committee – Ben reported that the committee is formed. Felix informed Ben of the urgency of this issue. Is there a place where we could move to for less rent? Can we negotiate a better lease with Marjam?
- Annual meeting will be held at the club on October 23. Members will be encouraged to come to the club for the meeting, pizza and a game. Members will be able to vote prior to the meeting if not able to attend.
- Educational Initiatives – Laurie Robbins lessons are continuing through September. Beginner classes have begun with 34 attendees on September 10.
- Membership drive has begun.
- Grant application to the Town of West Hartford – still waiting for response.

New Business:

- Executive Session – The board met to discuss honoraria – this is always a lengthy discussion. The Board is quite cognizant of the budget restraints but also recognizes the appropriateness of honoraria. Each member gave input and a motion was made and passed for the 2022 honoraria to be presented at the annual meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 18 @1:30

Meeting adjourned 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Lohrand